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## REORGANIZATION PLANS

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REORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE DIVISION OF THE  
STATE MUSEUM AND NEW JERSEY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Division of the State Museum, in the Department of Education, together with all its functions, powers and duties, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-1 et seq., and the New Jersey Historical Commission, in the Department of Education, together with all its functions, powers and duties, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-21 et seq., are hereby transferred to the Department of State. All powers exercised by the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and the State Librarian in direct supervision of the Division of the State Museum and New Jersey Historical Commission are hereby transferred to the Department of State and shall be executed by the Secretary of State or his designee.

The New Jersey State Museum, as presently organized under N. J. S. 18A:73-1 et seq., performs among other things the traditional functions of collecting, exhibiting and interpreting in the areas of natural history, archaeology/ethnology and fine arts in America with a New Jersey/Eastern United States focus. Long-term exhibitions utilize loan materials in conjunction with collection materials to treat timely issues, historic movements or events, and contemporary expression. Both long-term and short-term exhibits are interpreted through publications and through programs designed for school groups and the general public. Outreach activities include traveling exhibits, specimen loans and a film loan service.

The New Jersey State Museum, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-2, is a division which consists of a Director and an Advisory Council and such other personnel as the Commissioner of Education deems necessary for its administration. This Advisory Council within the Division of the State Museum is called the Advisory Council of the State Museum and consists of five members appointed by the Governor. Under the reorganization, all who currently are members of the Advisory Council of the State Museum and the Director of the State Museum shall continue according to their respective terms of office. The duties and functions of the Advisory Council of the State Museum and the Director of the State Museum shall remain the same upon the reorganization.

The New Jersey Historical Commission, as presently organized under N. J. S. 18A:73-21 et seq., is responsible among other things

for advancing public knowledge of the history of New Jersey. To do this, it sponsors public programs, research projects, publications and commemorative observances and grant-in-aid programs for scholars, teachers and local historical organizations. It offers information and assistance to public and private organizations and individuals. In furtherance of its aims, the commission is empowered by statute to seek and receive funds other than State appropriations.

The New Jersey Historical Commission, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-22, currently has 12 members, two members from the Senate, two members from the General Assembly, six citizens appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate, the State Librarian and the chief of the Office of Historical Preservation of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The New Jersey Historical Commission, pursuant to this reorganization, shall be reconstituted as a division within the Department of State and will be composed of 13 members rather than 12 members. The additional member will be the Secretary of State. The 13 members are:

a. The Secretary of State or his designee, the State Librarian or his designee, and the Chief of the Office of Historical Preservation of the Department of Environmental Protection;

b. Six citizens of the State, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, all of whom shall be chosen by reason of their expertise in New Jersey history and qualified by academic achievement or professional affiliation, who shall serve for terms of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors;

c. Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President thereof, and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof. No more than one of the Senate and Assembly members shall be members of the same political party. Anyone appointed pursuant to subsection c. shall serve as a member of the commission until the expiration of his term as Senator or Assemblyman, as the case may be, during which he was appointed.

This transfer will add the Secretary of State as a member of the Historical Commission. This will effectuate the purpose of this Reorganization Act and will effect better management in the Executive Branch. The Secretary of State in her role as the main supervisor and coordinator of all the cultural and historical entities

located within the Department of State should be part of the Historical Commission.

The purpose of this Reorganization Plan will be to further concentrate the cultural and heritage functions of the State in a single department. Recently, the State Council on the Arts was transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of State. The Office of Ethnic Affairs is currently located within the Department of State.

This proposed transfer of the Historical Commission and the State Museum will enable the Division of the State Museum and the Historical Commission to work more closely and coordinate programs with the State Council on the Arts and the Ethnic Advisory Council. This will assure more comprehensive oversight and will enable the State to better coordinate its own financing. Also, a transfer of these entities to the Department of State will promote a greater sharing of expertise of the officials of State government concerned with cultural and historical programs.

In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Executive Reorganization Act of 1969, P. L. 1969, c. 203 (C. 52:14C-2), I find and declare that this transfer and reorganization is necessary and will do the following:

1. It will promote better execution of the laws, and more effective management of the Executive Branch and its departments, because many cultural entities will be located within one department rather than two departments, which is the current organization.
2. It will reduce expenditures and promote economy because there will be a sharing of expertise of the officials of State government concerned with cultural and historical programs.
3. It will increase the efficiency of the operation of the Executive to a better extent insofar as there will be a greater sharing of expertise within one department.
4. It will group and coordinate functions of the Executive as nearly as may be by virtue of the fact that the cultural programs will be located within one department.
5. Consequently, it will eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort by locating these cultural entities within one department.

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Reorganization Plan are superseded to the extent of such

inconsistencies. All transfers directed by this Reorganization Plan, unless otherwise provided for herein, shall be effected pursuant to the "State Agency Transfer Act," P. L. 1971, c. 375 (C. 52:14D-1 et seq.).

Filed January 31, 1983.

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REORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE BUREAU OF RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND THE  
ARCHIVES SECTION

The Bureau of Records Management Services in the Division of the State Library in the Department of Education, together with all its functions, powers and duties, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-35 and R. S. 41:1-1 et seq., and the Archives Section in the Bureau of Law, Archives and Reference Services in the Division of the State Library, Archives and History in the Department of Education, together with all its functions, powers and duties, pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:73-1 et seq. and R. S. 47:1-1 et seq., are hereby transferred to the Division of Archives and Records Management in the Department of State. All powers exercised by the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, the State Librarian, and the Advisory Council of the Division of the State Library, Archives and History in direct supervision of the Bureau of Records Management Services and the Archives Section are hereby transferred to the Department of State and shall be executed by the Secretary of State or his designee.

The Bureau of Records Management Services, as presently organized under N. J. S. 18A:73-1 et seq. and R. S. 47:1-1 et seq., performs among other things the inventory, scheduling and destruction of State, county and municipal records. The bureau also contains the State's centralized microfilm unit, forms management unit, and the State's records storage center.

The Archives Section, as presently organized under N. J. S. 18A:73-1 et seq., performs among other things the collection and retention of the permanent State records, as well as some permanent county and municipal records. It provides historical and genealogical reference information for the State and nation.

There are three purposes of this Reorganization Plan. First this plan will further concentrate the cultural and heritage functions

of this State in a single department. Recently, the State Council on the Arts, the State Historical Commission and the State Museum were transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of State. The Office of Ethnic Affairs is also located within the Department of State. This proposed transfer will allow greater coordination among the Archives Section, the State Council on the Arts, the State Historical Commission, the State Museum and the Office of Ethnic Affairs. This will assure more comprehensive oversight and will enable the State to better coordinate its own financing. Also this transfer to the Department of State will promote a greater sharing of expertise of the State officials concerned with cultural and historical programs.

Second, this proposed transfer will allow greater coordination between the Archives Section and the Bureau of Records Management Services. The functions provided by these entities are very interrelated and should be closely aligned.

Third, this proposed reorganization will allow greater coordination between the Bureau of Records Management Services and the recording functions of the Department of State. Currently, the Department of State is depository for all enacted legislation, executive orders, executive commissions, corporation filings, Uniform Commercial Code filings, trade and service mark filings, financial disclosure statements, officials' non-conflict of interest statements, and notary commissions. Currently microfilming for many of the documents in the Department of State and other services for the department are done by the Records Management Bureau. Placing these functions in the same department will allow more efficient management of and coordination among these services.

In accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Executive Reorganization Act of 1969, P. L. 1969, c. 203 (C. 52:14C-2), I find and declare that this transfer and reorganization is necessary and will do the following:

1. It will promote better execution of the laws, and more effective management of the Executive Branch of its departments because many cultural entities will be located within one department rather than two departments, which is the current organization.
2. It will reduce expenditures and promote economy because there will be a sharing of expertise of the officials of State government concerned with cultural and historical programs.

3. It will increase the efficiency of the operation of the Executive to a better extent insofar as there will be a greater sharing of expertise within one department.

4. It will group and coordinate functions of the Executive as nearly as may be by virtue of the fact that the cultural programs will be located within one department.

5. Consequently, it will eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort by locating these cultural entities within one department and centralize the record-keeping functions of State government. Centralization of these record-keeping functions will also afford the public better access to these records.

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Reorganization Plan are superseded to the extent of such inconsistencies. All transfers directed by this Reorganization Plan, unless otherwise provided for herein, shall be effected pursuant to the "State Agency Transfer Act," P. L. 1971, c. 375 (C. 52:14D-1 et seq.).

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