STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to training requirements for members of the board of ethics of a political subdivision or municipality

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

Section 1. Section 808 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. (a) Each member of the board of ethics of a political subdivision or municipality shall complete, at a minimum, four hours of training each year designed to enable such members to more effectively carry out their duties. Training received by a member in excess of four hours in any one year may be carried over by the member into succeeding years in order to meet the requirements of this subdivision. Such training shall be approved by the governing body and may include, but not be limited to, training provided by a municipality, county, state agency, statewide municipal association, college or other similar entity. Training may be provided in a variety of formats, including but not limited to, electronic media, video, distance learning and traditional classroom training.

(b) To be eligible for reappointment to such board, such member shall have completed the training promoted by the respective political subdivision or municipality pursuant to this subdivision.

(c) The training required by this subdivision may be waived or modified by resolution of the governing body when, in the judgment of the governing body, it is in the best interest of the respective political subdivision or municipality to do so.

(d) No decision of a board of ethics shall be voided or declared invalid because of a failure to comply with this subdivision.

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

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(e) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision, this subdivision shall have no application to a city having a population of one million or more or to a county, school district, or other public agency or facility therein.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.