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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring at least one commissioner of the public service commission to have experience in utility consumer advocacy

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4 of the public service law, as
2 amended by chapter 155 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. There shall be in the department of public service a public service
5 commission, which shall possess the powers and duties hereinafter speci-
6 fied, and also all powers necessary or proper to enable it to carry out
7 the purposes of this chapter. The commission shall consist of five
8 members, to be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and
9 consent of the senate. A commissioner shall be designated as chairman of
10 the commission by the governor to serve in such capacity at the pleasure
11 of the governor or until his term as commissioner expires whichever
12 first occurs. AT LEAST ONE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN UTILITY
13 CONSUMER ADVOCACY. No more than three commissioners may be members of
14 the same political party unless, pursuant to action taken under subdivi-
15 sion two, the number of commissioners shall exceed five, and in such
16 event no more than four commissioners may be members of the same poli-
17 tical party.
18 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
19 have become a law and shall apply to appointments made on or after such
20 date.

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

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