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Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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~~] thirteen members, including a [~~chairman~~] chair and shall
9 have one non-voting member, who does not count towards the maximum of
10 thirteen, as described in paragraph (b) of this subdivision. At least
11 one 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

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

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1 names submitted by the legislature of the county of Oneida. Other coun-
2 ties electing to participate shall each submit to the governor a list of
3 not less than two persons for each one hundred thousand or major frac-
4 tion of the total population, as determined by the nineteen hundred
5 seventy or any subsequent federal decennial or federal county-wide
6 special census, of the counties outside the county of Onondaga which
7 shall elect to participate, from which number the governor shall appoint
8 one member for each one hundred thousand or major fraction of the total
9 population, as determined by such federal decennial or federal county-
10 wide special census, with a maximum of three members to represent such
11 counties outside the county of Onondaga so electing to participate. In
12 addition to the members specified above, the governor shall appoint a
13 transit dependent individual as a voting member who resides within a
14 county within the district. Any local or statewide transit advocacy
15 organization may recommend one or more transit dependent individuals to
16 be considered for appointment pursuant to 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 vacancy shall occur by reason of death, disqualification,
36 resignation or removal of a member, the successor shall be appointed by
37 the governor for the unexpired term. Persons succeeding members recom-
38 mended by the appropriate legislative bodies of the city of Syracuse and
39 the counties of Onondaga and Oneida on the authority shall be appointed
40 by the same procedure as the original appointments. The same procedure
41 shall be followed for the filling of vacancies of members appointed from
42 other counties. Members of the authority shall, before entering upon the
43 duties of their office, take the constitutional oath of office and file
44 the same in the office of the secretary of state.

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