STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to member-to-member communications by labor organizations

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

Section 1. Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph 3 of subdivision 9 of section 14-100 of the election law, as amended by chapter 70 of the laws of 1983, are amended and a new subparagraph (D) is added to read as follows:

(B) the use of real or personal property and the cost of invitations, food and beverages voluntarily provided by an individual to a candidate or political committee on the individual's residential premises for candidate-related activities to the extent such services do not exceed five hundred dollars in value, [~~and~~]

(C) the travel expenses of any individual who on [~~his~~] **such individual's** own behalf volunteers [~~his~~] **such individual's** personal services to any candidate or political committee to the extent such expenses are unreimbursed and do not exceed five hundred dollars in value[~~.~~]**, and**

(D) any cost incurred for any communication by a labor organization to its members on any subject. For the purposes of this clause, "member" shall have the same meaning as defined in subparagraph (v) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 14-107 of the election law.

§ 2. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 14-107 of the election law, as amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 286 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(v) **any internal communication by a labor organization aimed at its members. For purposes of this section, a member of a labor organization shall mean:**

(1) any individual who, pursuant to a specific provision of a labor organization's articles or bylaws, has the right to vote directly or

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

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indirectly for the election of a director or directors or an officer or officers or on a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the organization or on a merger or on a dissolution;

(2) any individual who is designated in the articles or bylaws as a member and, pursuant to a specific provision of a labor organization's articles or bylaws, has the right to vote on changes to the articles or bylaws, or pays or has paid membership dues in an amount predetermined by the labor organization so long as the labor organization is tax exempt under section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(3) any individual who resides within the same household as a member as defined in this paragraph;

(4) executive or administrative personnel of the labor organization; or

(5) retired members; or

(vi) a communication published on the Internet, unless the communication is a paid advertisement.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to all election cycles commencing on or after such effective date.