

CHAPTER 49

AN ACT concerning alternate members of county planning boards and amending P.L.1975, c.186.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1975, c.186 (C.40:27-1.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.40:27-1.1 Alternate members; appointment; resolution.

1. The board of chosen freeholders may, by resolution, provide for the appointment of alternate members to the county planning board in accordance with the following:

a. Where the county planning board consists of six members or less, the director of the board of chosen freeholders, with the approval of a majority of the board of freeholders, may appoint one alternate citizen member;

b. Where the county planning board consists of more than six members, the director of the board of chosen freeholders, with the approval of a majority of the board of freeholders, may appoint two alternate citizen members. These members shall be designated by the director as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2" and shall participate in the planning board's decision in rotation during the absence or disqualification of any citizen member;

c. Where the county engineer is a member of the planning board, the director of the board of chosen freeholders, with the approval of a majority of the board of freeholders, may appoint the assistant or deputy county engineer to serve as an alternate to the county engineer;

d. The director of the board of chosen freeholders, with the approval of a majority of the board of freeholders, may appoint a member of the board of chosen freeholders to serve as an alternate to the two freeholder members.

Alternate members shall be appointed for terms to expire at the same time as the terms of the regular members for whom they are alternates. An alternate member shall be entitled to sit with and participate as a member in any hearing before the board. Any alternate member who has attended the full hearing or hearings may participate in the board's decision during the absence or disqualification of any regular public member.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 10, 2014.