

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing a longer period for early voting and designating early voting polling places for a lesser increment of registered voters

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section
2 8-600 of the election law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 6 of the
3 laws of 2019 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 74
4 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

5 1. Beginning the [~~tenth~~] **forty-ninth** day prior to any general, prima-
6 ry, run-off primary pursuant to subdivision one of section 6-162 of this
7 chapter or special election for any public or party position except for
8 such an election held pursuant to title two of article six or article
9 fifteen of this chapter, and ending on and including the second day
10 prior to such general, primary, run-off primary or special election for
11 such public office or party position, persons duly registered and eligi-
12 ble to vote at such election shall be permitted to vote as provided in
13 this title. The board of elections shall establish procedures, subject
14 to approval of the state board of elections, to ensure that persons who
15 vote during the early voting period shall not be permitted to vote
16 subsequently in the same election.

17 (a) The board of elections shall designate polling places for early
18 voting, which may include the offices of the board of elections, for
19 persons to vote early pursuant to this title; provided, however, that
20 the municipality with the highest population in each county based on the
21 latest federal decennial census, or the county seat in Washington coun-
22 ty, shall have at least one polling place designated for early voting,
23 and to the extent practicable if such municipality has public transpor-
24 tation routes, such polling place shall be situated along such transpor-

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

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1 tation routes. There shall be so designated at least one early voting
2 polling place for every full increment of [~~fifty~~] twenty-five thousand
3 registered voters in each county; provided, however, the number of early
4 voting polling places in a county shall not be required to be greater
5 than ten unless required by any other provision of law, and a county
6 with fewer than [~~fifty~~] twenty-five thousand voters shall have at least
7 one early voting polling place.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law.