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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRAUNSTEIN -- (at request of the Energy Research Development Authority) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the public authorities law, in relation to the chair of the New York state energy research and development authority

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 169 of the execu-  
2 tive law, as amended by section 9 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of  
3 2012, is amended to read as follows:

4 (c) commissioner of agriculture and markets, commissioner of [~~alcohol-~~  
5 ~~ism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports, adju-  
6 tant general, commissioner and president of state civil service commis-  
7 sion, commissioner of economic development, [~~chair of the energy~~  
8 ~~research and development authority,~~] president of higher education  
9 services corporation, commissioner of motor vehicles, member-chair of  
10 board of parole, chair of public employment relations board, secretary  
11 of state[, ~~commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services~~],  
12 executive director of the housing finance agency, commissioner of hous-  
13 ing and community renewal, executive director of state insurance fund,  
14 commissioner-chair of state liquor authority, chair of the workers'  
15 compensation board;

16 § 2. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 1852 of the public authorities  
17 law, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 857 of the laws of 1977, and  
18 subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 1980, are amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 4. The members, including the chair, shall serve without compensation  
21 for their services [~~as members~~], but they shall be entitled to  
22 reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
23 performance of their official duties.

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

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1 5. Any member [~~(except the chairman), the commissioner of the depart-~~  
2 ~~ment of environmental conservation and the chairman of the public~~  
3 ~~service commission~~] may engage in private employment, or in a profession  
4 or business, subject to the limitations contained in sections seventy-  
5 three and seventy-four of the public officers law; provided however,  
6 that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the members of the  
7 authority who are officers of an electric utility or a utility primarily  
8 engaged in the distribution of gas shall not be prohibited from partic-  
9 ipating and voting on any bond issue of the authority relating to air  
10 and water pollution facilities for any utility other than for the utili-  
11 ties of which such members are officers respectively. The authority  
12 shall, for the purposes of such sections, be a "state agency" and all  
13 members, including the [~~chairman~~ chair], shall be "officers" of the  
14 agency for the purposes of said sections.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.