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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to granting each of the representatives of the counties of Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Rockland on the metropolitan transportation authority a vote

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section  
2 1263 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 1 of part E of  
3 chapter 39 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is hereby created the "metropolitan transportation authori-  
5 ty." The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a  
6 public benefit corporation. The authority shall consist of a chairman,  
7 sixteen other voting members, and two non-voting and four alternate  
8 non-voting members, as described in subparagraph two of this paragraph  
9 appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the  
10 senate. Any member appointed to a term commencing on or after June thir-  
11 tieth, two thousand nine shall have experience in one or more of the  
12 following areas: transportation, public administration, business manage-  
13 ment, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use, urban and  
14 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor  
15 relations, or have experience in some other area of activity central to  
16 the mission of the authority. Four of the sixteen voting members other  
17 than the chairman shall be appointed on the written recommendation of  
18 the mayor of the city of New York; and each of seven other voting  
19 members other than the chairman shall be appointed after selection from  
20 a written list of three recommendations from the chief executive officer  
21 of the county in which the particular member is required to reside  
22 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision. Of the members appointed  
23 on recommendation of the chief executive officer of a county, one such  
24 member shall be, at the time of appointment, a resident of the county of

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

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1 Nassau, one a resident of the county of Suffolk, one a resident of the  
2 county of Westchester, one a resident of the county of Dutchess, one a  
3 resident of the county of Orange, one a resident of the county of Putnam  
4 and one a resident of the county of Rockland, provided that the term of  
5 any member who is a resident of a county that has withdrawn from the  
6 metropolitan commuter transportation district pursuant to section twelve  
7 hundred seventy-nine-b of this title shall terminate upon the effective  
8 date of such county's withdrawal from such district. Of the five voting  
9 members, other than the chairman, appointed by the governor without  
10 recommendation from any other person, three shall be, at the time of  
11 appointment, residents of the city of New York and two shall be, at the  
12 time of appointment, residents of such city or of any of the aforemen-  
13 tioned counties in the metropolitan commuter transportation district.  
14 Provided however, notwithstanding the foregoing residency requirement,  
15 one of the five voting members appointed by the governor without recom-  
16 mendation from any other person, other than the chairman, may be the  
17 director of the New York state division of the budget, and provided  
18 further that, in the event of such appointment, the budget director's  
19 membership in the authority shall be deemed ex-officio. The chairman and  
20 each of the members shall be appointed for a term of six years, provided  
21 however, that the chairman first appointed shall serve for a term ending  
22 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one, provided that thirty days  
23 after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand nine  
24 which amended this subparagraph, the term of the chairman shall expire;  
25 provided, further, that such chairman may continue to discharge the  
26 duties of his or her office until the position of chairman is filled by  
27 appointment by the governor upon the advice and consent of the senate  
28 and the term of such new chairman shall terminate June thirtieth, two  
29 thousand fifteen. The sixteen other members first appointed shall serve  
30 for the following terms: The members from the counties of Nassau and  
31 Westchester shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen  
32 hundred eighty-five; the members from the county of Suffolk and from the  
33 counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall each serve for a  
34 term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two; two of the  
35 members appointed on recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York  
36 shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
37 eighty-four and, two shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth,  
38 nineteen hundred eighty-one; two of the members appointed by the gover-  
39 nor without the recommendation of any other person shall each serve for  
40 a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-two, two shall  
41 each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty and  
42 one shall serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
43 eighty-five. The two non-voting and four alternate non-voting members  
44 shall serve until January first, two thousand one. ~~[The members from the~~  
45 ~~counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall cast one collec-~~  
46 ~~tive vote.]~~

47 § 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 1263 of the public  
48 authorities law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 39 of the  
49 laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

50 (a) There is hereby created the "metropolitan transportation authori-  
51 ty." The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a  
52 public benefit corporation. The authority shall consist of a chairman  
53 and sixteen other members appointed by the governor by and with the  
54 advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed to a term  
55 commencing on or after June thirtieth, two thousand nine shall have  
56 experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise: trans-

1 portation, public administration, business management, finance, account-  
2 ing, law, engineering, land use, urban and regional planning, management  
3 of large capital projects, labor relations, or have experience in some  
4 other area of activity central to the mission of the authority. Four of  
5 the sixteen members other than the chairman shall be appointed on the  
6 written recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York; and each of  
7 seven other members other than the chairman shall be appointed after  
8 selection from a written list of three recommendations from the chief  
9 executive officer of the county in which the particular member is  
10 required to reside pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision. Of  
11 the members appointed on recommendation of the chief executive officer  
12 of a county, one such member shall be, at the time of appointment, a  
13 resident of the county of Nassau; one a resident of the county of  
14 Suffolk; one a resident of the county of Westchester; and one a resident  
15 of the county of Dutchess, one a resident of the county of Orange, one a  
16 resident of the county of Putnam and one a resident of the county of  
17 Rockland, provided that the term of any member who is a resident of a  
18 county that has withdrawn from the metropolitan commuter transportation  
19 district pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of this title  
20 shall terminate upon the effective date of such county's withdrawal from  
21 such district. Of the five members, other than the chairman, appointed  
22 by the governor without recommendation from any other person, three  
23 shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of the city of New York  
24 and two shall be, at the time of appointment, residents of such city or  
25 of any of the aforementioned counties in the metropolitan commuter  
26 transportation district. Provided however, notwithstanding the foregoing  
27 residency requirement, one of the five voting members appointed by the  
28 governor without recommendation from any other person, other than the  
29 chairman, may be the director of the New York state division of the  
30 budget, and provided further that, in the event of such appointment, the  
31 budget director's membership in the authority shall be deemed ex-offi-  
32 cio. The chairman and each of the members shall be appointed for a term  
33 of six years, provided however, that the chairman first appointed shall  
34 serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one,  
35 provided that thirty days after the effective date of the chapter of the  
36 laws of two thousand nine which amended this paragraph, the term of the  
37 chairman shall expire; provided, further, that such chairman may contin-  
38 ue to discharge the duties of his office until the position of chairman  
39 is filled by appointment by the governor upon the advice and consent of  
40 the senate and the term of such new chairman shall terminate June thir-  
41 tieth, two thousand fifteen. The sixteen other members first appointed  
42 shall serve for the following terms: The members from the counties of  
43 Nassau and Westchester shall each serve for a term ending June thirti-  
44 eth, nineteen hundred eighty-five; the members from the county of  
45 Suffolk and from the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland  
46 shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
47 ninety-two; two of the members appointed on recommendation of the mayor  
48 of the city of New York shall each serve for a term ending June thirti-  
49 eth, nineteen hundred eighty-four and, two shall each serve for a term  
50 ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-one; two of the members  
51 appointed by the governor without the recommendation of any other person  
52 shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
53 eighty-two, two shall each serve for a term ending June thirtieth, nine-  
54 teen hundred eighty and one shall serve for a term ending June thirti-  
55 eth, nineteen hundred eighty-five. ~~[The members from the counties of~~  
56 ~~Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall cast one collective vote.]~~

1     § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
2 ments to subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section  
3 1263 of the public authorities law made by section one of this act shall  
4 be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to  
5 section 3 of chapter 549 of the laws of 1994, as amended, when upon such  
6 date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.