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Introduced by M. of A. HAYES -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring public
hearings on the budget to make accommodations for the hearing impaired

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-a of the legislative law, as added by chapter
2 762 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 32-a. Budget; public hearings. After submission and prior to enact-
4 ment of the executive budget, the senate finance committee and the
5 assembly ways and means committee jointly or separately shall conduct
6 public hearings on the budget. Such hearings may be conducted regionally
7 to provide individuals and organizations throughout the state with an
8 opportunity to comment on the budget. The committees shall make every
9 effort to hear all those who wish to present statements at such public
10 hearings. The chairs of the committees jointly or separately shall
11 publish a schedule of hearings. THE COMMITTEES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
12 SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED INTERPRETER OR AN ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM IS
13 AVAILABLE AT SUCH HEARINGS AT NO CHARGE TO ANY PERSON WHO IS HEARING
14 IMPAIRED. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "ASSISTIVE LISTENING
15 SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN SITUATIONAL-PERSONAL ACOUSTIC COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
16 DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE TRANSMISSION AND AUDITORY RECEPTION OF SOUND.
17 SUCH SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE USE OF STANDARD
18 AMPLITUDE MODULATION (AM), FREQUENCY MODULATION (FM), AUDIO INDUCTION
19 LOOP, INFRARED LIGHT SOUND, OR HARD WIRE SYSTEMS.
20 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
21 ing the date on which 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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