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Sponsor Statement for SB 63

“An Act relating to the Local Boundary Commission.”

Senate Bill 63 is the final product of last session’s HB 279, which passed the House unanimously, made it through the Senate committee process and was calendared for Senate Floor vote, but the clock ran out before it could be voted on. SB 63 is adding language to existing statute to accomplish three goals:

- 1.) To ensure commissioners appointed from each of the four Judicial Districts actually live in and vote in the Judicial District from which they are appointed.
- 2.) To create an additional seat on the Commission and ensure that at least one of the six Commissioners come from the Unorganized Borough.
- 3.) To change statute regarding the selection of the Commission chair. Instead of the chair automatically being the member from the state at-large, the chair of the commission will be elected from amongst its members.

Note: The effective date of January 31, 2026 is selected so the present Local Boundary Commission (LBC) makeup will be retained until the next LBC seat becomes open. At that time a person from the Unorganized Borough will be selected.