

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 24, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to establishing enhanced attendance verification procedures for members of the legislature

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

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

3 § 5-c. Verification of legislative attendance. 1. All members of the
4 New York state assembly and senate shall verify their daily attendance
5 in their respective chambers on legislative session days through a biom-
6 etric facial recognition system integrated with an identification card
7 process in each legislative chamber. Each member of the legislature
8 shall be required to officially register their attendance for each
9 legislative session day. Members shall register attendance no earlier
10 than ninety minutes prior to the official convening of the session.

11 2. Identification card readers shall be located within each legisla-
12 tive chamber and shall be equipped with facial recognition technology.
13 Upon using or presenting their official identification card, a contempo-
14 raneous photograph of the individual shall be captured and used to veri-
15 fy that the person using the card is the duly elected member.

16 3. Only the elected member to whom the identification card is issued
17 may use such card to register attendance. Any use by another individual,
18 including staff, shall be prohibited.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
20 ing 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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