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

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to conducting meetings of public bodies via video conference technology or via simultaneous video conference and in-person

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of section 103 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 289 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(c) **(i)** A public body that uses videoconferencing to conduct its meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe at any site at which a member participates.

(ii) In the alternative, a public body of a municipal corporation as defined in section sixty-six of the general construction law may conduct a meeting via video conference or via simultaneous video conference and in-person if the public body: (1) provides an opportunity for the public to contemporaneously view and listen to such meeting online; (2) makes a video recording of the meeting; and (3) posts the recording on the public body's website within five business days of the meeting. In addition, upon request of a member of the public, the public body must make available a specific location within the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation for the public to view and listen to such meeting online, provided the request is received at least forty-eight hours prior to the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.

§ 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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