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- Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations
- AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to creation of the legislative budget office

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 2	Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new article 5-C to read as follows:
3	ARTICLE 5-C
4	LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE
5	SECTION 88-K. NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE.
6	88-L. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
7	OFFICE.
8	S 88-K. NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE. THERE IS HEREBY
9	CREATED A NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE.
10	S 88-L. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
11	OFFICE. 1. THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL PERFORM
12	BUDGET ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THE FUNDING LEVELS NECESSARY TO THE OPERA-
13	TION OF GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS AND RENDER ANTICIPATED
14	REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR. SUCH REVENUE ESTIMATES SHALL BE
15	USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING BUDGET EXPENDITURES.
16	2. THE DIRECTOR OF THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL
17	EXAMINE AND REVIEW ALL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE STATE FOR THE
18	PURPOSE OF RENDERING REVENUE ESTIMATES USED IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE
19	PROPOSED STATE BUDGET IS BALANCED.
20	3. THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL BE HEADED BY A
21	DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND
22	ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. HE OR SHE SHALL DEVOTE HIS OR HER
23	FULL TIME AND EFFORT TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR AND HE OR SHE SHALL HOLD
	EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
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NO OTHER PUBLIC OFFICE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS
MAY BE FIXED BY THE OFFICE. THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT BUDGET ANALYSTS,
ASSISTANTS AND SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEES AS HE OR SHE MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR
DESIRABLE, PRESCRIBE THEIR DUTIES AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION WITHIN THE
AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED AND MADE AVAILABLE THEREFOR.

6 4. THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL BE CHARGED WITH 7 THE DUTY OF RENDERING ANTICIPATED REVENUE FORECAST REPORTS TO THE LEGIS-8 LATURE AND THE GOVERNOR FOR THE PURPOSES OF FACILITATING PASSAGE OF THE 9 STATE BUDGET IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST AND SHALL 10 RECEIVE FROM ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES 11 OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SUCH ASSISTANCE AND DATA AS 12 SHALL BE NECESSARY TO PROJECT ANTICIPATED STATE REVENUES FOR BUDGETARY 13 PURPOSES.

14 5. THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE 15 IN DETERMINING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

16 6. THE NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE 17 LEGISLATURE WRITTEN ESTIMATES OF ANTICIPATED STATE REVENUES ON JANUARY 18 FIFTEENTH, APRIL FIFTEENTH, JULY FIFTEENTH AND OCTOBER FIFTEENTH OF EACH 19 YEAR.

20 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.