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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 19, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the process for filling vacancies on the Long Island rail road commuter's council

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 1266-d of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 802 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. Such council shall consist of thirteen members who shall be commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such railroad, and who shall be residents of Nassau, Suffolk, Queens or Brooklyn county. Members shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the county executive of each such county, provided, however, that such members shall be chosen from a list of ten names submitted by each such county executive and provided further however that no more than six members of such council shall be residents of either such county. Provided, however, that one member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the borough president of Queens and one member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the borough president of Brooklyn. Provided, however, that one member shall be appointed who has a demonstrated expertise or interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the authority and its affiliates and subsidiaries. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, provided, however, that such vacancy shall be filled from a list of [~~three names~~] **one name** submitted by each such county executive.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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