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

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the public officers law, in relation to the code of ethics of public officers

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

Section 1. Section 806 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION MAY PROVIDE IN ITS CODE OF ETHICS THAT FAVORITISM BY AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING EXTENDED TOWARDS A RELATIVE OF SAID OFFICIAL; HOWEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SUCH CITY MAY SOLICIT THE ADVICE OF OR UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF A RELATIVE WHERE SUCH ADVICE OR SERVICES ARE RENDERED WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

S 2. Section 74 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. CODE OF ETHICS. NO PERSON ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY-GENERAL NOR ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A STATE AGENCY, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE OR LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL EXTEND FAVORITISM TOWARDS A RELATIVE; HOWEVER, THE GOVERNOR MAY SOLICIT THE ADVICE OF OR UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF A RELATIVE WHERE SUCH ADVICE OR SERVICES ARE RENDERED WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

S 3. 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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