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AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to modifying the composition of the membership of the Buffalo municipal housing authority

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

1 Section 1. Section 404 of the public housing law, as amended by chap-
2 ter 576 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 404. Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. 1. The Buffalo Municipal
4 Housing Authority is hereby constituted and declared to be a body corpo-
5 rate and politic with all the powers, rights and duties set forth in
6 article five of the former state housing law.
7 2. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE COMPRISED OF SEVEN
8 MEMBERS, WITH TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY TENANTS, TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY
9 THE COMMON COUNCIL AND THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF BUFFALO,
10 ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR AS CHAIRMAN REMOVABLE AT
11 HIS OR HER PLEASURE. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law,
12 any member of such authority appointed or reappointed by THE COMMON
13 COUNCIL OR the mayor of Buffalo shall be subject to confirmation by a
14 majority vote of the common council of such city.
15 3. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE FIVE YEARS. THE MAYOR
16 SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF THE
17 CHAIRMAN AND OF EACH MEMBER. ANY MEMBER OTHER THAN THE CHAIRMAN MAY BE
18 REMOVED BY THE MAYOR FOR CAUSE AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING. A VACANCY IN THE
19 OFFICE OF A MEMBER OTHER THAN THE CHAIRMAN OCCURRING OTHERWISE THAN BY
20 EXPIRATION OF TERM SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM; PROVIDED,
21 HOWEVER, THAT A VACANCY IN THE SEAT HELD BY EITHER TENANT MEMBER SHALL
22 BE FILLED BY THE MAYOR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SUCH VACANCY.

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

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1 4. THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY OTHER THAN THE TWO
2 TENANT MEMBERS SHALL GIVE THEIR WHOLE TIME TO THEIR DUTIES AND SHALL NOT
3 ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER OCCUPATION, PROFESSION OR EMPLOYMENT. THE CHAIRMAN
4 AND THE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY OTHER THAN THE TENANT MEMBERS SHALL
5 RECEIVE A SALARY, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH SHALL BE FIXED BY LOCAL LAW. THE
6 TWO TENANT MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE A MONTHLY STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO
7 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.