

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 16, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to conducting business by electronic means during a state disaster emergency; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

3 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, during
4 a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the execu-
5 tive law, a public body in the affected area may utilize electronic
6 means to conduct business pursuant to this section. In utilizing such
7 electronic means, the public body shall promptly provide notice to the
8 general public pursuant to section one hundred four of this article
9 detailing how failure to utilize electronic means would unduly threaten
10 the health or safety of members of the public body or the general
11 public, and provide a description of alternate means by which the public
12 can monitor, watch, listen to, participate in, and/or attend the meet-
13 ing.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
15 deemed repealed December 31, 2022.

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

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