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Introduced by Sens. STEWART-COUSINS, HASSELL-THOMPSON, MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to prohibiting the withdrawal or reduction of promised funds for community projects after the departure of the original sponsoring member

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 13 to read as follows:

S 13. COMMUNITY PROJECTS; LIMITATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THE ORIGINAL SPONSORING MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY PROJECT AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED IN THE STATE BUDGET AS ADOPTED AND THE ELECTION OF A NEW MEMBER WHO SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECT, NO MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL WITHDRAW OR REDUCE ANY FUNDS GRANTED FOR THE COMMUNITY PROJECT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE NEW MEMBER. THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ORIGINAL SPONSORING MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN RE-ELECTED FOR THE UPCOMING TERM OF OFFICE AND SHALL PROHIBIT SUCH A MEMBER FROM DISTRIBUTING SUCH FUNDS PRIOR TO HIS OR HER DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE WHEN DISTRIBUTION IS FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE FINANCING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECT.

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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