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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to vacancies on the council of the arts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3.03 of the arts and cultural affairs law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the arts and cultural affairs law relating to requiring the council on the arts to have members from each of the ten regions of the state, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7296-A and A. 8978-A, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The council on the arts shall not be out of compliance with this section **upon vacancy, and shall retain its full powers enumerated in section 3.05 of this article,** provided that[~~, to the extent practicable, as each new successive vacancy occurs,~~] **such vacancy is filled within a reasonable time and** the appointment made for such **new** vacancy shall move the composition of the council closer to the requirement that each of the ten regions of the state as defined by the empire state development corporation be represented by at least one member of the council **to the extent practicable**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the arts and cultural affairs law relating to requiring the council on the arts to have members from each of the ten regions of the state, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7296-A and A. 8978-A, takes effect.

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

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