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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:

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

(a) There is hereby created the central New York regional transportation authority. The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall consist of not more than [~~twelve~~] **sixteen** members, including a [~~chairman~~] **chair** and shall have one non-voting member**, who does not count towards the maximum of sixteen,** as described in paragraph (b) of this subdivision. At least one voting member shall be a transit dependent individual who shall be appointed by the governor. If a vacancy occurs for such transit dependent individual member position, a replacement shall be appointed within six months, subject to the same appointment process within this paragraph. The members shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall make initial appointments to the authority in such number and from lists submitted as follows: three members shall be appointed to the authority from a list of not less than six names, submitted to the governor by the common council of the city of Syracuse, five members from a list of not less than ten names, submitted by the legislature of the county of Onondaga and two members shall be appointed from a list of not less than four names submitted by the legislature of the county of Oneida. Other counties electing to participate shall each submit to the governor a list of 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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~~tion of the total population, as determined by the nineteen hundred seventy or any subsequent federal decennial or federal county-wide special census, of the counties outside the county of Onondaga which shall elect to participate, from which number the governor shall appoint one member for each one hundred thousand or major fraction of the total population, as determined by such federal decennial or federal county-wide special census, with a maximum of three members to represent such counties outside the county of Onondaga so electing to participate~~] **and the governor shall appoint one member for each such county, including Oswego, Cayuga, and Cortland counties as well as any other counties that may elect to participate**. In addition to the members specified above, the governor shall appoint a transit dependent individual as a voting member who resides within a county within the district. Any local or statewide transit advocacy organization may recommend one or more transit dependent individuals to be considered for appointment pursuant to this section.

2. The members of the authority shall continue in office until their successors are appointed and shall have qualified. One member recommended by the common council of the city of Syracuse and one member recommended by the legislature of the county of Onondaga shall be appointed for terms ending July thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-five; one member recommended by the common council of the city of Syracuse and two members recommended by the legislature of the county of Onondaga shall be appointed for terms ending July thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-six; and one member recommended by the common council of the city of Syracuse and two members recommended by the legislature of the county of Onondaga shall be appointed for terms ending July thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-seven. The member (or members) who is (or are) recommended by the other county legislatures or board of supervisors shall be appointed for a term (or terms) of seven years, but all terminating on the thirty-first day of July of the seventh year. Thereafter, upon expiration of the term of a member of the authority a successor shall be appointed by the governor for a term expiring seven years after the expiration of the term of [~~his~~] **such member's** predecessor. **If a member continues in office after the expiration of a term because no successor is appointed, such member shall continue in office until the conclusion of another seven year term or until a successor is appointed to serve the remainder of that term, whichever occurs earlier.** If a vacancy shall occur by reason of death, disqualification, resignation or removal of a member, the successor shall be appointed by the governor for the unexpired term**, or if no successor is appointed during the unexpired term then upon expiration of that term the sequence of successive seven year terms shall continue and, when a successor is appointed, the successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term then in effect**. Persons succeeding members recommended by the appropriate legislative bodies of the city of Syracuse and the counties of Onondaga and Oneida on the authority shall be appointed by the same procedure as the original appointments. The same procedure shall be followed for the filling of vacancies of members appointed from other counties. Members of the authority shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take the constitutional oath of office and file the same in the office of the secretary of state.

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