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IN ASSEMBLY

January 31, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to reporting of cryptocurrency holdings on the annual statement of financial disclosure

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 73-a of the public officers law is 2 amended by adding a new paragraph 16-a to read as follows:

3 16-a. List below the type and market value of cryptocurrencies held by 4 the reporting individual or such individual's spouse in EXCESS of \$1,000 5 at the close of the taxable year last occurring prior to the date of filing. Whenever an interest in cryptocurrencies exists through a bene-6 7 ficial interest in a trust, the cryptocurrencies held in such trust shall be listed ONLY IF the reporting individual has knowledge thereof 8 9 except where the reporting individual or the reporting individual's 10 spouse has transferred assets to such trust for his or her benefit in which event such cryptocurrencies shall be listed unless they are not 11 12 ascertainable by the reporting individual because the trustee is under an obligation or has been instructed in writing not to disclose the 13 14 contents of the trust to the reporting individual. Cryptocurrencies of 15 which the reporting individual or the reporting individual's spouse is 16 the owner of record but in which such individual or the reporting individual's spouse has no beneficial interest shall not be listed. Also 17 list cryptocurrencies owned for investment purposes by a corporation 18 more than fifty percent (50%) of the stock of which is owned or 19 controlled by the reporting individual or such individual's spouse. For 20 21 the purposes of this item the term "cryptocurrency" shall mean a digital 22 currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the gener-23 ation of units and currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating 24 independently from a central bank.

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<u>Category of</u> <u>Market Value</u>

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

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3			<u>year last</u>
4			<u>occurring</u>
5			prior to
6	<u>Self/</u>	Type of	the filing of
7	Spouse	Cryptocurrency	this statement
8			<u>(In Table II)</u>
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14	§ 2. This	act shall take effect	on the first of January next succeed

15 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law.