STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 23, 2020

Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to conducting business by electronic means during a state disaster emergency; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, during a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, a public body in the affected area may utilize electronic means to conduct business pursuant to this section. In utilizing such electronic means, the public body shall promptly provide notice to the general public pursuant to section one hundred four of this article detailing how failure to utilize electronic means would unduly threaten the health or safety of members of the public body or the general public, and provide a description of alternate means by which the public can monitor, watch, listen to, participate in, and/or attend the meeting.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2022.

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

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