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## IN SENATE

March 28, 2022

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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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

3 § 28. Electronic meetings. Notwithstanding any provision of law,  
4 certificate of incorporation or by-laws to the contrary, if the board of  
5 trustees of a religious corporation is authorized to determine the place  
6 of trustee meetings, corporate meetings, congregant or membership meet-  
7 ings, the board of trustees may, in its sole discretion, determine that  
8 the meeting shall be held partially or solely by means of electronic  
9 communication. In the case of a meeting held solely by electronic commu-  
10 nication, the electronic service and/or platform through which the meet-  
11 ing is held shall be the place of the meeting for purposes of this chap-  
12 ter. Meetings conducted partially or solely by means of electronic  
13 communications in reliance upon this section and any individual's elec-  
14 tronic participation in such meetings shall be subject to those guide-  
15 lines and procedures as the board of trustees adopts.

16 § 2. Section 28 of the religious corporations law, as amended by chap-  
17 ter 98 of the laws of 2021, is REPEALED.

18 § 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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