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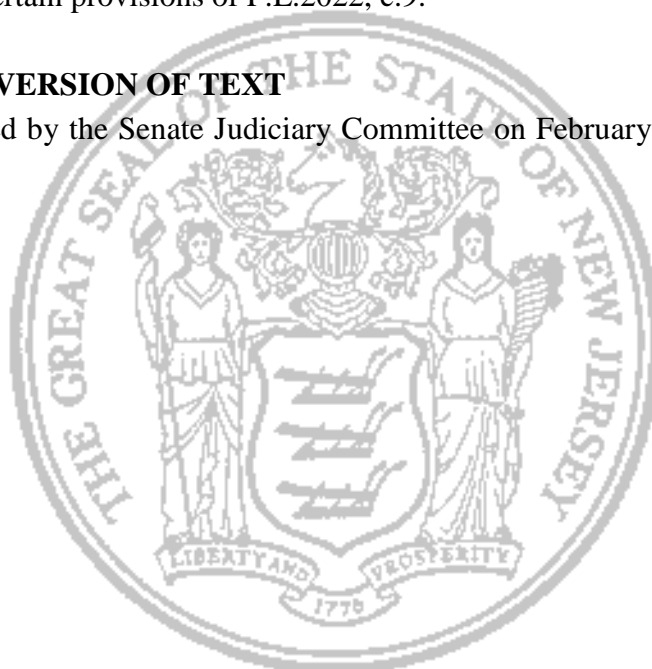
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SYNOPSIS

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]** ¹**[48th]** 60th¹ 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]** ¹**[48th]** 60th¹
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:

¹Senate SJU committee amendments adopted February 20, 2025.