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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAMINSKY, KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to requiring judges who  
recuse themselves to provide the reason for the recusal

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

1 Section 1. The judiciary law is amended by adding a new section 9 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 9. Recusal; reason. Any judge who recuses himself or herself from  
4 sitting in or taking any part in the decision of an action, claim,  
5 matter, motion or proceeding shall provide the reason for such recusal  
6 in writing or on the record; provided, however, that no judge shall be  
7 required to provide a reason for such recusal when the reason may result  
8 in embarrassment, or is of a personal nature, affecting the judge or a  
9 person related to the judge within the sixth degree by consanguinity or  
10 affinity.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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