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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law law, in relation to establishing the real property tax relief and local government mandate reform act

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and declarations. The legislature hereby finds and determines that real property taxes in New York state are too high, and that the burden that they place upon our citizens, homeowners and businesses, is making it difficult for New York state to thrive, prosper and succeed.

The legislature further finds and determines that the only way to realistically reduce the real property tax burden upon our citizens, homeowners and businesses, is to place a comprehensive approach in state law which controls costs and spending for local governments, and provides significant mandate relief with respect to their fiscal obligations.

The legislature also finds and determines that the real property tax relief and local government mandate reform must be achieved by a comprehensive approach to reduce real property taxes across the state, controlling government costs, and the provision of significant mandate relief to local governments.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 101 of the general municipal law, as amended by section 1 of part MM of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, is amended and a new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in section two hundred twenty-two of the labor law, OR SUBDIVISION ONE-A OF THIS SECTION, every officer, board or agency of a political subdivision or of any district therein, charged with the duty of preparing specifications or awarding or entering into contracts for the erection, construction, reconstruction or

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

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alteration of buildings, when the entire cost of such public work shall exceed [three] TEN million dollars in the counties of the Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond; [one] SEVEN million five hundred thousand dollars in the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester; and five [hundred thousand] MILLION dollars in all other counties within the state, shall prepare separate specifications for the following three subdivisions of the work to be performed:

a. Plumbing and gas fitting;

b. Steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning apparatus; and

c. Electric wiring and standard illuminating fixtures.

1-A. NO OFFICER, BOARD OR AGENCY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR OF ANY DISTRICT THEREIN, CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS OR AWARDING OR ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING; STEAM HEATING, HOT WATER HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS; AND ELECTRIC WIRING AND STANDARD ILLUMINATING FIXTURES, OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED, IF THERE IS IN PLACE, PRIOR TO THE AWARDING OR ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS, A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.