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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- 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 requiring all local governments to live stream open meetings and public hearings and make the recordings of such meetings and hearings available on the webpage of the local government

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

Section 1. Section 104 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

**5-a. Local governments shall be required, to the extent practicable, to stream all open meetings and public hearings on its website in real-time. Each local government shall post video recordings of all such open meetings and public hearings on its website within five business days of the meeting or hearing and shall maintain such recordings for a period of not less than five years.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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