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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the designation of local government historians

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 229-a to read as follows:

S 229-A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIANS; DESIGNATION. 1. A BOROUGH, COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, OR COMMUNITY HISTORIAN APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 57.07 OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS LAW WILL BE PLACED ON A ROSTER OF RECOGNIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIANS. SUCH LIST WILL SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS IN PURVEYING IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF NEW YORK STATE HISTORY. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN DESIGNATION LIST SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND PLACEMENT ON SUCH LIST CONFIRMED BY THE STATE HISTORIAN AND THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO NOTIFY THE STATE HISTORIAN AND THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION WHEN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN VACANCY OCCURS OR WHEN A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN IS APPOINTED TO SERVE. THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HISTORIANS OF NEW YORK STATE SHALL CONFIRM A LIST OF MEMBERS WHO SHALL QUALIFY TO ASSIST THE STATE HISTORIAN AND OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION IN CREATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIANS DESIGNATION LIST.

2. THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HISTORIANS OF NEW YORK STATE SHALL ESTABLISH FROM AMONG THEIR MEMBERS A COMMITTEE WHO SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE HISTORIAN AND THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING THE STATE HISTORIAN AND THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION WHEN A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN IS APPOINTED. THE NEWLY APPOINTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A LOCAL HISTORIAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 57.07 OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS LAW. THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HISTORIANS OF NEW YORK STATE SHALL, AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS FROM THE DATE THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE BECOME A LAW, CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE LOCAL

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

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GOVERNMENT HISTORIAN VACANCIES THAT EXIST IN NEW YORK STATE AND SUBMIT THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REMEDYING SAID VACANCIES FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE STATE HISTORIAN AND THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.