

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing the addition of a new section 19 to article 1 of the constitution in relation to the fundamental right of the people to have access to public information

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 1 of the  
2 constitution be amended by adding a new section 19 to read as follows:

3 § 19. The right to public information, being a necessary and vital  
4 part of democracy and public deliberation, shall be a fundamental right  
5 of the people. The right of the people to inspect and/or copy records of  
6 government, and to be provided notice of and attend public meetings of  
7 government, shall not be unreasonably restricted.

8 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
9 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
10 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
11 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
12 published for three months previous to the time of such election.

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

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