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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to conducting meetings of public bodies via video conference technology

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 103 of the public officers law,
2 as added by chapter 289 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (c) (i) A public body that uses videoconferencing to conduct its meet-
5 ings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and
6 observe [~~at any site at which a member participates~~].

7 (ii) Notwithstanding paragraph (i) of this subdivision, a public body
8 of a municipal corporation, as defined by section sixty-six of the
9 general construction law, may conduct a meeting via video conference if
10 such public body: (1) provides an opportunity for the public to contem-
11 poraneously view and listen to such meeting online; (2) makes a video
12 recording of such meeting; and (3) posts such video recording on such
13 public body's website within five business days of such meeting. In
14 addition, upon request of a member of the public, such public body shall
15 make available a specific location within the jurisdiction of such
16 municipal corporation for the public to view and listen to such meeting
17 online, provided such request is received at least forty-eight hours
18 prior to the time such meeting is scheduled to begin.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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