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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 54-b to read as follows:

S 54-B. COMMITTEE AND FLOOR VOTES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE POSTED ONLINE. 1. ALL VOTES TAKEN ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY OR VOTES TAKEN IN ANY COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF SUCH VOTE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE. SUCH LISTING SHALL INCLUDE THE BILL NUMBER, DATE OF VOTE, THE SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE RETRIEVAL SYSTEM, WHETHER SUCH VOTE WAS ON THE FLOOR OR IN A COMMITTEE AND EACH MEMBER'S VOTE LISTED AS AYE, NAY, EXCUSED, ABSENT OR ABSTAIN. SUCH LISTING SHALL ALSO INCLUDE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GOVERNOR RELATING TO LEGISLATION, SUCH AS MESSAGES OF NECESSITY AND VETO OR APPROVAL MEMORANDA.

2. EVERY COMMITTEE MEETING AND HEARING OF THE LEGISLATURE AND EVERY SESSION SHALL BE LIVE WEBCAST AND ARCHIVED THROUGH THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF EACH RESPECTIVE HOUSE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the obligation to archive webcasts of committee meetings, hearings and sessions of the legislature as provided in section one of this act shall only apply to 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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