# CHAPTER 301

AN ACT increasing representation for Hispanic communities and amending P.L.1983, c.567.

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

1.  Section 6 of P.L.1983, c.567 (C.40:10C-1) is amended to read as follows:

C.40:10C-1  Establishment of municipal or county Hispanic advisory commission.

6.  A municipality or a county with an Hispanic population of 10% or more, according to the latest federal decennial census, may by resolution establish a  municipal or county Hispanic advisory commission, as appropriate, which shall  advise the municipal and county governing bodies on matters concerning the  needs of the Hispanic community and the impact of local legislation on the  Hispanic community in the municipality or the county.  A municipal or county  Hispanic advisory commission so established shall consist of at least five members, to be appointed by majority vote of the governing body of the municipality or county.  The members of the commission shall be residents of the municipality or county and shall represent the Hispanic community within the municipality or county.  The members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified; except that of the first appointments  or appointments increasing the membership of the commission, the resolution shall designate staggered terms for the members appointed to the commission.  Vacancies resulting from causes other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term  only and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were  made.  The municipal or county advisory commission shall periodically report to  and meet with the commission.  The governing body of the municipality or county  may provide for the employment of officers and employees as may be necessary or  desirable for the proper functioning of the municipal or county Hispanic  advisory commission.

2.  This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 17, 2010.