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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF, MAGEE, BENJAMIN, CLARK, LATIMER, SPANO, ALFANO, BALL, GIGLIO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARRA, DelMONTE, DESTITO, ERRIGO, KOON, MILLER, TEDISCO, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to deliberations of political committees, conferences and caucuses

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 108 of the public officers law, as amended by chapter 136 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

b. for purposes of this section, the deliberations of political committees, conferences and caucuses means a private meeting of members of the senate or assembly of the state of New York, or of the legislative body of a county, city, town or village, who are members or adherents of the same political party, DURING THE PERIOD OF DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF POLITICAL PARTY BUSINESS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTY POLICY ON ISSUES OF PUBLIC BUSINESS, without regard to (i) [the subject matter under discussion, including discussions of public business, (ii)] the majority or minority status of such political committees, conferences and caucuses or [(iii)] (II) whether such political committees, conferences and caucuses invite staff or guests to participate in their deliberations; and

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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