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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to tenant representatives on the New York city housing authority

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 402 of the public housing  
2     law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the public  
3     housing law relating to modifying the composition of the membership of  
4     the New York city housing authority to specifically include tenant  
5     representatives, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.1104 and  
6     A.4687, are amended to read as follows:  
7     3. On and after May first, nineteen hundred fifty-eight, the authority  
8     shall consist of three members appointed by the mayor, one of whom shall  
9     be designated by the mayor as chairman removable at his pleasure. The  
10    members other than the chairman first appointed for terms commencing on  
11    May first, nineteen hundred fifty-eight, shall be appointed for terms of  
12    three and five years, respectively. Thereafter the term of office of  
13    each member other than the chairman shall be five years. The mayor  
14    shall file with the commissioner of housing a certificate of appointment  
15    of the chairman and of each member. Any member other than the chairman  
16    may be removed by the mayor for cause after a public hearing. On and  
17    after July first in the year next succeeding the year in which this  
18    sentence shall take effect, the authority shall consist of [two] ONE  
19    additional [members] MEMBER who shall be appointed by the mayor AND  
20    SHALL BE REMOVABLE AT HIS OR HER PLEASURE. [Each such additional] SUCH  
21    ADDITIONAL member must be eighteen years of age or older and be [a resi-  
22    dent of a public housing project of the authority. The initial terms of  
23    such additional members shall be as follows: one member shall serve for  
24    a term of two years and one member shall serve for a term of three  
25    years, thereafter such additional members shall serve for a three year  
26    term of office] THE TENANT OF RECORD OR AN AUTHORIZED MEMBER OF THE  
27    TENANT HOUSEHOLD, IN GOOD STANDING, RESIDING IN ONE OF THE THREE HUNDRED  
28    THIRTY-FIVE FEDERAL PROJECTS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY. A

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 vacancy in the office of a member other than the chairman OR THE ADDI-  
2 TIONAL TENANT MEMBER occurring otherwise than by expiration of term  
3 shall be filled for the unexpired term; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A VACAN-  
4 CY IN THE SEAT HELD BY THE ADDITIONAL TENANT MEMBER SHALL BE FILLED BY  
5 THE MAYOR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SUCH VACANCY.

6 4. The chairman and the other members of the authority other than the  
7 [two] additional [public housing project] tenant [members] MEMBER shall  
8 give their whole time to their duties and shall not engage in any other  
9 occupation, profession or employment. The chairman and the members of  
10 the authority other than the [two] additional [public housing project]  
11 tenant [members] MEMBER shall receive a salary the amount of which shall  
12 be fixed by local law. The [two] additional [public housing project]  
13 tenant [members] MEMBER shall receive a monthly stipend in the amount of  
14 two hundred fifty dollars.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
16 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the public housing law  
17 relating to modifying the composition of the membership of the New York  
18 city housing authority to specifically include tenant representatives,  
19 as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.1104 and A.4687, takes  
20 effect.