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## IN SENATE

## April 24, 2015

Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to enacting the "digital home act" to assist municipalities with paperwork reduction initiatives

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

Section 1. This act shall be known as the "digital home act".

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- S 2. Subparagraphs (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) of paragraph o of subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state finance law are renumbered subparagraphs (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x) and a new subparagraph (vi) is added to read as follows:
- (VI) PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT GRANTS. (1) WITHIN THE ANNUAL AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY AWARD COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCING PAPER-WORK USAGE AND IMPLEMENTING DIGITAL ALTERNATIVES TO PAPER.
- 10 (2) THE MAXIMUM PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT GRANT SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN 11 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MUNICIPALITY.
  - (3) LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GRANT WORK PLAN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL BE REQUIRED.
  - (4) GRANTS AWARDED TO MUNICIPALITIES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY BE INCLUDED IN CALCULATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THREE YEAR COST SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES FOR GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLANS SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS THREE AND FOUR OF SECTION THREE-D OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.
- 20 S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 21 have become a law.

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

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