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Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI, SCHIMMINGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the economic development law and the public officers law, in relation to the establishment of regional economic development councils; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section 11 to read as follows:

§ 11. Regional economic development councils. 1. The governor shall establish ten regional economic development councils, one for each of the following regions of the state:

(a) Long Island (which consists of Suffolk and Nassau counties);

(b) the city of New York (which consists of Bronx, New York, Queens, Kings, and Richmond counties);

(c) the Mid-Hudson region (which consists of Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Westchester, and Rockland counties);

(d) the Southern tier (which consists of Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins, Chemung, Tioga, Chenango, Broome, and Delaware counties);

(e) the Capital region (which consists of Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, and Greene counties);

(f) the Mohawk valley (which consists of Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Otsego, and Schoharie counties);

(g) the North country (which consists of Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, and Essex counties);

(h) the Central region (which consists of Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, and Cortland counties);

(i) the Finger Lakes region (which consists of Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties); and

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

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1 (j) the Western region (which consists of Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua,
2 Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties).

3 2. Each regional economic development council shall develop long-term
4 strategic plans for economic growth within its region of the state.

5 3. The members of each regional economic development council shall be
6 local experts and stakeholders from businesses, academia, municipalities
7 and non-governmental organizations within the region. All such members
8 shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of
9 the governor.

10 4. All members of regional economic development councils shall be
11 subject to the provisions of section seventy-three-a of the public offi-
12 cers law.

13 § 2. Subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of
14 section 73-a of the public officers law, as amended by section 5 of part
15 A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, are amended and a new subparagraph
16 (iv) is added to read as follows:

17 (ii) officers and employees of statewide elected officials, officers
18 and employees of state departments, boards, bureaus, divisions, commis-
19 sions, councils or other state agencies, who receive annual compensation
20 in excess of the filing rate established by paragraph (1) of this subdivi-
21 sion or who hold policy-making positions, as annually determined by
22 the appointing authority and set forth in a written instrument which
23 shall be filed with the joint commission on public ethics established by
24 section ninety-four of the executive law during the month of February,
25 provided, however, that the appointing authority shall amend such writ-
26 ten instrument after such date within thirty days after the undertaking
27 of policy-making responsibilities by a new employee or any other employ-
28 ee whose name did not appear on the most recent written instrument;
29 [~~and~~]

30 (iii) members or directors of public authorities, other than multi-
31 state authorities, public benefit corporations and commissions at least
32 one of whose members is appointed by the governor, and employees of such
33 authorities, corporations and commissions who receive annual compen-
34 sation in excess of the filing rate established by paragraph (1) of this
35 subdivision or who hold policy-making positions, as determined annually
36 by the appointing authority and set forth in a written instrument which
37 shall be filed with the joint commission on public ethics established by
38 section ninety-four of the executive law during the month of February,
39 provided, however, that the appointing authority shall amend such writ-
40 ten instrument after such date within thirty days after the undertaking
41 of policy-making responsibilities by a new employee or any other employ-
42 ee whose name did not appear on the most recent written instrument[~~;~~];
43 and

44 (iv) members of regional economic development councils.

45 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 74 of the public officers law, as
46 amended by chapter 1012 of the laws of 1965, the opening paragraph as
47 amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as
48 follows:

49 1. Definition. As used in this section: The term "state agency" shall
50 mean any state department, or division, board, commission, or bureau of
51 any state department or any public benefit corporation or public author-
52 ity at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor or corpo-
53 rations closely affiliated with specific state agencies as defined by
54 paragraph (d) of subdivision five of section fifty-three-a of the state
55 finance law or their successors or any regional economic development

1 council as established pursuant to section eleven of the economic devel-
2 opment law.

3 The term "legislative employee" shall mean any officer or employee of
4 the legislature but it shall not include members of the legislature.

5 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
6 deemed repealed December 31, 2018.