

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 17, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Jean-Pierre)  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to the membership of the Republic airport commission

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

1 Section 1. Section 402 of the transportation law, as added by chapter  
2 370 of the laws of 1982, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 55 of the  
3 laws of 1992, and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 197 of the laws of  
4 1984, is amended to read as follows:  
5 § 402. Republic airport commission. 1. Upon assumption by the depart-  
6 ment of transportation of jurisdiction over the airport facility and  
7 surrounding area located in the county of Suffolk, known as Republic  
8 airport, there shall thereupon be created a Republic airport commission.  
9 This commission will be an advisory council to the commissioner with  
10 respect to administration and management of the Republic airport facili-  
11 ties and its surrounding areas with respect to projects to be undertaken  
12 and operations and management of the facilities at such airport. The  
13 commission shall be composed of nine members [~~to~~] who are residents of  
14 Nassau county or Suffolk county, one of whom shall be appointed by the  
15 governor [~~with the advice and consent of the senate and, except for the~~  
16 ~~initial appointment terms, shall serve for a term of four years~~] without  
17 recommendation from any other person, four of whom shall be appointed by  
18 the governor upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the  
19 senate, and four of whom shall be appointed by the governor upon the  
20 recommendation of the speaker of the assembly. All such members shall be  
21 appointed for a term of four years, except in the case that a vacancy  
22 occurs and is filled before the expiration of a member's term, the  
23 member appointed to fill such vacancy shall be appointed to the remain-  
24 der of such term. By virtue of [~~his or her~~] such commissioner's office,  
25 the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee shall  
26 be an ex officio member of the commission. [~~Four of the members shall be~~  
27 ~~appointed from a list submitted by the temporary president of the senate~~

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

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~~1 setting forth the names of six persons who are residents of Nassau or  
2 Suffolk county, three persons who are residents of the town of Babylon  
3 and three persons who are residents of the Nassau county part of the  
4 Farmingdale school district. Two names shall be selected from the first  
5 class of residency and one name each shall be selected from the second  
6 and third classes of residency. Four of the members shall be appointed  
7 from a list submitted by the speaker of the assembly setting forth the  
8 names of six persons who are residents of Nassau or Suffolk county,  
9 three persons who are residents of the town of Babylon and three persons  
10 who are residents of the Suffolk county part of the Farmingdale school  
11 district. Two names shall be selected from the first class of residency  
12 and one name each shall be selected from the second and third classes of  
13 residency. The ninth member shall be selected by the governor. In any  
14 event six members shall be residents of Suffolk county and three members  
15 shall be residents of Nassau county. Initial appointments shall be to  
16 staggered terms with the nominee of the governor being made to an  
17 initial four year term, with the members nominated by the temporary  
18 president of the senate to initial two year, three year and four year  
19 terms, respectively, and the members nominated by the speaker of the  
20 assembly to initial one year, two year and three year terms, respective-  
21 ly. If any member shall thereafter no longer meet the residency require-  
22 ment of his appointment, such position shall be declared vacant. In the  
23 event of a vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as  
24 the initial appointments except that the term shall be for the unexpired  
25 portion of the term of such members.] All such members shall be deemed  
26 officers of the state in connection with the provisions of section  
27 seventeen of the public officers law. The members of the commission  
28 shall appoint a [~~chairman~~ **chair**] from among their number. Members shall  
29 not receive a salary or other compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
30 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
31 official duties.~~

32 2. The Republic airport commission shall assist in the development of  
33 a program relative to the administration and management of the Republic  
34 airport and to advise the commissioner of transportation with regard to  
35 such other programs relative to the Republic airport as he may under-  
36 take. Such program shall include, but not be limited to identification  
37 of future capital needs, examining the means and methods of financing  
38 such future capital needs, the promotion and examination of the financ-  
39 ing means and methods for the economic development of the area around  
40 the airport, the joining together of such economic development and the  
41 airport operations, the identification and implementation of ways of  
42 working with the local community to accomplish the program and the iden-  
43 tification of non-aviation uses and purposes and prorations of use or  
44 purposes for determinations of in lieu of tax payments. Once the commis-  
45 sion has been established, the commissioner and/or the department shall  
46 effectuate the authorizations, powers and/or duties set forth in section  
47 four hundred of this article only following the consultation, guidance,  
48 advice and assistance of the commission. The Republic airport commission  
49 shall meet at least six times a year at the call of the commissioner of  
50 transportation or the [~~chairman~~ **chair**] of the commission and shall keep  
51 a record of all its proceedings and recommendations. Staff services for  
52 the commission shall be performed by personnel of the department of  
53 transportation. In carrying out the functions and responsibilities of  
54 the commissioner and the commission, the commissioner shall designate an  
55 executive secretary from among the staff of the department of transpor-

1 tation who will act as the administrative agent of the commission and  
2 assist the commission in fulfilling its duties and functions.

3 3. The arrival or departure of aircraft to or from the airport between  
4 the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., except in the case of emergency, and  
5 the development of additional runways at the airport are hereby prohib-  
6 ited, provided, however, that such prohibitions may be altered, modified  
7 or changed by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of  
8 the commission after giving public notice of such alteration, modifica-  
9 tion or change and holding a public hearing thereon. Any alteration,  
10 modification or change which affects the prohibition with respect to  
11 arrival and departure of aircraft shall be made only after due consider-  
12 ation has been given to the period of daylight occurring at such  
13 airport. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision,  
14 the prohibition against the arrival or departure of aircraft to or from  
15 the airport between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. shall not become  
16 effective until ninety days after the effective date of this subdivi-  
17 sion. The commissioner upon the advice of the Republic airport commis-  
18 sion shall promulgate regulations establishing permissible levels of  
19 noise for aircraft operating at the airport. The operator of any  
20 aircraft to or from the airport which exceeds such permissible levels of  
21 noise shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine not to exceed  
22 twenty-five hundred dollars.

23 [~~4. The commission, within one year from its creation, shall conduct a~~  
24 ~~study on payments in lieu of taxes and improvement district taxes and~~  
25 ~~charges with respect to aviation facilities which locate at Republic~~  
26 ~~airport after the effective date of this subdivision and existing~~  
27 ~~aviation facilities whose leases are renewed after the effective date of~~  
28 ~~this subdivision. The commission shall conduct public hearings as part~~  
29 ~~of such study and report its findings and recommendations to the commis-~~  
30 ~~sioner and the legislature within one year after the commencement of~~  
31 ~~such study of such findings and recommendations. The commissioner, in~~  
32 ~~his discretion, may take such steps as may be necessary to implement any~~  
33 ~~or all of such findings and recommendations.]~~

34 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.