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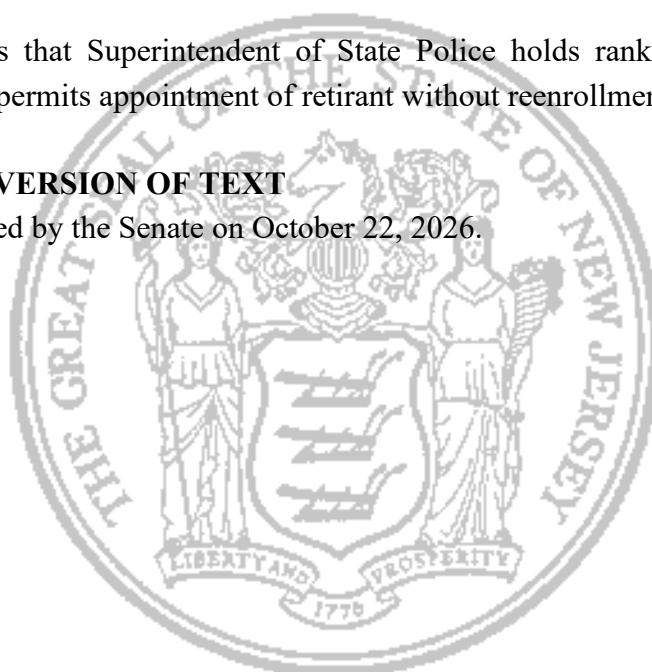
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes that Superintendent of State Police holds rank of Colonel of State Police; permits appointment of retirant without reenrollment in SPRS.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on October 22, 2026.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/18/2026)

1 AN ACT concerning the Superintendent of State Police, amending
 2 R.S.53:1-2, and supplementing P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et
 3 seq.).

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

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 8 1. R.S.53:1-2 is amended to read as follows:

9 53:1-2. a. The Superintendent of State Police, hereinafter
 10 referred to as the superintendent, shall be appointed by the
 11 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall serve
 12 during the term of office of the Governor appointing **him** the
 13 superintendent and until the superintendent's successor is appointed
 14 and has qualified and shall be removable by the Governor after
 15 charges have been preferred and a hearing granted.

16 b. ²**The** Upon confirmation by the Senate, the² superintendent
 17 shall hold the uniformed rank of Colonel of the State Police and be
 18 entitled to wear the corresponding uniform. The superintendent
 19 shall be granted all privileges and shall have all powers conferred
 20 upon members of the State Police pursuant to current law, including
 21 those set forth in R.S.53:2-1.

22 c. In order to hold the rank of colonel, the superintendent shall
 23 ¹**complete, update, or renew any** be a graduate of the¹ New Jersey
 24 State Police Academy ¹basic police officer certification required to
 25 hold the position of New Jersey State Police Officer¹ and shall
 26 apply for and obtain an initial or renewal law enforcement license
 27 pursuant to P.L.2022, c.65 (C.52:17B-71a et al.) ¹if the
 28 superintendent does not already hold an active license¹.

29 d. The superintendent shall receive **such** a salary **as shall be**
 30 **provided by law** ¹**in the amount of \$210,000 pursuant to section 1**
 31 **of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107)** as shall be provided by law¹,
 32 and shall, before entering upon the duties of **his** the office, give a
 33 bond to the State of New Jersey in the sum of **[\$20,000.00]**
 34 **\$20,000** for the faithful performance of **his** the superintendent's
 35 duties.

36 ¹**e.** The superintendent shall serve as and perform the duties of
 37 the State Director of Emergency Management.¹
 38 (cf: P.L.1971, c.105, s.2)

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 40 2. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of the "State
 41 Police Retirement System Act," P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.),
 42 or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a person who is
 43 a retirant of the State Police Retirement System shall be eligible for
 44 appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
 45 Senate, as the Superintendent of State Police ¹**,** and a retirant so

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 AAP committee amendments adopted May 14, 2026.

²Senate floor amendments adopted October 22, 2026.

1 appointed shall not be required to reenroll in the State Police
2 Retirement System, provided that the retirement meets the
3 requirement for a bona fide severance from employment and any
4 employment or reemployment under this section shall not be
5 prearranged before retirement, and provided further that the salary
6 established by law for the Superintendent of State Police for a
7 person who is a retirant of the system and who is not reenrolled in
8 the system shall not be considered as compensation for retirement
9 system purposes and shall not enhance the retirement allowance
10 received by that person as a retirant of the system.

11 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to
12 the contrary, a person appointed by the Governor, with the advice
13 and consent of the Senate, as the Superintendent of State Police **]**
14 without reenrollment in the retirement system and¹ shall ¹be
15 eligible to¹ hold the rank of Colonel of the New Jersey State Police
16 regardless of age or retirant status under the “State Police
17 Retirement System Act,” P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.),
18 provided that the person completed the requirements established
19 pursuant to subsection c. of R.S.53:1-2 and previously retired in
20 good standing prior to appointment.

21 This section shall be effective if the qualified status of the
22 retirement system under federal law can be maintained upon its
23 application, and any modifications to the system as may be
24 available shall be made to allow for its application.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.