STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 3 of article 4 of the constitution, in relation to requiring the governor and senior state officers to appear before the legislature

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 3 of article 4 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 3. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the state. The governor shall have power to convene the legislature, or the senate only, on extraordinary occasions. At extraordinary sessions convened pursuant to the provisions of this section no subject shall be acted upon, except such as the governor may recommend for consideration. The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at every session the condition of the state, and recommend such matters to it as he or she shall judge expedient. The governor shall expedite all such measures as may be resolved upon by the legislature, and shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed. **Subject and pursuant to such laws as may be enacted to this effect, the governor, and all other state officers subject to senate confirmation, shall periodically appear before the two houses of the legislature as requested by the legislature for the purpose of publicly explaining actions and answering questions pertaining to matters of consequence to the people of New York state. The speaker of the assembly, minority leader of the assembly, temporary president of the senate, and minority leader of the senate shall each be given equal opportunities to pose questions to the governor and officers within their respective houses, and each may select and delegate other members to pose questions as they deem proper.** The governor shall receive for his or her services an annual salary to be fixed by joint resolution of the senate and assembly, and there shall be provided for his or her use a suitable and furnished executive residence.

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

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