STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 5, 2021

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the city of New York water board

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 1045-f of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

2. **(a)** The water board shall consist of seven members **to be** appointed [~~by the mayor.~~] **as follows:**

(i) Four members appointed by the mayor;

(ii) One member appointed by the speaker of the city council;

(iii) One member appointed by the comptroller of the city of New York; and

(iv) One member appointed by the public advocate.

(b) All members appointed to the board must be confirmed by the city council before they may commence their term.

(c) Terms of office of the members shall be two years except that the terms of four of the board members first appointed shall be one year. At least one member shall have experience in the science of water resource development. No member shall be a director of the authority. [~~The mayor shall appoint a chairman from among the members of the board.~~] **No appointee shall be an officer or employee of the city, or have served in such capacity in the preceding six month period. The chairman shall be duly elected by the members of the board, subject to the same quorum and voting requirements as provided for in subdivision seven of this section.** All members shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Vacancies, occurring otherwise than by expiration of term of office, shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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