

CHAPTER 307

AN ACT expanding the membership of the Water Supply Advisory Council, and amending P.L.1981, c.262.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 18 of P.L.1981, c.262 (C.13:1B-49.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.13:1B-49.2 Water supply advisory council.

18. a. There is established in the department a Water Supply Advisory Council which shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of these members shall be appointed for a term of three years, provided that, of the members first appointed by the Governor, three shall serve for terms of one year, two shall serve for terms of two years, and two shall serve for terms of three years. Of these members, one shall be a representative of the agricultural community, one shall be a representative of industrial and commercial water users, one shall be a representative of residential water users, two shall be representatives of investor-owned water companies, two shall be representatives of municipal or county water companies, one shall be a representative of private watershed protection associations, one shall be a representative of the academic community, one shall be a representative of golf course superintendents located in the State, and one shall be a representative of the nursery or landscape industry or a landscape irrigation contractor in the State as recommended by the Alliance for Water Conservation

b. A majority of the membership of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of council business. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted by the council at any meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the council.

c. The council shall meet regularly as it may determine, and shall also meet at the call of the commissioner.

d. The council shall appoint a chairperson from among its members and such other officers as may be necessary. The council may, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for this purpose, appoint such staff or hire such experts as it may require.

e. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but the council may, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for such purposes, reimburse its members for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 11, 2006.