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Introduced by Sens. THOMAS, KRUEGER -- 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 membership on the Nassau health care corporation board

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 3402 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 9 of the laws of 1997, is amended and a new paragraph (b-1) is added to read as follows:

(b) The corporation shall be governed by **a board of directors, consisting of** fifteen voting directors, eight of whom shall be appointed by the governor as provided in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, three of whom shall be appointed by the county executive for initial terms of two years, and four of whom shall be appointed by the county legislature for initial terms of three years.

(b-1) Each voting director should possess a high degree of experience and knowledge in relevant fields and a high degree of interest in the corporation. The appointment of any voting director to the corporation shall be based in part on the objective of ensuring that the corporation includes diverse and beneficial perspectives and experience, including, but not limited to, those of business management, law, finance, medical and/or other health professionals, health sector workers, and the patient or consumer perspective.

§ 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3402 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 9 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The [~~county executive~~] **board of directors** shall **by majority vote** designate one of the fifteen voting directors as the chairperson of the

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

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board. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board and shall have such other duties as the voting directors may direct.

§ 3. Subdivision 4 of section 3402 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 9 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

4. The board of directors shall select the chief executive officer [~~subject to the approval of the county executive~~] and shall determine the salary and benefits of the chief executive officer of the corporation. The chief executive officer shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors provided, however, that removal without cause shall not prejudice the contract rights, if any, of the chief executive officer.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit an individual from completing a term for which the person was appointed, prior to the effective date of this act.