STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to a registry for historic libraries and museums

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 115 to read as follows:

§ 115. Registry for historic libraries and museums. 1. The department shall establish and maintain a registry of historic libraries and museums in the state and maintain an online registry which includes the name and address of each library or museum that has operated for over fifty years and that has been accepted into the registry.

2. A historic library or museum must first be nominated by an assembly member, senator, the governor or the lieutenant governor. Nominations are limited to ten per elected official per term.

3. (a) After a library or museum is nominated pursuant to subdivision two of this section, such library or museum shall submit a completed application for final approval. Such application shall be created by the department and shall include the following requirements:

(i) The library or museum shall have operated in the state for fifty or more years with no break in operations exceeding two years. The library or museum may have operated in more than one location, but shall have operated in the same municipality for a minimum of fifty years; and

(ii) The library or museum has contributed to the municipality's history and/or identity of such municipality.

(b) The department, upon receipt of a nomination and accompanying application, shall make a determination of whether the applicant meets the requirements necessary to be accepted into such registry. The nominating elected official and the applicant shall be notified by the department if such applicant is not accepted into the registry and shall explain the reasons for the determination of ineligibility.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-

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

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ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.