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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- (at request of the Energy Research Development Authority) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the public authorities law, in relation to the chair of the New York state energy research and development authority

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 169 of the executive law, as amended by section 9 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(c) commissioner of agriculture and markets, commissioner of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports, adjutant general, commissioner and president of state civil service commission, commissioner of economic development, [~~chair of the energy research and development authority,~~] president of higher education services corporation, commissioner of motor vehicles, member-chair of board of parole, chair of public employment relations board, secretary of state[~~, commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services~~], executive director of the housing finance agency, commissioner of housing and community renewal, executive director of state insurance fund, commissioner-chair of state liquor authority, chair of the workers' compensation board;

§ 2. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 1852 of the public authorities law, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 857 of the laws of 1977, and subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 1980, are amended to read as follows:

4. The members, including the chair, shall serve without compensation for their services [~~as members~~], but they shall be entitled to reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

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

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5. Any member [~~(except the chairman), the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation and the chairman of the public service commission~~] may engage in private employment, or in a profession or business, subject to the limitations contained in sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law; provided however, that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the members of the authority who are officers of an electric utility or a utility primarily engaged in the distribution of gas shall not be prohibited from participating and voting on any bond issue of the authority relating to air and water pollution facilities for any utility other than for the utilities of which such members are officers respectively. The authority shall, for the purposes of such sections, be a "state agency" and all members, including the [~~chairman~~] **chair**, shall be "officers" of the agency for the purposes of said sections.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.