

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 30, 2026

Introduced by Sen. O'MARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to expanded approval power

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

1 Section 1. Section 1853 of the public authorities law, as added by  
2 chapter 210 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 1853. Approval power of the governor and legislature. 1. No action  
4 taken at any meeting of the authority shall have force or effect until  
5 the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the  
6 assembly, the minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of  
7 the assembly shall have an opportunity to approve or veto the same.

8 2. For the purpose of procuring such approval or veto, the authority  
9 shall by rule designate an officer of the authority to transmit to the  
10 following: the governor at the executive chamber in Albany, the tempo-  
11 rary president of the senate at their Albany office, the speaker of the  
12 assembly at their Albany office, the minority leader of the senate at  
13 their Albany office, and the minority leader of the assembly at their  
14 Albany office a certified copy of the minutes of every meeting of the  
15 authority as soon after the holding of such meeting as such minutes can  
16 be written out. The governor, the temporary president of the senate, the  
17 speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the  
18 minority leader of the assembly shall, within fifteen days after such  
19 minutes shall have been delivered [~~to the executive chamber~~] as afore-  
20 said, cause the same to be returned to the authority either with [~~his~~]  
21 their approval or with [~~his~~] their veto of any action therein recited as  
22 having been taken, provided, however, that if the governor, the tempo-  
23 rary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority  
24 leader of the senate, or the minority leader of the assembly shall not  
25 return the said minutes within the said period then at the expiration  
26 thereof any action therein recited shall have full force and effect  
27 according to the wording thereof.

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

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1 3. If the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker  
2 of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate or the minority lead-  
3 er of the assembly within the said period returns the said minutes with  
4 a veto against any action recited therein, then such action shall be  
5 null and void.

6 4. The governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of  
7 the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, or the minority leader  
8 of the assembly may by order filed with the authority relieve the  
9 authority from the duty of procuring [~~his~~] their approval of its action  
10 upon any particular matter or class of matters, and thereupon the  
11 authority shall be relieved from reporting the same to [~~him~~] them.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.