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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:

1     Section 1. Section 24 of the legislative law, as added by chapter 5 of  
2     the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 24. Legislative bill drafting commission. 1. A legislative bill  
4     drafting commission is hereby created to consist of [two] THREE commis-  
5     sioners, one of whom shall be the commissioner for administration, ONE  
6     OF WHOM SHALL BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR ACCOUNTABILITY and the other of  
7     whom shall be the commissioner for operations. Each such commissioner  
8     shall be appointed [jointly] ON A CONSENSUS BASIS by the temporary pres-  
9     ident of the senate [and], THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, the speak-  
10    er of the assembly, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. Such  
11    appointments shall be evidenced by the [joint] CONSENSUS certificate of  
12    the appointing officers filed in the office of the secretary of state.  
13    Each such commissioner shall hold office until his OR HER successor is  
14    appointed in the same manner as hereinabove provided. The commissioners  
15    shall receive such compensation as may be provided within the amount of  
16    the appropriation made by law for the maintenance and operation of the  
17    commission. The commissioners and employees of the commission shall be  
18    considered as employees of the legislature for all purposes.  
19    2. THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ACCOUNTABILITY MUST INCLUDE,  
20    WITHOUT LIMITATION: PREPARING A QUARTERLY REPORT ON VARIOUS METRICS,  
21    SUCH AS, THE NUMBER OF BILL AND RESOLUTION DRAFTS REQUESTED DISASSOCI-  
22    ATED BY TYPE, SUBJECT MATTER, STATUS AND THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
23    REQUESTOR AND THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FROM THE DATE OF REQUEST TO THE  
24    DATE OF INITIAL PRODUCTION DISASSOCIATED BY TYPE, SUBJECT MATTER, STATUS  
25    AND THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE REQUESTOR AND ENSURING THAT THE  
26    PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE  
27    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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1 S 2. Section 25 of the legislative law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3 5. IN THE COURSE OF DRAFTING ALL BILLS AND ALL RESOLUTIONS, ALL COMMU-  
4 NICATIONS BETWEEN THE REQUESTOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS DRAFT-  
5 ING THE PRODUCT SHALL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNI-  
6 CATIONS.

7 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.