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Introduced by M. of A. BYRNES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to appointing ad hoc members to the New York state board on electric generation siting and the environment

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 161 of the public service law, as
2 added by chapter 388 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. (a) Upon receipt of a pre-application preliminary scoping statement
4 under this article, the chair shall promptly notify the governor, the
5 president pro tem of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chief
6 executive officers representing the municipality and the county in which
7 the facility is proposed to be located, and, if such facility is
8 proposed to be located within the city of New York, the mayor of the
9 city of New York, as well as the chairperson of the community board and
10 the borough president representing the area in which the facility is
11 proposed to be located. One ad hoc member shall be appointed by the
12 president pro tem of the senate and one ad hoc member shall be appointed
13 by the speaker of the assembly from a list of candidates submitted to
14 them, in the following manner. If such facility is proposed to be
15 located outside of the city of New York, the chief executive officer
16 representing the municipality shall nominate four candidates and the
17 chief executive officer representing the county shall nominate four
18 candidates for consideration. If such facility is proposed to be located
19 outside of the city of New York and in a village located within a town,
20 the chief executive officer representing the town shall nominate four
21 candidates, the chief executive officer representing the county shall
22 nominate four candidates, and the chief executive officer representing
23 the village shall nominate four candidates for consideration. If such
24 facility is proposed to be located in the city of New York, the chair-

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

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1 person of the community board, the borough president, and the mayor of
2 the city of New York shall each nominate four candidates for consider-
3 ation. Nominations shall be submitted to the president pro tem of the
4 senate and the speaker of the assembly within fifteen days of receipt of
5 notification of the pre-application preliminary scoping statement. In
6 the event that the president pro tem of the senate does not appoint one
7 of the candidates within thirty days of such nominations, the governor
8 shall appoint the ad hoc member from the list of candidates within
9 forty-five days. In the event that the speaker of the assembly does not
10 appoint one of the candidates within thirty days of such nominations,
11 the governor shall appoint the ad hoc member from the list of candidates
12 within forty-five days. [~~In the event that one or both of the ad hoc~~
13 ~~public members have not been appointed within forty-five days, a majori-~~
14 ~~ty of persons named to the board shall constitute a quorum.~~]

15 (b) In the event that one or both of the ad hoc members have not been
16 appointed, pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the chair
17 shall, within thirty days, notify all parties required to be notified of
18 the pre-application preliminary scoping statement of the status of the
19 candidates submitted. The state senator or senators and state assembly
20 member or members who represent the districts wherein the proposed
21 project is planned shall also be notified of the status of the candi-
22 dates submitted.

23 (c) If one or both of the ad hoc members have not been appointed
24 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, then the state senator
25 or senators and state assembly member or members who represent the
26 districts wherein the proposed project is planned shall be authorized to
27 appoint ad hoc members from the lists of candidates submitted in the
28 same manner as the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of
29 the assembly.

30 (d) Upon the appointment of all ad hoc members, a majority of persons
31 named to the board shall constitute a quorum.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
33 current and future ad hoc member openings on the New York state board on
34 electric generation siting and the environment.