

NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED
TITLE 52. STATE GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS
SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
CHAPTER 9S. COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

52:9S-1. Definitions

As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

a. "Capital project" means any undertaking which is to be financed or funded or is proposed to be financed or funded by the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the State or any public authority thereof; or any undertaking which is to be financed or funded or is requested to be financed or funded by an appropriation in the annual budget, where the expenditure therefor is, by statute, or under standards as they may be prescribed from time to time by the Department of the Treasury, a capital expenditure.

b. "Commission" means the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning created by section 2 of this act;

c. "Plan" means the State Capital Improvement Plan provided for by subsection a. of section 3. of this act.

d. "State agency" means an executive or administrative department, office, public authority or other instrumentality of State Government.

52:9S-2. New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning

There is hereby created a New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning. The commission shall consist of 12 members selected as follows: The State Treasurer and any three other members of the Executive Branch designated by the Governor to so serve at his pleasure, two members of the General Assembly, two members of the Senate and four public members from the State at large.

The members from the General Assembly shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly. The members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. No more than one of the members appointed by the Speaker or President shall be from the same political party. Legislative members shall serve while members of their respective houses for the term for which they have been elected.

Of the four public members two shall be appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate, no more than one of whom shall be of the same political party, and two by the Legislature, one each by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, for a term of six years and until their successors are qualified, provided that the members serving on the effective date of this act shall continue to serve until the expiration of their appointments. The President of the Senate shall make the first appointment of a public member upon the expiration of the term of the public member first occurring after the effective date of this act, and

the Speaker of the General Assembly shall make the second appointment of a public member upon the expiration of the term of the public member next occurring after the effective date of this act. The public members shall be chosen based upon their experience and expertise in public finance and the capital improvement process. Any vacancy among the public members shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term only. A member shall be eligible for reappointment.

A chairman of the commission shall be selected annually by the membership of the commission from among the public members.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but public members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

52:9S-3. Preparation of State Capital Improvement Plan

a. The commission shall each year prepare a State Capital Improvement Plan containing its proposals for State spending for capital projects, which shall be consistent with the goals and provisions of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan adopted by the State Planning Commission and shall be prepared after consultation with the New Jersey Council of Economic Advisors, created pursuant to P.L.1993, c. 149 (C. 52:9H-34 et seq.). Copies of the plan shall be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 1 of each year. The plan shall provide:

(1) A detailed list of all capital projects of the State which the commission recommends be undertaken or continued by any State agency in the next three fiscal years, together with information as to the effect of such capital projects on future operating expenses of the State, and with recommendations as to the priority of such capital projects and the means of funding them;

(2) The forecasts of the commission as to the requirements for capital projects of State agencies for the four fiscal years next following such three fiscal years and for such additional periods, if any, as may be necessary or desirable for adequate presentation of particular capital projects, and a schedule for the planning and implementation or construction of such capital projects;

(3) A schedule for the next fiscal year of recommended appropriations of bond funds from issues of bonds previously authorized;

(4) A review of capital projects which have recently been implemented or completed or are in process of implementation or completion;

(5) Recommendations as to the maintenance of physical properties and equipment of State agencies;

(6) Recommendations which the commission deems appropriate as to the use of properties reported in subsection c. of this section;

(7) A report on the State's overall debt. This report shall include information on the outstanding general obligation debt and debt service costs for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the estimated amount for the subsequent five fiscal years. In addition, the report shall provide similar information on capital leases and installment obligations. In addition, the report shall provide similar information on the following long-term debt obligations: all items comprising long-term liabilities as recorded in a schedule of long-term debt changes (bonded and non-bonded) in the State's annual comprehensive financial report prepared pursuant to section 37 of article 3 of P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-46), the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for State administered retirement systems, and the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities for post-retirement medical and other benefits;

(8) An assessment of the State's ability to increase its overall debt and a recommendation on the amount of any such increase. In developing this assessment and recommendation, the commission shall consider those criteria used by municipal securities rating services in rating governmental obligations; and

(9) Such other information as the commission deems relevant to the foregoing matters.

b. Each State agency shall no later than August 15 of each year provide the commission with:

(1) A detailed list of capital projects which each State agency seeks to undertake or continue for its purposes in the next three fiscal years, together with information as to the effect of such capital projects on future operating expenses of the State, and with such relevant supporting data as the commission requests;

(2) Forecasts as to the requirements for capital projects of such agency for the four fiscal years next following such three fiscal years and for such additional periods, if any, as may be necessary or desirable for adequate presentation of particular capital projects, and a schedule for the planning and implementation or construction of such capital projects;

(3) A schedule for the next fiscal year of requested appropriations of bond funds from issues of bonds previously authorized;

(4) A report on capital projects which have recently been implemented or completed or are in process of implementation or completion;

(5) A report as to the maintenance of its physical properties and capital equipment;

(6) Such other information as the commission may request.

c. Each State agency shall, when requested, provide the commission with supplemental information in addition to that to be available to the commission under the computerized record keeping of the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Real Property Management, concerning any real property owned or leased by the agency including its current or future availability for other State uses.

d. A copy of the plan shall also be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Accounting each year upon its completion, and the portion of the plan relating to the first fiscal year thereof shall, to the extent it treats of capital appropriations in the annual budget, constitute the recommendations of the commission with respect to such capital appropriations in the budget for the next fiscal year.

52:9S-4. Review of bills introduced in legislature

The commission shall review any bill introduced in either House of the Legislature, except the annual appropriations bill, which makes provision for an appropriation for a capital project, or for the authorization of the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the State, or of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of a State agency containing a moral pledge of the State. The commission shall study the necessity, desirability and relative priority of such appropriation or indebtedness by reference to the plan or otherwise. The commission shall promptly prepare and forward its recommendation on the bill to the House in which it was introduced.

52:9S-5. Public hearings

The commission may conduct public hearings in furtherance of its general purposes at such place or places as it shall designate, at which it may request the appearance of officials of any State agency and solicit the testimony of interested groups and the general public.

52:9S-6. Rules and regulations

The commission may adopt such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes as provided by this act.

52:9S-7. Executive director; employment; compensation; division of bureau of capital planning; other employees

The commission may employ and fix the compensation of an executive director who shall be its secretary and principal executive officer. The commission shall be staffed by the Division of Budget and Accounting of the Department of the Treasury. There is hereby created within said division a bureau of capital planning for this purpose. The commission may also employ such other stenographic, clerical and expert assistance, and incur such traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary in order to perform its duties and as may be within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it.

52:9S-8. Assistance for commission and division of budget and accounting; advisory committees

a. The commission and the Division of Budget and Accounting shall be entitled to call to their assistance such personnel of any State agency, municipality or political subdivision as they may require in order to perform their duties hereunder.

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b. The Office of Fiscal Affairs and other State agencies shall also assist the commission in the performance of its functions. The commission may make use of existing studies, surveys, plans, data and other materials in the possession of any State agency or any municipality or political subdivision of this State. Each such agency, municipality or subdivision is hereby authorized to make the same available to the commission so that the commission may have available to it current information with respect to the capital plans and programs of each such agency, municipality or subdivision.

c. The officers and personnel of any State agency, municipality or political subdivision, and any other person may serve at the request of the commission upon such advisory committees as the commission may create and such officers and personnel may serve upon such committees without forfeiture of office or employment and with no loss or diminution in the compensation, status, rights and privileges which they otherwise enjoy.

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