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Introduced by M. of A. JOHNS, BLANKENBUSH, HAWLEY, J. MILLER, GOODELL, WALTER, RA, BURLING, KATZ, McKEVITT, SALADINO, CROUCH, McDONOUGH, CASTELLI, TEDISCO, BARCLAY, CERETTO, REILICH, TENNEY, GIGLIO, D. MILLER, KOLB -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DUPREY, HANNA, McLAUGHLIN, SAYWARD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to entitling each member of the legislature to bring one substantive piece of legislation of his or her choosing to the floor for a vote without a home rule message and committee review during each two-year term

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "sensible opportunity for legislative equality (SOLE) act".

S 2. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 33-a to read as follows:

S 33-A. ENTITLEMENT TO ONE SUBSTANTIVE BILL DURING EACH TWO-YEAR TERM. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, DURING EACH TWO-YEAR TERM OF THE LEGISLATURE, EACH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE SUBSTANTIVE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, OF HIS OR HER CHOOSING, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY BILL ACCOMPANIED BY A HOME RULE MESSAGE, DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE AND BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE. A MEMBER MAY BRING SUCH BILL TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE BY FILING A WRITTEN NOTICE WITH THE CLERK OF SENATE DESK OPERATIONS OR THE INDEX CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY ON A FORM PROVIDED BY SUCH CLERK.

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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