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AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring open meetings and the internet broadcast of open meetings of each state authority, where practicable

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

Section 1. Subdivision (f) of section 103 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 519 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Open meetings of an agency OR AUTHORITY shall be, to the extent practicable and within available funds, broadcast to the public and maintained as records of the agency OR AUTHORITY. If the agency OR AUTHORITY maintains a website and utilizes a high speed internet connection, such open meeting shall be, to the extent practicable and within available funds, streamed on such website in real-time, and posted on such website within and for a reasonable time after the meeting. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "agency" shall mean only a state department, board, bureau, division, council or office and any public corporation the majority of whose members are appointed by the governor. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM "AUTHORITY" SHALL MEAN A PUBLIC AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION CREATED BY OR EXISTING UNDER ANY STATE LAW, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOSE MEMBERS IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR (INCLUDING ANY SUBSIDIARIES OF SUCH PUBLIC AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION), OTHER THAN AN INTERSTATE OR INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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