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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, GOTTFRIED, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK, GLICK, MOSLEY, PERRY -- 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:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 26-510 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

a. There shall be a rent guidelines board to consist of nine members, appointed by the mayor. Two members shall be representative of tenants, two shall be representative of owners of property, and five shall be public members each of whom shall have had at least five years experience in either finance, economics or housing. One public member shall be designated by the mayor to serve as chairman and shall hold no other public office. No member, officer or employee of any municipal rent regulation agency or the state division of housing and community renewal and no person who owns or manages real estate covered by this law or who is an officer of any owner or tenant organization shall serve on a rent guidelines board. One public member, one member representative of tenants and one member representative of owners shall serve for a term ending two years from January first next succeeding the date of their appointment; one public member, one member representative of tenants and one member representative of owners shall serve for terms ending three years from the January first next succeeding the date of their appointment and two public members shall serve for terms ending four years from January first next succeeding the dates of their appointment. The chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Thereafter, all members shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The mayor shall fill any vacancy which may occur by reason of 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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appointment. **When a vacancy occurs in the member representative of tenants position, the mayor shall fill such vacancy within sixty days. The board shall be prohibited from convening its next regularly scheduled meeting until the member representative of tenants is appointed. Additionally, the board shall not meet until at least thirty days after a member representative of tenants is appointed.** A member may be removed by the mayor for cause, but not without an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, in his or her defense, upon not less than ten days notice.

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