

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring school districts representation on industrial development agencies

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 856 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 356 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

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

(b) Such members may include representatives of local government, [school boards,] organized labor and business, and shall at least include either a school district superintendent or a representative of a school board. A member shall continue to hold office until [his] their successor is appointed and has qualified. The governing body of each municipality shall designate the first [chairman] chairperson and file with the secretary of state a certificate of appointment or reappointment of any member. Such members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including traveling expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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