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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the composition of the Voter Assistance Commission.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 1054 of the New York city charter shall be amended as follows:

§ 1054. **Voter assistance commission.** a. There shall be a voter assistance commission, the head of which shall be elected by the members of the commission from among their membership which shall consist of [sixteen] seven members and which shall advise all appropriate officials on matters relating to voter registration and voter participation in New York city. The commission shall include the [the first deputy mayor, or if there is

no first deputy mayor, such other deputy mayor as the mayor shall designate to serve on this commission, the director of the office of management and budget, the president of the board of education,] public advocate [, the executive director of the board of elections, the corporation counsel, and the chair of the campaign finance board. In addition there shall be nine] and six appointed members broadly representative of (1) groups that are under represented among those who vote and or among those who are registered to vote, (2) community, voter registration, civil rights, and disabled groups, and (3) the business community. Each of these members shall serve for a [three] four year term, with three to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council and three to be appointed by the council. No two members appointed by the mayor or the council shall be a resident of the same borough. [Of] Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this subdivision, of the [three] six members initially appointed by the mayor and council, one appointment by the mayor and one by the council shall serve for a [two year] term which expires on June thirtieth, [nineteen hundred ninety] two thousand six, one other appointment by the mayor and one by the council shall serve for a term which expires on June thirtieth, two thousand seven, and the two remaining appointed members shall serve for a term which expires on June thirtieth, [nineteen hundred ninety] two thousand eight [and one shall serve for a term which expires on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two. Of the six members initially appointed by the council, two shall serve for terms expiring on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety, two shall serve for terms expiring June thirtieth nineteen hundred ninety-one, and two shall serve for terms expiring June thirtieth nineteen hundred ninety-two]. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation. An appointed member of the commission may be removed during his or her term for cause by the person who appointed such member upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after it shall have been enacted into law.

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