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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the central New York regional transportation authority

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2 of section  
2 1328 of the public authorities law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 as  
3 amended by chapter 44 of the laws of 2023, and subdivision 2 as added by  
4 chapter 714 of the laws of 1970, are amended to read as follows:

5 (a) There is hereby created the central New York regional transporta-  
6 tion authority. The authority shall be a body corporate and politic  
7 constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall consist of not more  
8 than [~~twelve~~] sixteen members, including a [~~chairman~~] chair and shall  
9 have one non-voting member, who does not count towards the maximum of  
10 sixteen, as described in paragraph (b) of this subdivision. At least one  
11 voting member shall be a transit dependent individual who shall be  
12 appointed by the governor. If a vacancy occurs for such transit depend-  
13 ent individual member position, a replacement shall be appointed within  
14 six months, subject to the same appointment process within this para-  
15 graph. The members shall be appointed by the governor by and with the  
16 advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall make initial  
17 appointments to the authority in such number and from lists submitted as  
18 follows: three members shall be appointed to the authority from a list  
19 of not less than six names, submitted to the governor by the common  
20 council of the city of Syracuse, five members from a list of not less  
21 than ten names, submitted by the legislature of the county of Onondaga  
22 and two members shall be appointed from a list of not less than four  
23 names submitted by the legislature of the county of Oneida. Other coun-  
24 ties electing to participate shall each submit to the governor a list of  
25 not less than two persons [~~for each one hundred thousand or major frac-~~

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

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1 ~~tion of the total population, as determined by the nineteen hundred~~  
2 ~~seventy or any subsequent federal decennial or federal county-wide~~  
3 ~~special census, of the counties outside the county of Onondaga which~~  
4 ~~shall elect to participate, from which number the governor shall appoint~~  
5 ~~one member for each one hundred thousand or major fraction of the total~~  
6 ~~population, as determined by such federal decennial or federal county-~~  
7 ~~wide special census, with a maximum of three members to represent such~~  
8 ~~counties outside the county of Onondaga so electing to participate] and~~  
9 the governor shall appoint one member for each such county, including  
10 Oswego, Cayuga, and Cortland counties as well as any other counties that  
11 may elect to participate. In addition to the members specified above,  
12 the governor shall appoint a transit dependent individual as a voting  
13 member who resides within a county within the district. Any local or  
14 statewide transit advocacy organization may recommend one or more trans-  
15 it dependent individuals to be considered for appointment pursuant to  
16 this section.

17 2. The members of the authority shall continue in office until their  
18 successors are appointed and shall have qualified. One member recom-  
19 mended by the common council of the city of Syracuse and one member  
20 recommended by the legislature of the county of Onondaga shall be  
21 appointed for terms ending July thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-  
22 five; one member recommended by the common council of the city of Syra-  
23 cuse and two members recommended by the legislature of the county of  
24 Onondaga shall be appointed for terms ending July thirty-first, nineteen  
25 hundred seventy-six; and one member recommended by the common council of  
26 the city of Syracuse and two members recommended by the legislature of  
27 the county of Onondaga shall be appointed for terms ending July thirty-  
28 first, nineteen hundred seventy-seven. The member (or members) who is  
29 (or are) recommended by the other county legislatures or board of super-  
30 visors shall be appointed for a term (or terms) of seven years, but all  
31 terminating on the thirty-first day of July of the seventh year. There-  
32 after, upon expiration of the term of a member of the authority a  
33 successor shall be appointed by the governor for a term expiring seven  
34 years after the expiration of the term of [~~his~~] such member's predeces-  
35 sor. If a member continues in office after the expiration of a term  
36 because no successor is appointed, such member shall continue in office  
37 until the conclusion of another seven year term or until a successor is  
38 appointed to serve the remainder of that term, whichever occurs earlier.  
39 If a vacancy shall occur by reason of death, disqualification, resigna-  
40 tion or removal of a member, the successor shall be appointed by the  
41 governor for the unexpired term, or if no successor is appointed during  
42 the unexpired term then upon expiration of that term the sequence of  
43 successive seven year terms shall continue and, when a successor is  
44 appointed, the successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the  
45 unexpired term then in effect. Persons succeeding members recommended by  
46 the appropriate legislative bodies of the city of Syracuse and the coun-  
47 ties of Onondaga and Oneida on the authority shall be appointed by the  
48 same procedure as the original appointments. The same procedure shall be  
49 followed for the filling of vacancies of members appointed from other  
50 counties. Members of the authority shall, before entering upon the  
51 duties of their office, take the constitutional oath of office and file  
52 the same in the office of the secretary of state.

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
54 have been in full force and effect on and after March 31, 2025.