

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding requirements for public notification of public meetings

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 104 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 511 of the laws of 1976 and such section as renumbered by chapter 652 of the laws of 1983, is amended and a new subdivision 3-a is added to read as follows:

3. ~~[The public notice provided for by this section shall not be construed to require publication as a legal notice]~~ When a public body has the ability to do so, notice of the time and place of a meeting given in accordance with subdivision one or two of this section shall also:

a. be conspicuously posted on an internet website; and
b. be sent by electronic mail to any individuals who have registered with the public body to receive such notice by electronic mail.

3-a. To the extent practicable, a public body shall also establish a system for individuals to register for on-going electronic mails containing information on the status of its significant projects. Significant projects are projects determined by the public body to involve a major expenditure of public funds or are of significant interest to the public. These include, but are not limited to:

a. pending awards of contracts costing in excess of ten percent or more of the total projected project cost;

b. project timelines and milestones;

c. and the status of environmental impact statements on the projects conducted pursuant to local, state or federal law.

§ 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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