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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT, BRONSON -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the composition of the Rochester-Genesee regional transportation authority

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1299-dd of the public authorities
2 law, as amended by chapter 388 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read
3 as follows:
4 1. (a) There is hereby created the Rochester-Genesee regional transportation authority. The authority shall be a body corporate and politic
5 constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall consist of at least
6 one member from each county that elects to join the authority except
7 that the county of Monroe shall have seven members of whom three shall
8 be appointed from the city of Rochester and four at large from the county
9 of Monroe and shall have [one] TWO non-voting [member] MEMBERS as
10 described in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (b) AND (C) of this subdivision. The
11 members shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and
12 consent of the senate. The governor shall make initial appointments to
13 the authority in such number and from lists submitted as follows: three
14 members shall be appointed to the authority from a list of not less than
15 six names, all of whom must be residents of the city of Rochester,
16 submitted to the governor by the council of the city of Rochester; four
17 persons from a list of not less than eight persons, all of whom must be
18 residents of the county of Monroe submitted by the legislature of the
19 county of Monroe. Other counties electing to participate shall each
20 submit to the governor a list of not less than two persons for each one
21 hundred thousand or major fraction of the total population, as determined
22 by the last federal decennial or federal county-wide special
23 census. From the counties outside the county of Monroe which shall elect
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 to participate, the governor shall appoint one member for each one
2 hundred thousand or major fraction of the total population, as deter-
3 mined by the last federal decennial or federal county-wide special
4 census, with a minimum of one member to represent each county outside
5 the county of Monroe so electing to participate. All members of the
6 authority shall be residents of the area from which they are nominated.

7 (b) [There shall also be one] THE FIRST non-voting member of the
8 authority[, which] WHO shall not be considered in determining a quorum[.
9 The non-voting member], shall be recommended to the governor by the
10 labor organization representing the plurality of the employees within
11 the authority and shall be a resident of the Rochester-Genesee regional
12 transportation district as described in section twelve hundred ninety-
13 nine-cc of this title. [The] SUCH FIRST non-voting member shall be
14 appointed for a term of five years, provided, however, that if at any
15 time during the term of appointment [the] SUCH non-voting member ceases
16 to be affiliated with the labor organization representing the plurality
17 of employees within the authority, then such labor organization may at
18 any time during such term recommend a new member to the governor who
19 shall serve the remainder of the term. If the local bargaining unit
20 decertifies its existing union affiliation and certifies a new union,
21 the union which represents the plurality of the employees may recommend
22 a new member to the governor who shall serve the remainder of the term.
23 The chairman of the authority, at his or her discretion, may exclude
24 such non-voting member from attending any portion of a meeting of the
25 authority or of any committee held for the purpose of discussing negoti-
26 ations with labor organizations, pending litigation involving the labor
27 organization, or the investigation, evaluation, or discipline of an
28 employee.

29 (C) THERE SHALL ALSO BE A SECOND NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY,
30 WHO SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING A QUORUM. THE SECOND NON-VOT-
31 ING MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
32 TRANSIT DEPENDENT AND/OR DISABLED COMMUNITY. THE SECOND NON-VOTING
33 MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. THE CHAIR OF THE
34 AUTHORITY, AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION, MAY EXCLUDE SUCH NON-VOTING MEMBER
35 FROM ATTENDING ANY PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY OR OF ANY
36 COMMITTEE HELD PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN
37 MEETINGS LAW.

38 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.