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AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to the conduct of public hearings on the budget

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-a of the legislative law, as added by chapter
2 762 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 32-a. Budget; public hearings. After submission and prior to enact-
4 ment of the executive budget, the senate finance committee and the
5 assembly ways and means committee jointly or separately shall conduct
6 public hearings on the budget. Such hearings [may] SHALL be conducted
7 [regionally] IN BUFFALO, ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE, WATERTOWN, ALBANY, POUGH-
8 KEEPSIE, NEW YORK CITY AND ON LONG ISLAND to provide individuals and
9 organizations throughout the state with an opportunity to comment on the
10 budget. The committees shall make every effort to hear all those who
11 wish to present statements at such public hearings. The chairs of the
12 committees jointly or separately shall publish a schedule of hearings.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
14 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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