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Introduced by M. of A. RAIA, McKEVITT, FINCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state law, in relation to designating the official state book

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state law is amended by adding a new section 91 to read as follows:

§ 91. State book. Each year prior to May first, every school district in the state shall submit to the commissioner of education its choice for the state book for a period of one year, such selection being made according to standards determined by the commissioner. From such submissions the commissioner shall select one book to be designated the New York state book for a period of one year commencing June first. The school district submitting the book so designated as the state book shall receive such salutations and commendations as the commissioner shall determine.

On or before June first of each year the commissioner of education is directed to forward his or her selection of the state book for the ensuing year to the governor, temporary president and minority leader of the senate, speaker and minority leader of the assembly and the members of the delegation to the legislature comprising the districts of which the prevailing school district is a part. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, during the first year following the effective date of this section, the book "Robert's Tall Friend" authored by Virginia Harris shall be designated the state book.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which 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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