STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 6, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the trustees of the power authority of New York state

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

Section 1. Section 1003 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 766 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1003. Trustees. **1. (a)** The authority shall consist of seven trustees, five of whom shall serve respectively for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, to be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The sixth and seventh trustees shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall serve initial terms of one and two years respectively. Each trustee shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified. At the expiration of the term of each trustee and of each succeeding trustee the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint a successor, who shall hold office for a term of five years, or until a successor has been appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the trustee by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint a successor, who shall hold office for the unexpired term. Four trustees shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of organizing the authority and conducting the business thereof.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the first vacancy in an office of trustee occurring after the effective date of this paragraph shall be filled by a resident of Niagara county and thereafter at least one office of trustee shall be held by a resident of Niagara county.

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

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2. The trustee chosen as [~~chairman~~] **chairperson** as provided in section one thousand four of this title, shall receive an annual salary which shall be set by the trustees of the authority, and which shall not exceed the salary prescribed for the positions listed in paragraph (f) of subdivision one of section one hundred sixty-nine of the executive law. Each other trustee shall not receive a salary or other compensation. Each trustee shall receive his or her reasonable expenses in the performance of his or her duties hereunder. The trustee chosen as [~~chairman~~] **chairperson** may elect to become a member of the New York state and local employees' retirement system on the basis of such compensation to which he or she shall be entitled as herein provided notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, municipal charter, or ordinance.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.