

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4055**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission in Department of State.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/16/2022)**

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission and  
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. There is established in, but not of, the Department of  
8 State the New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission. The commission  
9 shall consist of 15 members, to be appointed as follows:

10 Two members of the Legislature shall be appointed by the  
11 President of the Senate, neither of whom shall be members of the  
12 same political party; and two members of the Legislature shall be  
13 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, neither of  
14 whom shall be members of the same political party. The legislative  
15 members of the commission shall serve during the two-year  
16 legislative term in which the appointments are made.

17 Eleven members of the commission shall be appointed by the  
18 Governor. Six members shall serve for a term of three years and  
19 five shall serve for a term of four years. The 11 members thus  
20 appointed shall include at least one representative from: a State  
21 institution of higher education; the New Jersey Chamber of  
22 Commerce, or its successor organization; and at least two public  
23 members representing Irish American communities neither of whom  
24 shall be members of the same political party.

25 b. All appointments shall be made no later than 90 days  
26 following the day of enactment of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
27 before the Legislature as this bill). A vacancy in the membership of  
28 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
29 appointment was made.

30 c. Members of the commission shall serve without  
31 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred  
32 in the performance of their duties, within the limit of funds  
33 appropriated to the commission or otherwise made available to it  
34 for its purposes.

35 d. The commission shall meet and hold hearings at the places it  
36 designates throughout the State.

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38 2. The Governor shall designate a chairperson or co-  
39 chairpersons from among the members of the commission, who  
40 shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor. The  
41 chairperson or co-chairpersons, as appropriate, may appoint from  
42 among the commission members subcommittees and subcommittee  
43 chairpersons at their discretion. A majority of the members of the  
44 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the  
45 business of the commission.

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47 3. a. The purpose of the New Jersey Ireland Trade  
48 Commission shall be to:

- 1 (1) advance bilateral trade and investment between New Jersey  
2 and Ireland;
- 3 (2) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to  
4 New Jersey and Ireland;
- 5 (3) promote business and academic exchanges between New  
6 Jersey and Ireland;
- 7 (4) encourage mutual economic support between New Jersey  
8 and Ireland;
- 9 (5) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of New  
10 Jersey and Ireland; and
- 11 (6) address such other issues as determined by the commission.
- 12 b. The commission shall report its findings, results, and  
13 recommendations to the Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to  
14 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), within one year of its  
15 initial organizational meeting and by February 1st of each  
16 succeeding year for the activities of the preceding calendar year.  
17 The report shall be in writing and include recommendations as  
18 deemed appropriate by the commission to effectuate its purpose, as  
19 provided by this section.  
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- 21 4. The New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission shall be  
22 authorized to raise funds, through direct solicitation or other  
23 fundraising events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts,  
24 grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations,  
25 governmental agencies, and public and private organizations and  
26 institutions, to defray the commission's administrative expenses and  
27 to carry out its purposes as set forth in P.L. , c. (C. )  
28 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The funds, gifts,  
29 grants, or bequests received pursuant to this section shall be  
30 deposited in an account in the Department of the Treasury and  
31 allocated and annually appropriated to the Department of State to  
32 defray the commission's administrative expenses and carry out its  
33 purposes.  
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- 35 5. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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38 STATEMENT  
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