STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 12, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- 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 lowering quorum requirements for meetings of community boards held by videoconferencing in cities with a population of one million or more

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 103-a of the public officers law, as added by section 2 of part WW of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

A public body may, in its discretion, use videoconferencing to conduct its meetings pursuant to the requirements of this article provided that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend**, except that in the case of a community board in a city with a population of one million or more, one quarter of the members and the relevant presiding officer must be present in such physical location or locations,** and the following criteria are met:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 103-a of the public officers law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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