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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 22, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 adding two trustees to the power authority to represent Niagara county and St. Lawrence county

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

1 Section 1. Section 1003 of the public authorities law, as amended by  
2 chapter 766 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 1003. Trustees. The authority shall consist of [~~seven~~] nine trus-  
4 tees, five of whom shall serve respectively for terms of one, two,  
5 three, four and five years, to be appointed by the governor, by and with  
6 the advice and consent of the senate. The sixth and seventh trustees  
7 shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent  
8 of the senate, and shall serve initial terms of one and two years  
9 respectively. The eighth and ninth trustees shall be appointed by the  
10 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall  
11 serve initial terms of one and two years respectively and shall be resi-  
12 dents of Niagara county and St. Lawrence county, respectively. Each  
13 trustee shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qual-  
14 ified. At the expiration of the term of each trustee and of each  
15 succeeding trustee the governor shall, by and with the advice and  
16 consent of the senate, appoint a successor, who shall hold office for a  
17 term of five years, or until a successor has been appointed and quali-  
18 fied. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the trustee  
19 by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall, by and with the  
20 advice and consent of the senate, appoint a successor, who shall hold  
21 office for the unexpired term. Four trustees shall constitute a quorum  
22 for the purpose of organizing the authority and conducting the business  
23 thereof.

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

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1 The trustee chosen as [~~chairman~~ chairperson] as provided in section  
2 one thousand four of this title, shall receive an annual salary which  
3 shall be set by the trustees of the authority, and which shall not  
4 exceed the salary prescribed for the positions listed in paragraph (f)  
5 of subdivision one of section one hundred sixty-nine of the executive  
6 law. Each other trustee shall not receive a salary or other compen-  
7 sation. Each trustee shall receive [~~his or her~~ their] reasonable  
8 expenses in the performance of [~~his or her~~ their] duties hereunder. The  
9 trustee chosen as [~~chairman~~ chairperson] may elect to become a member of  
10 the New York state and local employees' retirement system on the basis  
11 of such compensation to which [~~he or she~~ they] shall be entitled as  
12 herein provided notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special  
13 or local law, municipal charter, or ordinance.  
14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.