

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

§ 1973. Battery park city authority

(1) There is hereby created the battery park city authority which shall be a body corporate and politic, constituting a public benefit corporation. Its membership shall consist of three members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. One of the members first appointed shall serve for a term ending four years from January first next succeeding his appointment; one of such members shall serve for a term ending five years from such date; and one of such members shall serve for a term ending six years from such date. Their successors shall serve for terms of six years each. Members shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed and qualified and the provisions of section thirty-nine of the public officers law shall apply. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of a member by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and consent of the senate to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

(2) The members shall elect the chairman of the authority from among their number. The members shall serve without salary or other compensation, but each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her official duties. Anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, any member who serves as an employee of the authority shall be entitled to receive such salary as the members may determine for services as such employee.

(3) Such members other than those serving as employees of the authority may engage in private employment, or in a profession or business. The authority, its members, officers and employees shall be subject to the provisions of sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law.

(4) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, general, special or local, no officer of the state or of any civil division thereof shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall forfeit his office or employment by reason of his acceptance of membership on the authority created by this section.

(5) The governor may remove any member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office after giving him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity to be heard, in person or by counsel, in his defense, upon not less than ten days notice. If any such members shall be removed, the governor shall file in the office of the department of state a complete statement of the charges made against such member and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

(6) The authority and its corporate existence shall continue until terminated by law, provided, however, that no such law shall take effect so long as the authority shall have bonds, notes and other obligations outstanding, unless adequate provision has been made for the payment thereof in the documents securing, the same. Upon termination of the existence of the authority, all its rights and properties shall vest in the state.

(7) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power or function of the authority. The authority may delegate to one or more of its members, or to its officers, agents or employees, such powers and duties as it may deem proper.

(Added L.1968, c. 343, § 1; amended L.1969, c. 624, § 3; L.1992, c. 55, § 207.)

Historical and Statutory Notes

1992 Amendments. Subd. 2. L.1992, c. 55, § 207. eff. May 10, 1992, prohibited the payment of salary or compensation for service as member and made subdivision gender-neutral.

Effective Date. Section effective May 31, 1968, pursuant to L.1968, c. 343, § 2.