

1 S.132

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internal security and public safety; criminal justice training council;  
6 membership of council

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the membership of the  
8 Vermont criminal justice training council.

9 An act relating to amending the membership of the Vermont criminal  
10 justice training council

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2352 is amended to read:

13 § 2352. ~~CREATION~~ MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

14 (a) The criminal justice training council shall consist of:

15 (1) a state police officer appointed by the ~~commissioners~~ commissioner  
16 of public safety;

17 (2) a correctional officer appointed by the commissioner of corrections;  
18 motor vehicles;

19 (3) a state game warden appointed by the commissioner of fish and  
20 wildlife;

1           (4) a law enforcement officer appointed by the attorney general, a  
2 ~~member of the Vermont state police bargaining unit of the Vermont state~~  
3 ~~employees' association or its successor entity, elected by its membership, and;~~

4           (5) a member of the Vermont ~~police association~~ Police Association, Inc.,  
5 ~~elected by its membership. The governor shall appoint five additional; and~~

6           (6) six members appointed by the governor.

7           (A) Three of these members shall be law enforcement officers chosen  
8 ~~so as to provide broad representation of all aspects of law enforcement and the~~  
9 ~~public in Vermont on the council. The governor shall solicit recommendations~~  
10 ~~for appointment from the Vermont state's attorneys association, the Vermont~~  
11 ~~state's sheriffs association Sheriffs' Association, Inc., and the Vermont police~~  
12 ~~chiefs association Chiefs of Police Association of Vermont, and the Vermont~~  
13 ~~League of Cities and Towns. Their term shall be three years.~~

14           (B) The remaining three members shall be individuals who have  
15 ~~never been licensed or certified as law enforcement officers or employed by~~  
16 ~~law enforcement agencies or facilities and shall not have a spouse, parent,~~  
17 ~~sibling, or child who has ever been employed as a law enforcement officer.~~

18           These appointments shall be made in a manner designed to represent the  
19 ~~different geographic regions of the state.~~

1 (b) Membership on the council does not constitute the holding of an office  
2 for any purpose, and members of the council shall not be required to take and  
3 file oaths of office before serving on the council.

4 (c) The members of the council shall be entitled to receive ~~no~~  
5 compensation at a rate provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for their services but shall  
6 ~~be allowed~~ the performance of their official duties and of other duties directly  
7 related to the efficient conduct of necessary business of the council and for  
8 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of ~~their~~ those  
9 duties.

10 (d) A member of the council shall not be disqualified from holding any  
11 public office or employment, and shall not forfeit any office or employment,  
12 by reason of his or her appointment to the council, notwithstanding any statute,  
13 ordinance, or charter to the contrary.

14 (e) Members shall be appointed for two-year terms and shall serve at the  
15 pleasure of the appointing official. No member may serve more than three  
16 terms. Vacancies created other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in  
17 the same manner that the initial appointment was made for the unexpired  
18 portion of the term. A member appointed to fill a vacancy created before the  
19 end of a term shall not be deemed to have served a term for purposes of this  
20 section.

1        (f) Terms shall begin on July 1 of the year of appointment and run through  
2        June 30 of the last year of the term and until a successor has been appointed.

3        Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2354 is amended to read:

4        § 2354. MEETINGS

5        The council shall meet at least once in each quarter of each year. Special  
6        meetings may be called by the ~~chairman~~ chair or upon the written request of  
7        six members of the council. A quorum shall consist of six members. The  
8        council shall adopt rules ~~as to quorum and procedures with respect to~~ regarding  
9        the conduct of its meetings and other affairs. ~~The commissioner of public~~  
10       ~~safety, the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner of motor vehicles,~~  
11       ~~the commissioner of fish and wildlife, the attorney general, the representative~~  
12       ~~from the Vermont troopers' association, the representative from the Vermont~~  
13       ~~police association, and the representatives from the Vermont state's attorneys',~~  
14       ~~sheriffs', and police chiefs' association, each may designate in writing a person~~  
15       ~~within their agency or association to attend a meeting or meetings of the~~  
16       ~~council. The designation shall be filed with the chairman of the council. A~~  
17       ~~person so designated shall have the same voting rights and responsibilities as~~  
18       ~~the ex officio member at such meeting or meetings except that the designee~~  
19       ~~shall not automatically assume the member's place as an officer of the board.~~

