STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 19, 2018

Introduced by Sen. RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring water works corporations and municipal water systems to annually calculate and submit to the public service commission their water cost index

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 89-k to read as follows:

§ 89-k. Water cost index. 1. For the purposes of this section, "water cost index" means the annual cost of water for an average single family household served by a water works corporation or municipal water system. The water cost index shall be calculated using uniform factors developed by the commission including, but not limited to, usage, fees, applicable taxes, meter size and seasonal rate structures.

2. Within six months of the effective date of this section, the commission shall develop a formula for the calculation of a water cost index. Such formula shall include the uniform factors to be used by any water works corporation or municipal water system in calculating its water cost index. The commission shall publish such formula on its website, and shall provide such formula to each water works corporation and municipal water system serving one thousand customers or more. The commission may, from time to time, update such formula.

3. Annually, each water works corporation and municipal water system serving one thousand customers or more shall calculate and submit to the commission its water cost index. The water cost index shall be submitted to the commission within sixty days succeeding the close of its fiscal year. Municipal water systems may submit its water cost index as part of their annual report as provided for in section eighty-nine-l of this article.

4. Annually, by December thirty-first, the commission shall publish a report on the water cost index of each applicable water works corporation and municipal water system of the preceding calendar year. The

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

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report shall provide a statistical analysis of the data and a comparison of water cost indexes throughout the state, including, but not limited to, comparisons based on regions, type of provider, and size.

5. A copy of the report shall be posted on the commission's website and the commission shall notify the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate energy and telecommunications committee, and the chair of the assembly corporations, authorities and commissions committee of its posting and any updates made thereto.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.