STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to providing for an open book bar examination

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

Section 1. Section 460 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 226 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

§ 460. Examination and admission of attorneys. **1.** An applicant for admission to practice as an attorney or counsellor in this state, must be examined and licensed to practice as prescribed in this chapter and in the rules of the court of appeals. Race, creed, color, national origin, alienage or sex shall constitute no cause for refusing any person examination or admission to practice.

2. If the governor has declared a state disaster emergency pursuant to section twenty-eight of the executive law such examination shall be conducted in an open book format. The state board of law examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this subdivision.

§ 2. 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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