

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 141**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Constitutes special committee of Senate and General Assembly entitled
“New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative Investigative Committee.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** constituting a special committee of
2 the Senate and General Assembly entitled the “New Jersey
3 Lieutenant Governor Legislative Investigatory Committee.”
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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the*
6 *General Assembly concurring):*
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8 1. There is constituted a special committee of the Senate and
9 General Assembly entitled the “New Jersey Lieutenant Governor
10 Legislative Investigatory Committee,” comprised of 16 members.
11 Four members shall be appointed by the Senate President, four
12 members shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate,
13 four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General
14 Assembly, and four members shall be appointed by the Minority
15 Leader of the General Assembly. Not more than eight members
16 shall be of the same political party. There shall be two co-chairs of
17 the special committee appointed jointly by the Senate President and
18 Assembly Speaker from among the appointed members, who shall
19 not be of the same political party. There shall be two vice co-chairs
20 of the special committee, appointed jointly by the Senate President
21 and Assembly Speaker from among the appointed members, who
22 shall not be of the same political party.
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24 2. a. The New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative
25 Investigatory Committee shall review:

26 (1) the facts and circumstances relating to allegations of
27 misconduct involving former Lieutenant Governor and former
28 Secretary of State Dr. Dale G. Caldwell, including allegations of
29 sexual harassment, other inappropriate behavior toward women, or
30 related ethics violations made against former Lieutenant Governor
31 and former Secretary of State Dr. Dale G. Caldwell;

32 (2) the timeline of events regarding the allegations and the
33 investigations made concerning former Lieutenant Governor and
34 former Secretary of State Dr. Dale G. Caldwell’s conduct prior to
35 and after his assumption of public office;

36 (3) the adequacy and implementation of policies and procedures
37 for receiving, referring, investigating, and resolving allegations of
38 misconduct against senior executive branch officials, including the
39 Lieutenant Governor;

40 (4) the scope, independence, methodology, timeliness,
41 completeness, findings, and costs of any investigation undertaken
42 by or on behalf of the executive branch concerning those
43 allegations, including the selection and retention of outside counsel,
44 preservation of relevant records, identification and interviewing of
45 material witnesses, and disclosure and implementation of
46 investigative findings, subject to applicable laws and privileges; and

47 (5) whether changes to law, policy, or procedure are warranted
48 to prevent and address similar misconduct by senior executive

1 branch officials, strengthen accountability, and protect
2 complainants and witnesses against retaliation.

3 b. The committee shall issue an interim report to the
4 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1)
5 within 90 days after the effective date of this resolution and shall
6 issue a final report of its findings to the Legislature pursuant to
7 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) within 180 days after
8 the effective date of this resolution. The final report shall include
9 recommendations for legislative or administrative reforms to
10 prevent and address sexual harassment, misuse of public office for
11 personal benefit, and other ethics violations by senior executive
12 branch officials, and to improve the reporting, investigation, and
13 resolution of allegations of such conduct.

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15 3. For the purposes of carrying out its charge under this
16 resolution, the New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative
17 Investigatory Committee shall have all the powers conferred under
18 the laws and the Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and of the
19 United States, including, but not limited to, the following powers,
20 provided that no subpoena shall be issued by the committee without
21 the written consent of both co-chairs, both vice co-chairs, the
22 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and
23 the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the General Assembly:

24 a. the powers conferred pursuant to chapter 13 of Title 52 of
25 the Revised Statutes, including, but not limited to, the power to
26 issue subpoenas to compel attendance and testimony of persons and
27 the production of books, papers, correspondence, other documents
28 and materials, and electronic records and data;

29 b. to hold hearings, take testimony under oath, and receive
30 documentary or physical evidence relating to the matters and
31 questions it is authorized to investigate or study;

32 c. to use any and all reasonable means of interviewing or fact
33 gathering, including, but not limited to, preliminary conferences or
34 interviews;

35 d. to convene a meeting or hearing to determine the adequacy
36 of the return and rule on the objection if a return on a subpoena or
37 order for the production of documentary evidence is incomplete or
38 accompanied by an objection;

39 e. to utilize the powers provided under R.S.52:13-3 or hold
40 individuals or entities in contempt of the committee;

41 f. to make findings and reports to the Senate and General
42 Assembly of any recommendations that the committee may consider
43 appropriate with respect to the willful failure or refusal of any
44 person to appear before it, to answer questions or give testimony
45 during an appearance of that person as a witness, or to produce
46 before the committee any books, papers, correspondence, other
47 documents and materials, and electronic records and data that the
48 committee may request;

g. to respond to any judicial or other process, or to make application to the courts of this State, or any other state, or the United States;

h. to report possible violations of any law, rule, regulation, or code to appropriate federal, State, or local authorities; and

i. to adopt additional rules or procedures not inconsistent with this resolution.

4. a. The New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative Investigatory Committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of the State of New Jersey, any political subdivision of the State, and any agency thereof, as may be required and as may be available to it for that purpose, and to employ any other services as may be deemed necessary, in order to perform the duties provided herein, and within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for that purpose.

b. The New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative Investigatory Committee, upon the joint written recommendation of the co-chairs and the written approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, shall be entitled to call to its assistance, employ, and avail itself of the services of one or more special counsel retained to assist the committee.

5. This concurrent resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This concurrent resolution constitutes a special committee of the Senate and General Assembly entitled the "New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Legislative Investigatory Committee."

The committee will review:

the facts and circumstances relating to allegations of misconduct involving former Lieutenant Governor and former Secretary of State Dr. Dale G. Caldwell, including allegations of sexual harassment, other inappropriate behavior toward women, or related ethics violations;

the timeline of events regarding the allegations and the investigations made concerning former Lieutenant Governor and former Secretary of State Dr. Dale G. Caldwell's conduct prior to and after his assumption of public office;

the adequacy and implementation of policies and procedures for receiving, referring, investigating, and resolving allegations of misconduct against senior executive branch officials, including the Lieutenant Governor;

the scope, independence, methodology, timeliness, completeness, findings, and costs of any investigation undertaken by or on behalf

1 of the executive branch concerning those allegations, including the
2 selection and retention of outside counsel, preservation of relevant
3 records, identification and interviewing of material witnesses, and
4 disclosure and implementation of investigative findings, subject to
5 applicable laws and privileges; and

6 whether changes to law, policy, or procedure are warranted to
7 prevent and address similar misconduct by senior executive branch
8 officials, strengthen accountability, and protect complainants and
9 witnesses against retaliation.

10 Upon the conclusion of its review, the committee will issue an
11 interim report to the Legislature within 90 days after the effective
12 date of this resolution and will issue a final report of its findings to
13 the Legislature within 180 days after the effective date of this
14 resolution. The final report will include recommendations for
15 legislative or administrative reforms to prevent and address sexual
16 harassment, misuse of public office for personal benefit, and other
17 ethics violations by senior executive branch officials, and to
18 improve the reporting, investigation, and resolution of allegations of
19 such conduct.

20 The committee will consist of 16 members. Four members will
21 be appointed by the Senate President, four members will be
22 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, four members will
23 be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, and four
24 members will be appointed by the Minority Leader of the General
25 Assembly. Not more than eight members will be of the same
26 political party. There will be two co-chairs and two vice co-chairs
27 of the special committee appointed jointly by the Senate President
28 and Assembly Speaker from among the appointed members. The
29 two co-chairs will not be members of the same political party and
30 the two vice co-chairs will not be members of the same political
31 party.

32 The committee will have a number of powers granted to it for the
33 purposes of its investigations, including, but not limited to, the
34 power to:

35 issue subpoenas to compel attendance and testimony of persons
36 and the production of documents and materials;

37 hold hearings, take testimony under oath, and receive
38 documentary or physical evidence;

39 use any and all reasonable means of interviewing or fact-
40 gathering;

41 convene a meeting or hearing to determine the adequacy of the
42 return of requested documentary evidence, and rule on whether
43 documentary evidence requested by a subpoena is incomplete or
44 accompanied by an objection;

45 hold individuals or entities in contempt of the committee;

46 respond to any judicial or other process, or to make application
47 to the courts of this State, or any other state, or the United States;
48 and

1 report possible violations of any law, rule, regulation, or code to
2 appropriate federal, State, or local authorities.
3 On September 24, 2026, Governor Sherrill released a report of an
4 investigation into allegations concerning Dr. Dale G. Caldwell. On
5 September 25, 2026, the Governor announced that she had accepted
6 his resignation as Lieutenant Governor. His departure does not
7 resolve the need for legislative review of the executive branch's
8 handling of the allegations or consideration of reforms to prevent
9 and address similar misconduct.