STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring public access to state budget discussions

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

Section 1. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section 103-b to read as follows:

§ 103-b. Public access to state budget discussions. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, or any other law to the contrary, every meeting of the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly arranged to discuss, negotiate, or debate, in part or in its entirety, the provisions of the state budget, shall be open to the general public.

2. The host of the meetings under this section shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe the meetings in at least one physical location at which a member participates and shall be open to being photographed, broadcast, webcast, or otherwise recorded and/or transmitted by audio or video means.

3. Meetings under this section shall, to the extent practicable, be broadcast to the public and maintained as records by the office of the governor and each house of the legislature and streamed on the websites of the governor, the senate and the assembly in real-time and posted on such websites within and for a reasonable time after the meeting.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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