STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 9, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding use of videoconferencing to purely advisory bodies

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 103-a of the public officers law is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

(j) a public body may, in its discretion, authorize members of its committees and subcommittees that perform advisory functions only to attend meetings of such committees and subcommittees from one or more non-public locations through the use of videoconferencing and be considered present for purposes of fulfilling quorum requirements for such meetings provided that an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe such meetings in at least one physical location that is provided and that location meets all physical access requirements of section one hundred three of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to section 103-a of the public officers law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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