STATE OF NEW YORK

8049--A

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

September 27, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. BORES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to removing the requirement for in person attendance at public meetings by certain community boards

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "access for all act (AFA)".

§ 2. Section 103-a of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. The in person participation requirements of this section shall not apply to community boards in a city with a population of over one million; provided, however, that notwithstanding the requirements set forth in this section, such community boards shall not be required to maintain a physical location for meetings; and provided further, however, that such community boards may, through written procedures governing member and public attendance established pursuant to and consistent with this section, allow for any member to be considered present for purposes of fulfilling the quorum requirements of such public body at any meetings conducted through videoconferencing, provided, however that the remaining criteria set forth in this section are otherwise met.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD10850-06-3