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AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring elected officials to post certain information regarding contributions on his or her websites

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

- 1     Section 1. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section  
2     61-a to read as follows:  
3     S 61-A. CONTRIBUTIONS POSTED ON CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS' WEBSITES.  
4     1.     THE GOVERNOR, THE COMPTROLLER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ANY MEMBER  
5     OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY SHALL:  
6     A.     POST ON THE HOMEPAGE OF HIS OR HER WEBSITES A DIRECT LINK TO THE  
7     BOARD OF ELECTIONS WEBSITE TO SUCH ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIB-  
8     UTIONS.  
9     B.     POST ON THE HOMEPAGE OF HIS OR HER WEBSITES ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OVER  
10    TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT; INCLUDING THE  
11    EXACT AMOUNT OF EACH CONTRIBUTION AND THE IDENTITY OF THE DONOR.  
12    2.     SUCH ELECTED OFFICIAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE  
13    INFORMATION AS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPHS A AND B OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS  
14    SECTION IS POSTED, EITHER BY THE ELECTED OFFICIAL OR SUCH ELECTED OFFI-  
15    CIAL'S DESIGNEE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL  
16    STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WHILE IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR  
17    HER DUTIES AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE, BE DESIGNATED FOR THE PURPOSES  
18    OF POSTING SUCH INFORMATION ON THE CAMPAIGN WEBSITES OF ANY ELECTED  
19    OFFICIAL.  
20    3.     ANY PERSON WHO SHALL KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATE ANY PROVISION  
21    OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS E FELONY.  
22    S 2. 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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