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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring an equal apportionment of resources and staff for members of the legislature

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 5-b to read as follows:

§ 5-b. Apportionment of resources and staff to assist individual members. 1. From within the amount generally appropriated to fund staff positions for members of the legislature within such house of the legislature, each member shall receive an identical amount to be utilized for such member's personal staff, both in such member's Albany and district legislative office or offices.

2. Where because of the demands of a member's position as an officer of the house or the duties in a special capacity, additional funds may be made available for staff to service those needs; however such staff shall not be personally involved in duties otherwise related to a member's constituent service.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which 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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