

CHAPTER 30

AN ACT concerning membership on the Police Training Commission and amending P.L.1961, c.56.

WHEREAS, The Police Training Commission is responsible for developing and certifying basic training courses for law enforcement officers at the State, county and local level; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the commission has 17 members, including representatives of various law enforcement associations and State departments, as well as public members; and

WHEREAS, Parole officers of the Division of Parole in the State Parole Board must complete a basic course of training approved by the Police Training Commission prior to permanent appointment; and

WHEREAS, Parole officers assist in safeguarding the community by aiding offenders in their reentry into society as law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, Parole officers are law enforcement professionals and utilize their law enforcement powers in the supervision of offenders under the jurisdiction of the State Parole Board; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Parole of the State Parole Board is deemed to be the second largest Statewide law enforcement organization in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature finds and declares that the interests of parole officers should be represented by the Chairman of the State Parole Board on the Police Training Commission; now, therefore,

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

1. Section 5 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-70) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17B-70 Police training commission established; members; terms.

5. There is hereby established in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety a Police Training Commission whose membership shall consist of the following persons:

a. Two citizens of this State who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of three years commencing with the expiration of the terms of the citizen members, other than the representative of the New Jersey Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, now in office.

b. The president or other representative designated in accordance with the bylaws of each of the following organizations: the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Inc.; the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; the New Jersey State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police; the County Prosecutors' Association of New Jersey; the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey; the Police Academy Directors Association; the New Jersey County Jail Wardens Association; and the New Jersey Juvenile Detention Association.

c. The Attorney General, the Superintendent of State Police, the Commissioner of Education, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, the Commissioner of Corrections, and the Chairman of the State Parole Board, ex officio, or when so designated by them, their deputies.

d. The Special Agent in Charge of the State of New Jersey for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or his designated representative.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 21, 2009.