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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Commit-
    tee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding
    requirements for public notification of public meetings

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

 1   Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 104 of the public officers law, as
 2 added by chapter 511 of the laws of 1976, such section as renumbered by
 3 chapter 652 of the laws of 1983, is amended and a new subdivision 3-a is
 4 added to read as follows:
 5   3. [The public notice provided for by this section shall not be
 6 construed to require publication as a legal notice] When a public body
 7 has the ability to do so, notice of the time and place of a meeting
 8 given in accordance with subdivision one or two of this section shall
 9 also:
10   a. be conspicuously posted on an internet website; and
11   b. be sent by electronic mail to any individuals who have registered
12 with the public body to receive such notice by electronic mail.
13   3-a. To the extent practicable, a public body shall also establish a
14 system for individuals to register for on-going electronic mails
15 containing information on the status of its significant projects.
16 Significant projects are projects determined by the public body to
17 involve a major expenditure of public funds or are of significant inter-
18 est to the public. These include, but are not limited to:
19   a. pending awards of contracts costing in excess of ten percent or
20 more of the total projected project cost;
21   b. project timelines and milestones;
22   c. and the status of environmental impact statements on the projects
23 conducted pursuant to local, state or federal law.
24   § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
25 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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