

STATE OF NEW YORK

1621

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2017

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

3 § 54-b. 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. Such listing shall also include correspondence from the gover-
12 nor relating to legislation, such as messages of necessity and veto or
13 approval memoranda.

14 2. Every committee meeting and hearing of the legislature and every
15 session shall be live webcast and archived through the official website
16 of each respective house to the extent practicable.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
18 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the obligation to
19 archive webcasts of committee meetings, hearings and sessions of the
20 legislature as provided in section one of this act shall only apply to
21 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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