

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

November 7, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to removing the preclearance requirement from certain counties

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 17-210 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 216 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 3. Covered entity. A "covered entity" shall include: (a) any political
5 subdivision which, within the previous twenty-five years, has become
6 subject to a court order or government enforcement action based upon a
7 finding of any violation of this title, the federal voting rights act,
8 the fifteenth amendment to the United States constitution, or a voting-
9 related violation of the fourteenth amendment to the United States
10 constitution; (b) any political subdivision which, within the previous
11 twenty-five years, has become subject to at least three court orders or
12 government enforcement actions based upon a finding of any violation of
13 any state or federal civil rights law or the fourteenth amendment to the
14 United States constitution concerning discrimination against members of
15 a protected class; (c) [~~any county in which, based on data provided by
16 the division of criminal justice services, the combined misdemeanor and
17 felony arrest rate of voting age members of any protected class consist-
18 ing of at least ten thousand citizens of voting age or whose members
19 comprise at least ten percent of the citizen voting age population of
20 the county, exceeds the proportion that the protected class constitutes
21 of the citizen voting age population of the county as a whole by at
22 least twenty percentage points at any point within the previous ten
23 years;~~ (d)] any political subdivision in which, based on data made
24 available by the United States census, the dissimilarity index of any
25 protected class consisting of at least twenty-five thousand citizens of

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

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1 voting age or whose members comprise at least ten percent of the citizen
2 voting age population of the political subdivision, is in excess of
3 fifty with respect to non-Hispanic white individuals within the poli-
4 tical subdivision at any point within the previous ten years; [~~(e)~~] (d)
5 any political subdivision in which a board of elections has been estab-
6 lished, if such political subdivision contains a covered entity fully
7 within its borders; or [~~(f)~~] (e) any board of elections that has been
8 established in a political subdivision that is a covered entity pursuant
9 to paragraph (a), (b), (c), or (d) [~~or (e)~~] of this subdivision.
10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.