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Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to resolution of  
disputes in the course of collective negotiations

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 209 of the civil  
2     service law, as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     (a) In the event that the board certifies that a voluntary resolution  
5     of the contract negotiations between either (i) the New York city trans-  
6     it authority (hereinafter referred to as TA-public employer) and the  
7     public employee organization certified or recognized to represent the  
8     majority of employees of such TA-public employer, or (ii) the metropol-  
9     itan transportation authority, including its subsidiaries, the New York  
10    city transit authority, including its subsidiary, and the Triborough  
11    bridge and tunnel authority (all hereinafter referred to as MTA-public  
12    employer) and a public employee organization certified or recognized to  
13    represent employees of such MTA-public employer not subject to the  
14    jurisdiction of the Federal Railway Labor Act and not subject to the  
15    provisions of subparagraph (i) [hereof] OF THIS PARAGRAPH, which has  
16    made an election pursuant to paragraph (f) of this subdivision, OR (III)  
17    THE NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THE ROCHESTER-GENESEE  
18    REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION  
19    AUTHORITY AND THE CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
20    (ALL HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS UPSTATE TA-PUBLIC EMPLOYER) AND THE  
21    PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED OR RECOGNIZED TO REPRESENT THE  
22    EMPLOYEES OF SUCH UPSTATE TA-PUBLIC EMPLOYER, cannot be effected, or  
23    upon the joint request of the TA-public employer [or], the MTA-public  
24    employer (hereinafter jointly referred to as public employer) OR THE  
25    UPSTATE TA-PUBLIC EMPLOYER and any such affected employee organization,  
26    such board shall refer the dispute to a public arbitration panel,  
27    consisting of one member appointed by the public employer, one member  
28    appointed by the employee organization and one public member appointed

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

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1 jointly by the public employer and employee organization who shall be  
2 selected within ten days after receipt by the board of a petition for  
3 creation of the arbitration panel. If either party fails to designate  
4 its member to the public arbitration panel, the board shall promptly,  
5 upon receipt of a request by either party, designate a member associated  
6 in interest with the public employer or employee organization he is to  
7 represent. Each of the respective parties is to bear the cost of its  
8 member appointed or designated to the arbitration panel and each of the  
9 respective parties is to share equally the cost of the public member.  
10 If, within seven days after the mailing date, the parties are unable to  
11 agree upon the one public member, the board shall submit to the parties  
12 a list of qualified, disinterested persons for the selection of the  
13 public member. Each party shall alternately strike from the list one of  
14 the names with the order of striking determined by lot, until the  
15 remaining one person shall be designated as public member. This process  
16 shall be completed within five days of receipt of this list. The parties  
17 shall notify the board of the designated public member. The public  
18 member shall be chosen as chairman.

19 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
20 the amendments made to paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 209 of  
21 the civil service law by section one of this act shall not affect the  
22 expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.