STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 2, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the religious corporations law, in relation to electronic meetings conducted partially or solely by means of electronic communication; and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Section 28 of the religious corporations law, as amended by chapter 588 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28. Electronic meetings. Notwithstanding any provision of law, certificate of incorporation or by-laws to the contrary, if the board of trustees of a religious corporation is authorized to determine the place of trustee meetings, corporate meetings, congregant or membership meetings, the board of trustees may, in its sole discretion, determine that the meeting shall be held **partially or** solely by means of electronic communication**. In the case of a meeting held solely by electronic communication**, the electronic service and/or platform through which the meeting is held shall be the place of the meeting for purposes of this chapter. **Meetings conducted partially or solely by means of electronic communications in reliance upon this section and any individual's electronic participation in such meetings shall be subject to those guidelines and procedures as the board of trustees adopts.**

§ 2. Section 28 of the religious corporations law, as amended by chapter 98 of the laws of 2021, is REPEALED.

§ 3. 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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