

## CHAPTER 183

**AN ACT** requiring local government units to certify compliance with certain federal hiring requirements when filing annual budgets and amending N.J.S.40A:4-5.

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

1. N.J.S.40A:4-5 is amended to read as follows:

Introduction and approval of annual budget.

40A:4-5. The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget:

- a. In the case of a county, not later than January 26 of the calendar fiscal year.
- b. In the case of a municipality, not later than February 10 of the calendar fiscal year; and, in the case of a municipality which operates on the State fiscal year, not later than August 10.

The budget shall be introduced in writing at a meeting of the governing body. Approval thereof shall constitute a first reading which may be by title. Three certified copies of the approved budget shall be transmitted to the director, within three days after approval, together with the governing body's certification that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000 et seq. (Apr. 25, 2012).

Upon the approval of the budget by the governing body, it shall fix the time and place for the holding of a public hearing upon the budget.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 7, 2017.