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AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to the legislative bill drafting commission

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

Section 1. Section 24 of the legislative law, as added by chapter 5 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

S 24. Legislative bill drafting commission. 1. A legislative bill drafting commission is hereby created to consist of [two] THREE commissioners, one of whom shall be the commissioner for administration, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR ACCOUNTABILITY and the other of whom shall be the commissioner for operations. Each such commissioner shall be appointed [jointly] ON A CONSENSUS BASIS by the temporary president of the senate [and], THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, the speaker of the assembly, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. Such appointments shall be evidenced by the [joint] CONSENSUS certificate of the appointing officers filed in the office of the secretary of state. Each such commissioner shall hold office until his OR HER successor is appointed in the same manner as hereinabove provided. The commissioners shall receive such compensation as may be provided within the amount of the appropriation made by law for the maintenance and operation of the commission. The commissioners and employees of the commission shall be considered as employees of the legislature for all purposes.

2. THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ACCOUNTABILITY MUST INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION: PREPARING A QUARTERLY REPORT ON VARIOUS METRICS, SUCH AS, THE NUMBER OF BILL AND RESOLUTION DRAFTS REQUESTED DISASSOCIATED BY TYPE, SUBJECT MATTER, STATUS AND THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE REQUESTOR AND THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FROM THE DATE OF REQUEST TO THE DATE OF INITIAL PRODUCTION DISASSOCIATED BY TYPE, SUBJECT MATTER, STATUS AND THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE REQUESTOR AND ENSURING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS ARE FOLLOWED.

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

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S 2. Section 25 of the legislative law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. IN THE COURSE OF DRAFTING ALL BILLS AND ALL RESOLUTIONS, ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE REQUESTOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS DRAFTING THE PRODUCT SHALL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.