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AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to records requested through electronic mail

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 95 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(D) EACH AGENCY SHALL, PROVIDED SUCH AGENCY HAS REASONABLE MEANS AVAILABLE, ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR RECORDS SUBMITTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC MAIL AND SHALL RESPOND TO SUCH REQUESTS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL, USING FORMS, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, CONSISTENT WITH THE FORM OR FORMS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED THAT THE ELECTRONIC MAIL REQUESTS DO NOT SEEK A RESPONSE IN SOME OTHER FORM.

S 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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