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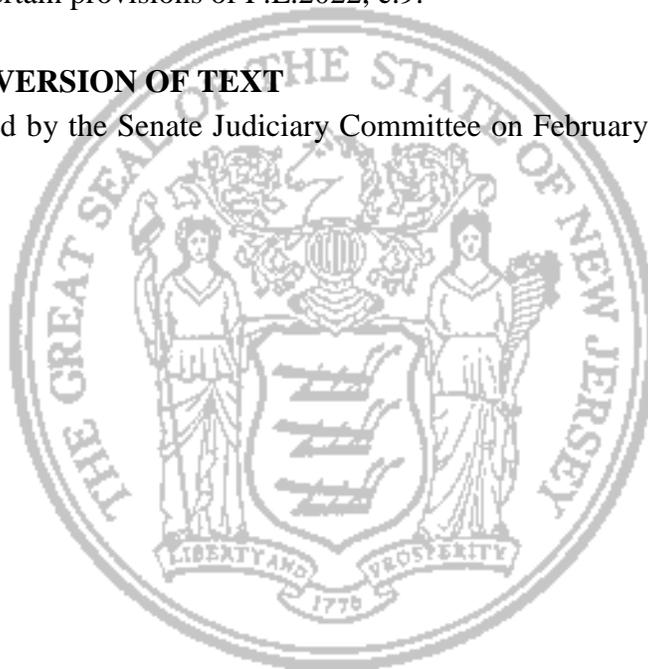
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**SYNOPSIS**

Extends certain provisions of P.L.2022, c.9.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 20, 2025, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/27/2025)**

1 AN ACT concerning the mandatory retirement age of police chiefs  
2 and fire department chiefs and amending P.L.2022, c.9.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2022, c.9 (C.43:16A-5.3) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 1. a. A member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System,  
10 established pursuant to P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.), who:

11 is serving as a police chief of a law enforcement agency or a  
12 chief of a fire department on the effective date of **[this act,]**  
13 P.L.2022, c.9; and

14 will attain the age of 65 years during the period commencing on  
15 the effective date of **[this act]** P.L.2022, c.9 and ending on the last  
16 day of the **[24th]** <sup>1</sup>**[48th]** 60th<sup>1</sup> calendar month following that  
17 effective date,

18 may remain a member of the system, notwithstanding the  
19 mandatory retirement provision of section 5 of P.L.1944, c.255  
20 (C.43:16A-5), until the end of the calendar year in which the  
21 member attains the age of 67 years if the appointing authority  
22 approves, in writing, the retention and continued service after the  
23 age of 65 years of the police or fire chief as the chief.

24 b. Within 30 days after the last day of the **[24th]** <sup>1</sup>**[48th]** 60th<sup>1</sup>  
25 calendar month following the effective date of **[this act]** P.L.2022,  
26 c.9, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement  
27 System shall submit a report to the Governor, and the Legislature  
28 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the  
29 effect of this section on the retirement system. The report shall  
30 include the number of members who were retained and continued to  
31 serve as the police or fire chief, the length of that service after the  
32 age of 65 years, and the impact of that extended service on the  
33 retirement system.

34 (cf: P.L.2022, c.9, s.1)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SJU committee amendments adopted February 20, 2025.