STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 19, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to providing a videoconferencing exemption from the open meetings law for certain community boards and certain other public bodies

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

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 103 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 289 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A public body that uses videoconferencing to conduct its meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe at any site at which a member participates**, provided this subdivision shall not apply to community boards established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred of the New York City charter, the board of education of the city school district of the city of New York and the community councils established pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-b of the education law or any other public body of which the majority of the public body's membership are uncompensated, except for necessary expenses**.

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 104 of the public officers law, as added by chapter 289 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

4. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, identify the locations for the meeting, and state that the public has the right to attend the meeting at any of the locations**, provided this subdivision shall not apply to community boards established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred of the New York City charter, the board of education of the city school district of the city of New York and the community councils established pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-b of the education law or any other public body of which the majority of the public body's membership are uncompensated, except for necessary expenses, except that the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used**

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

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and identify the internet address at which members of the public can view the meeting, and, when required, participate in such meeting or otherwise provide comment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.