

P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 64, *approved June 7, 2023*
Assembly, No. 4055 (*First Reprint*)

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 ¹~~15~~ 23¹ members, to be appointed as follows:

10 ¹~~Two~~ (1) (a) Four¹ members of the Legislature shall be
11 appointed by the President of the Senate, ¹~~neither~~ two¹ of whom
12 shall ¹~~be members of the same political party~~ have current or past
13 involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or shall have
14 interest in the well-being of trade relations between New Jersey and
15 Ireland¹; and two members of the Legislature shall be appointed by
16 the ¹~~Speaker of the General Assembly, neither of whom shall be~~
17 ~~members of the same political party~~ Minority Leader of the
18 Senate, both of whom shall have current or past involvement in
19 organizations that promote Irish affairs or shall have interest in the
20 well-being of trade relations between New Jersey and Ireland.

21 (b) Four members of the Legislature shall be appointed by the
22 Speaker of the General Assembly, two of whom shall have current
23 or past involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or
24 shall have interest in the well-being of trade relations between New
25 Jersey and Ireland; and two members of the Legislature shall be
26 appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly, both of
27 whom shall have current or past involvement in organizations that
28 promote Irish affairs or shall have interest in the well-being of trade
29 relations between New Jersey and Ireland.

30 (c)¹ The legislative members of the commission shall serve
31 during the two-year legislative term in which the appointments are
32 made.

33 ¹~~(2)~~¹ Eleven members of the commission shall be appointed by
34 the Governor. Six members shall serve for a term of three years
35 and five shall serve for a term of four years. The 11 members thus
36 appointed shall include at least one representative from: a ¹~~State~~
37 public¹ institution of higher education; the New Jersey Chamber of

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:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.

1 Commerce, or its successor organization; and at least two public
2 members representing Irish American communities neither of whom
3 shall be members of the same political party.

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

9 c. Members of the commission shall serve without
10 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred
11 in the performance of their duties, within the limit of funds
12 appropriated to the commission or otherwise made available to it
13 for its purposes.

14 d. The commission shall meet and hold hearings at the places it
15 designates throughout the State.
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17 2. The **1[Governor] President of the Senate¹** shall designate
18 **1[a chairperson or] two¹** co-chairpersons from among the
19 **1[members of the commission, who shall serve in that capacity at**
20 **the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson or co-chairpersons,**
21 **as appropriate, may appoint from among the commission members**
22 **subcommittees and subcommittee chairpersons at their discretion.]**
23 **President's appointments, one each from the majority and minority**
24 **party; and the Speaker of the General Assembly shall designate two**
25 **co-chairpersons from among the Speaker's appointments, one each**
26 **from the majority and minority party.¹** A majority of the members
27 of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
28 the business of the commission.
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30 3. a. The purpose of the New Jersey Ireland Trade
31 Commission shall be to:

32 (1) advance bilateral trade and investment between New Jersey
33 and Ireland;

34 (2) initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to
35 New Jersey and Ireland;

36 (3) promote business and academic exchanges between New
37 Jersey and Ireland;

38 (4) encourage mutual economic support between New Jersey
39 and Ireland;

40 (5) encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of New
41 Jersey and Ireland; and

42 (6) address such other issues as determined by the commission.

43 b. The commission shall report its findings, results, and
44 recommendations to the Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to
45 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), within one year of its
46 initial organizational meeting and by February 1st of each
47 succeeding year for the activities of the preceding calendar year.

1 The report shall be in writing and include recommendations as
2 deemed appropriate by the commission to effectuate its purpose, as
3 provided by this section.

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5 4. The New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission shall be
6 authorized to raise funds, through direct solicitation or other
7 fundraising events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts,
8 grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations,
9 governmental agencies, and public and private organizations and
10 institutions, to defray the commission's administrative expenses and
11 to carry out its purposes as set forth in P.L. , c. (C.)
12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The funds, gifts,
13 grants, or bequests received pursuant to this section shall be
14 deposited in an account in the Department of the Treasury and
15 allocated and annually appropriated to the Department of State to
16 defray the commission's administrative expenses and carry out its
17 purposes.

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19 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 Establishes New Jersey Ireland Trade Commission in
25 Department of State.