

CHAPTER 109

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Hall of Fame and amending P.L.1985, c.325 and P.L.2005, c.232.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.1 New Jersey Hall of Fame.

1. a. The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority created by P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) is authorized to establish a New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, at a site that the commissioners of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission and the board of trustees of the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, acting jointly, determine to be appropriate to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public. With respect to this project, the authority may exercise all the rights and powers relating to the Meadowlands complex granted to the authority under P.L.1971, c.137 (C.5:10-1 et seq.) as though the rights and powers were granted under P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1) and P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.), and made applicable to a New Jersey Hall of Fame.

b. The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority shall establish a New Jersey Hall of Fame corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "hall of fame corporation," to operate and manage the New Jersey Hall of Fame project authorized by subsection a. of this section. The corporation shall be established as a separate, nonprofit corporation to be incorporated as a New Jersey nonprofit corporation pursuant to P.L.1983, c.127 (N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.), and organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible under applicable federal law for tax-exempt status, and shall be authorized to sue and to be sued as a legal entity separate from the authority and from the State of New Jersey. The voting membership of the board of directors of the hall of fame corporation shall consist of the members of the board of trustees of the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame established pursuant to subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8), but may, subject to any bylaws of the corporation adopted by the voting membership of the board of directors thereof, include as nonvoting ex officio members the members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6).

c. The terms of the 11 members appointed by the Governor to the board of directors of the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame pursuant to P.L.1985, c.325 (C.5:10-6.1), shall continue after the effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) and such board members serving on the effective date of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.4 et al.) shall serve as members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Advisory Commission established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.6) until the expiration of their terms.

2. Section 5 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.7) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:10-6.7 Duties, authority of commission.

5. a. It shall be the duty of the commission to develop plans for establishing and operating a New Jersey Hall of Fame and to provide information to the authority with respect to the operation, management and location of the New Jersey Hall of Fame as a project at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, that the commission determines to be appropriate to meet the

requirements of the New Jersey Hall of Fame project and to best serve the interests of the public, giving due consideration to architectural designs, development of new structures or the adapting of existing structures within which the New Jersey Hall of Fame may be located, criteria for selection of nominees to the Hall of Fame, the annual ceremonies for the induction of nominees into the Hall of Fame and other areas the commission may deem relevant to the creation at a site either within the Meadowlands complex, or within the State of New Jersey, but outside of the Meadowlands complex, of a New Jersey Hall of Fame including, but not limited to, such programs and events that the Foundation for the New Jersey Hall of Fame, established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2005, c.232 (C.5:10-6.8), may wish to consider in connection with the foundation's fund-raising activities to support the operation, maintenance, support and promotion of the New Jersey Hall of Fame and to support charitable organizations that directly benefit children in need in New Jersey and throughout the world.

b. The commission shall also develop policies to improve the image of New Jersey, promote the heritage of the residents of this State and instill pride in the State by increasing the public's awareness of the contributions made to society by past and present residents of New Jersey, make recommendations for local and State actions to follow up the commission's goals and consider such other matters relating to the accomplishment of its goals as the commission may deem appropriate.

c. The commission shall be authorized, within the limits of the funds made available to it for its purposes, to employ an executive director and professional, technical and administrative personnel and to contract for such professional and administrative services, and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties. No member of the commission shall engage in any business transaction or professional activity for profit with the State of New Jersey. Employees of the commission shall not be construed to be employees of the State of New Jersey.

d. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be available to it for this purpose.

e. The foundation is authorized to receive and administer gifts, contributions, and funds from public and private sources to be expended solely for the purposes provided in this section.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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