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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to meetings and proceedings of the joint commission on public ethics

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 19 of section 94 of the executive law, as amended by section 6 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:  
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3     (b) [Notwithstanding the provisions of article seven of the public officers law, no meeting or proceeding, including any such proceeding contemplated under paragraph (h) or (i) of subdivision nine of this section,] MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS of the commission shall be open to the public[, except if expressly provided otherwise by the commission or as is required by article one-A of the legislative law] PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, COMMISSIONERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OR PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING VOTING, FROM A LOCATION NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION, SO LONG AS ONE OF THE LOCATIONS FROM WHICH THE MEETING OR PROCEEDING IS BEING CONDUCTED COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW. SUCH PARTICIPATION SHALL COUNT TOWARDS QUORUM. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE FINAL VOTE OF EACH MEMBER IN EVERY PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSION IN WHICH THE MEMBER VOTES.  
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20     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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