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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring that
committee and floor votes be made available online and that session
and committee meetings be live webcast and archived

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

1 Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 54-c
2 to read as follows:
3 S 54-C. COMMITTEE AND FLOOR VOTES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE POSTED
4 ONLINE. 1. ALL VOTES TAKEN ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY OR
5 VOTES TAKEN IN ANY COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE LISTED ON THE
6 OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF
7 SUCH VOTE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE. SUCH LISTING SHALL INCLUDE THE
8 BILL NUMBER, DATE OF VOTE, THE SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION FROM THE
9 LEGISLATIVE RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, WHETHER SUCH VOTE WAS ON THE FLOOR OR IN A
10 COMMITTEE AND EACH MEMBER'S VOTE LISTED AS AYE, NAY, EXCUSED, ABSENT OR
11 ABSTAIN.
12 2. EVERY COMMITTEE MEETING AND HEARING OF THE LEGISLATURE AND EVERY
13 SESSION SHALL BE LIVE WEBCAST AND ARCHIVED THROUGH THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE
14 OF EACH RESPECTIVE HOUSE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE.
15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
16 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the obligation to
17 archive webcasts of committee meetings, hearings and sessions of the
18 legislature as provided in section one of this act shall only apply to
19 webcasts occurring on or after the effective date of this act.

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

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