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SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to the compensation of election inspectors at elections of fire district officers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 6 of section 175 of the town law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 334 of the laws of 2011 and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 586 of the laws of 2004, are amended to read as follows:
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5 1. An annual election shall be held in each fire district on the second Tuesday in December, except that in the Ocean Bay Park fire district, the Lonelyville fire district, the Davis Park fire district, the Cherry Grove fire district, the Fair Harbor fire district and the Fire Island Pines fire district, Suffolk county, such annual election shall be held on the second Tuesday in July, except that in the town of Salisbury, Herkimer county, such annual election shall be held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November from six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock in the evening and except that in the Belfast fire district, Allegany county, such annual election shall be held on the first Tuesday in December. The board of fire commissioners shall give notice thereof by the publication of a notice once in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the district. The first publication of such notice shall be not less than twenty-seven days and not more than thirty-four days prior to the date of such election. Such notice shall specify the time when and the place where such election will be held, the officers to be elected thereat and their terms of

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

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1 office, and the hours during which the polls will be open for the
2 receipt of ballots. The secretary of such fire district shall prepare
3 the ballots for all elections of fire district officers and the polls
4 shall remain open for the receipt thereof at all elections of fire
5 district officers from six o'clock in the evening until nine o'clock in
6 the evening and such additional consecutive hours prior thereto as the
7 board of fire commissioners of such district may have determined and
8 specified in the notice thereof. The board of fire commissioners shall
9 designate a resident fire district elector, who shall be a registered
10 voter of the town, to act as chairman of any election of said district
11 and shall designate not less than two nor more than four resident fire
12 district electors, who shall be registered voters of the town to act as
13 election inspectors and ballot clerks at such elections. No elective
14 officer of the fire district shall serve as such chairman or as an
15 election inspector or ballot clerk. The board of fire commissioners may
16 adopt a resolution providing that such chairman, election inspectors and
17 ballot clerks shall be paid for their respective services at any such
18 annual election or at any special election of the fire district. Such
19 resolution, if adopted, shall fix the amount of such compensation, as
20 follows: if the hours during which the polls will be open for the
21 receipt of ballots are from six o'clock in the evening until nine
22 o'clock in the evening, a sum not to exceed [~~thirty-five~~] fifty dollars
23 for each such official; if additional consecutive hours prior to six
24 o'clock in the evening are determined and specified in the notice of
25 election, a sum not to exceed [~~fifty~~] sixty-five dollars for each such
26 official.

27 6. If in any fire district the number of voters is so great as to
28 render it inexpedient or impossible to conduct the election at one poll-
29 ing place, the board of fire commissioners may divide the fire district
30 into election districts and provide a polling place for each such
31 election district, provided, however, that the number of election
32 districts in any fire district shall not exceed one for each six hundred
33 electors plus one for a remaining fraction of six hundred. In such
34 event, the notice specified in subdivision one of this section shall
35 describe the election districts and state where the polling places will
36 be located, and the board of fire commissioners shall designate not less
37 than two nor more than four resident fire district electors, who shall
38 be registered voters of the town, to act as election inspectors and
39 ballot clerks at each such polling place. The board of fire district
40 commissioners may adopt a resolution providing that such election
41 inspectors and ballot clerks shall be paid for their respective services
42 at any such annual election or at any special election of the fire
43 district. Such resolution, if adopted, shall fix the amount of such
44 compensation as follows: if the hours during which the polls will be
45 open for the receipt of ballots are from six o'clock in the evening
46 until nine o'clock in the evening, a sum not to exceed [~~thirty-five~~]
47 fifty dollars for each such official; if additional consecutive hours
48 prior to six o'clock in the evening are determined and specified in the
49 notice of election, a sum not to exceed [~~fifty~~] sixty-five dollars for
50 each such official. No elective officer of the fire district shall serve
51 as an election inspector or ballot clerk.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.