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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'PHARROW -- 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 402 of the transportation  
2 law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the transpor-  
3 tation law relating to the membership of the Republic airport commis-  
4 sion, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9475 and A. 10336, are  
5 amended to read as follows:  
6 1. Upon assumption by the department of transportation of jurisdiction  
7 over the airport facility and surrounding area located in the county of  
8 Suffolk, known as Republic airport, there shall thereupon be created a  
9 Republic airport commission. This commission will be an advisory coun-  
10 cil to the commissioner with respect to administration and management of  
11 the Republic airport facilities and its surrounding areas with respect  
12 to projects to be undertaken and operations and management of the facil-  
13 ities at such airport. The commission shall be composed of nine members  
14 who are residents of Nassau county or Suffolk county, one of whom shall  
15 be appointed by the governor without recommendation from any other  
16 person, four of whom shall be appointed by the governor upon the recom-  
17 mendation of the temporary president of the senate, and four of whom  
18 shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the speak-  
19 er of the assembly. For each appointment upon a recommendation, the  
20 recommender shall submit a list of no fewer than three persons, from  
21 which the governor shall appoint one. All such members shall be  
22 appointed for a term of four years, except in the case that a vacancy  
23 occurs and is filled before the expiration of a member's term, the  
24 member appointed to fill such vacancy shall be appointed to the remain-  
25 der of such term. By virtue of such commissioner's office, the commis-

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

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1 sioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee shall be an ex  
2 officio member of the commission. All such members shall be deemed  
3 officers of the state in connection with the provisions of section  
4 seventeen of the public officers law. The members of the commission  
5 shall appoint a chair from among their number. Members shall not receive  
6 a salary or other compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual  
7 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official  
8 duties.

9 2. The Republic airport commission shall assist in the development of  
10 a program relative to the administration and management of the Republic  
11 airport and to advise the commissioner of transportation with regard to  
12 such other programs relative to the Republic airport as [~~he~~ the commis-  
13 sioner] may undertake. Such program shall include, but not be limited to  
14 identification of future capital needs, examining the means and methods  
15 of financing such future capital needs, the promotion and examination of  
16 the financing means and methods for the economic development of the area  
17 around the airport, the joining together of such economic development  
18 and the airport operations, the identification and implementation of  
19 ways of working with the local community to accomplish the program and  
20 the identification of non-aviation uses and purposes and prorations of  
21 use or purposes for determinations of in lieu of tax payments. Once the  
22 commission has been established, the commissioner and/or the department  
23 shall effectuate the authorizations, powers and/or duties set forth in  
24 section four hundred of this article only following the consultation,  
25 guidance, advice and assistance of the commission. The Republic airport  
26 commission shall meet at least six times a year at the call of the  
27 commissioner of transportation or the chair of the commission and shall  
28 keep a record of all its proceedings and recommendations. Staff services  
29 for the commission shall be performed by personnel of the department of  
30 transportation. In carrying out the functions and responsibilities of  
31 the commissioner and the commission, the commissioner shall designate an  
32 executive secretary from among the staff of the department of transpor-  
33 tation who will act as the administrative agent of the commission and  
34 assist the commission in fulfilling its duties and functions.

35 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
36 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the transportation law  
37 relating to the membership of the Republic airport commission, as  
38 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 9475 and A. 10336, takes  
39 effect.