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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to determinations by county canvassing boards and publication of lists of nominations

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 9-212 of the election law,  
2     as amended by chapter 635 of the laws of 1990, are amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     2. All such determinations shall be in writing and signed by the  
5     members of the canvassing board or a majority of them and filed and  
6     recorded in the office of the board of elections, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
7     SHALL CAUSE A COPY OF SUCH DETERMINATIONS, AND OF THE STATEMENTS FILED  
8     IN ITS OFFICE UPON WHICH SUCH DETERMINATIONS WERE BASED, TO BE CONSPICU-  
9     OUSLY POSTED ON ITS WEBSITE. THE STATEMENT OF CANVASS TO BE POSTED,  
10    HOWEVER, SHALL NOT GIVE THE VOTE BY ELECTION DISTRICTS BUT SHALL CONTAIN  
11    ONLY THE TOTAL VOTE FOR A PERSON, OR THE TOTAL VOTE FOR AND THE TOTAL  
12    VOTE AGAINST A BALLOT PROPOSAL, CAST WITHIN THE COUNTY, OR WITHIN THE  
13    PORTION THEREOF, IF ANY, IN WHICH AN OFFICE IS FILLED OR BALLOT PROPOSAL  
14    IS DECIDED BY THE VOTERS IF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTE THEREON DEVOLVES  
15    UPON THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS. [Except in the city of New York and  
16    in the counties of Nassau, Orange and Westchester, the board of  
17    elections shall cause a copy of such determinations, and of the state-  
18    ments filed in its office upon which such determinations were based, to  
19    be published once in each of the newspapers designated to publish  
20    election notices and the official canvass. The statement of canvass to  
21    be published, however, shall not give the vote by election districts but  
22    shall contain only the total vote for a person, or the total vote for  
23    and the total vote against a ballot proposal, cast within the county, or

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

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1 within the portion thereof, if any, in which an office is filled or  
2 ballot proposal is decided by the voters if the canvass of the vote  
3 thereon devolves upon the county board of canvassers.] Such totals shall  
4 be expressed in arabic numerals.

5 3. The board of elections shall prepare and forthwith transmit to each  
6 person determined by the canvassing board to have been elected a certi-  
7 fied statement, naming the office to which such canvassing board has  
8 declared him OR HER elected.

9 S 2. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 4-122 of the election law, as  
10 amended by chapter 359 of the laws of 1989, are amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 1. The county board of elections shall publish, AND CONSPICUOUSLY  
13 POST ON ITS WEBSITE, at least six days before an election, a list  
14 containing the name [and residence] of every candidate for public office  
15 to be voted for within its jurisdiction at such election.

16 3. [The] IN ADDITION TO BEING CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED ON THE BOARD OF  
17 ELECTIONS WEBSITE, THE list described in subdivision one of this section  
18 shall be published at least once in [not less than two nor more than  
19 four newspapers] A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION in the county. In a  
20 county containing a city, [at least one] such publication shall be in a  
21 daily newspaper published in a city therein, if there be such a newspa-  
22 per. In the case of a village election held at a time other than the  
23 time of a general election, such publication shall be in a newspaper  
24 having general circulation in such village. [So far as is consistent  
25 with this section, one such newspaper shall represent each of the major  
26 political parties.] Should the board of elections find it impossible to  
27 make such publication six days before election it shall make it at the  
28 earliest possible day thereafter before the election.

29 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.