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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, GOTTFRIED, ROBINSON, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, BRENNAN, COOK, GLICK, MOSLEY, PERRY, SEPULVEDA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the appointment of the rent guidelines board

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision a of section 26-510 of the administrative code
2 of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:
3 a. There shall be a rent guidelines board to consist of nine members,
4 appointed by the mayor. Two members shall be representative of tenants,
5 two shall be representative of owners of property, and five shall be
6 public members each of whom shall have had at least five years experi-
7 ence in either finance, economics or housing. One public member shall be
8 designated by the mayor to serve as chairman and shall hold no other
9 public office. No member, officer or employee of any municipal rent
10 regulation agency or the state division of housing and community renewal
11 and no person who owns or manages real estate covered by this law or who
12 is an officer of any owner or tenant organization shall serve on a rent
13 guidelines board. One public member, one member representative of
14 tenants and one member representative of owners shall serve for a term
15 ending two years from January first next succeeding the date of their
16 appointment; one public member, one member representative of tenants and
17 one member representative of owners shall serve for terms ending three
18 years from the January first next succeeding the date of their appoint-
19 ment and two public members shall serve for terms ending four years from
20 January first next succeeding the dates of their appointment. The chair-
21 man shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Thereafter, all members
22 shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed and
23 qualified. The mayor shall fill any vacancy which may occur by reason of
24 death, resignation or otherwise in a manner consistent with the original

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

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1 appointment. WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF
2 TENANTS POSITION, THE MAYOR SHALL FILL SUCH VACANCY WITHIN SIXTY DAYS.
3 THE BOARD SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM CONVENING ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHED-
4 ULED MEETING UNTIL THE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF TENANTS IS APPOINTED.
5 ADDITIONALLY, THE BOARD SHALL NOT MEET UNTIL AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER
6 A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF TENANTS IS APPOINTED. A member may be removed
7 by the mayor for cause, but not without an opportunity to be heard in
8 person or by counsel, in his or her defense, upon not less than ten days
9 notice.

10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-
11 ments to section 26-510 of chapter 4 of title 26 of the administrative
12 code of the city of New York made by section one of this act shall
13 expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the
14 expiration of such law as provided under section 26-520 of such law.