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Cal. No. 394

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- advanced to a third reading, passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring certain directors of the Roosevelt Island operating corporation to be residents of Roosevelt Island and to require the appointment of certain vacant board positions within sixty days

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 2799-cccc of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 383 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

2. The board of directors of the corporation shall be composed of nine members. One member shall be the commissioner, who shall serve as the chair; one member shall be the director of the budget; and seven public members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Of the seven public members, two members, one of whom shall be a resident of Roosevelt Island, shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the mayor of the city; and four additional members shall be residents of Roosevelt Island. Each member shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified, [~~except~~] **provided that any public member appointed on the basis of being a resident of Roosevelt Island shall resign such membership upon ceasing to be a resident of Roosevelt Island, and provided further** that the commissioner and the director of the budget shall serve so long as they continue to hold their respective offices. Any action taken by the directors of the corporation shall be taken by majority vote of the directors then in office. The elected public officials who represent Roosevelt Island shall be representatives to the board of directors of the corporation entitled to receive notice of and attend all meetings of such board but shall not be entitled to

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

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vote. Failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of any action taken at a meeting of such board.

3. The governor [~~may~~] **shall** fill any vacancy which occurs on the board of directors of the corporation in a manner consistent with the original appointment **within sixty days. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term of office shall be filled by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term**. Any member of the corporation may be removed by the governor 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' written notice.

§ 2. Subdivision 7 of section 2799-dddd of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 383 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

7. Appoint officers, agents and employees, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation in accordance with a staffing and compensation plan submitted to and approved by the director of the budget**. Notices for any employment vacancies shall be made available to the public and posted on the corporation's website**;

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.