

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 20, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state early voting fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-bb to read as follows:

§ 99-bb. New York state early voting fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the New York state early voting fund.

2. Such fund shall consist of all monies appropriated to such fund.

3. (a) Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature, shall be expended for the purpose of making payments to the board of elections of each county and the city of New York to reimburse any actual costs incurred by such boards of elections to provide polling places for early voting, including the cost of staffing such polling places, in any general, primary, or special election in which early voting is required by the election law. Moneys shall be paid out of the fund upon audit and warrant by the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the state board of elections, or its duly designated representative, in the manner prescribed by law.

(b) As often as necessary, the co-chairs of the state board of elections shall certify the amount such co-chairs have determined necessary to fund estimated payments from the New York state early voting fund. If such estimates exceed the amount of money appropriated for the fund, the comptroller shall, based upon such certification of the state board of elections and at the direction of the director of the budget, transfer any additional amount required from monies in the general fund to the New York state early voting fund.

4. Boards of elections seeking moneys from this fund shall submit documentation detailing the costs described in subdivision three of this section in a manner prescribed by the state board of elections.

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

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1 5. The state board of elections and state comptroller shall issue any
2 such rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this
3 section.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
5 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the
6 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
7 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
8 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.