

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2018**

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**No. 118**

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Introduced by Council Members Borelli, Brannan, Yeger, Deutsch, Rosenthal, Maisel, Salamanca, Holden, Torres, Powers, Cabrera, Kallos, Miller and Ulrich.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the broadcasting of mandatory debates**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Section 3-709.5 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new subdivision 13, to read as follows:

*13. Any broadcast plan accepted by the board pursuant to subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5, and subdivision 7, of this section shall include a requirement that the debate be made available, at no cost, to the city-owned or operated television channel serving the largest public audience for simultaneous broadcast. Each debate held pursuant to this section shall be broadcast simultaneously, to the extent technologically practicable and in accordance with federal law and the rules of the federal communications commission, on such city-owned or operated television channel. Such city-owned or operated television channel shall not be a sponsor of such debate.*

§ 2. This local law takes effect on January 1, 2019.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on May 23, 2018 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on June 27, 2018.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 118 of 2018, Council Int. No. 14-A of 2018) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.