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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES, LEVENBERG, JACOBSON, OTIS, SANTABARBARA, SLATER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the organization of industrial development agencies and the definition of labor organization

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

1 Section 1. Section 854 of the general municipal law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

3 (22) "Labor organization"--shall mean any organization which exists
4 and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
5 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms or
6 conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection and which
7 is not a company union.

8 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 856 of the general municipal law, as
9 amended by chapter 356 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 2. (a) An agency shall be a corporate governmental agency, constitut-
12 ing a public benefit corporation. Except as otherwise provided by
13 special act of the legislature, an agency shall consist of not less than
14 three nor more than seven members who shall be appointed by the govern-
15 ing body of each municipality and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
16 appointing authority. If the initial addition of the mandatory members
17 required pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision would increase
18 the agency size to above the maximum seven-member limit, the agency may
19 temporarily increase its size to allow for the addition of such mandato-
20 ry members. Provided, however, that such agency size shall decrease to
21 seven or fewer members as the seats of non-mandatory members are
22 vacated.

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

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1 **(b)** Such members may include representatives of local government
2 ~~[school]~~ and business, and shall at least include a representative of a
3 local labor organization and either a school district superintendent or
4 a representative of a school board. A member shall continue to hold
5 office until ~~[his]~~ their successor is appointed and has qualified. The
6 governing body of each municipality shall designate the first ~~[chairman]~~
7 chairperson and file with the secretary of state a certificate of
8 appointment or reappointment of any member. Such members shall receive
9 no compensation for their services but shall be entitled to the neces-
10 sary expenses, including traveling expenses, incurred in the discharge
11 of their duties.
12 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
13 it shall have become a law.