*** § 2904-c. Regional nominating committees.** 1. There are hereby created eight regional nominating committees. The eight regional nominating committees shall operate within defined geographic boundaries consistent with the eight health systems agencies established pursuant to section two thousand nine hundred four-b of this article.

2. Each nominating committee shall consist of eleven members who shall be residents of each respective region and who have demonstrated an interest in regional health affairs. The members shall be appointed as follows: five shall be appointed by the governor; two by the temporary president of the senate; two by the speaker of the assembly; one by the minority leader of the senate; and one by the minority leader of the assembly. Two of the members initially appointed by the governor, shall each serve an initial term ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight. One of the members initially appointed by the temporary president of the senate and one of the members initially appointed by the speaker of the assembly shall each serve for an initial term ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight. The seven remaining members, shall each serve an initial term ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

3. The members shall designate one of their number to serve as chair for a period of two years or until his term of office expires, whichever period is shorter. A vacancy occurring for any reasons other than by expiration of term shall be filled by the appointing officer for the remainder of the unexpired term. Six members of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

4. A regional nominating committee shall approve members of the board of directors to the health systems agency as submitted by such health systems agency pursuant to section twenty-nine hundred four-b of this article as members' terms expire or vacancies occur on or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-four. Approval for membership on the board of directors of such agency shall require the concurrence of six members of a committee. Nominations submitted by the health systems agencies to such nominating committee and subsequent approvals of such nominations to the health systems agencies shall be released to the

public by the committee at the time of such submission or approval. A regional nominating committee shall take no longer than forty-five days to approve or disapprove agency board of director nominations. Such approval shall be in writing, and shall include the findings of the committee relating to the experience and aptitude for the agency position of each candidate. The committee shall notify the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly and the commissioner concerning all approvals to the agencies including the aptitude and experience of the agency members.

5. Health systems agencies shall provide administrative support to the respective regional nominating committee.

6. The committee shall undertake such other activities as are necessary to carry out their functions pursuant to this article.

* NB Expired June 30, 1996