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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to canvass of write-in votes

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 9-102 of the election law, as amended by chapter 334 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The inspectors shall canvass the ballot scanner tabulated results by printing the results tape in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, giving full view of the tabulated results tape numbers. An inspector shall, under the scrutiny of an inspector of a different political party, either post the results tape or read and announce in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the tabulated results tape, in distinct tones the public office or party position, candidate name, political party and the results as shown on the tabulated results tape and then shall announce the number of write-in votes recorded for each office. IF THE VOTING TABULATED RESULT TAPE RECORDS WRITE-IN VOTES ON A REGISTER OR ROLL IN A SEPARATELY SEALED COMPARTMENT, A BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY, BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, DETERMINE TO CANVASS THE WRITE-IN VOTES CAST FOR EACH OFFICE ON THE WRITE-IN REGISTER OR ROLL EITHER AT THE TIME OF THE RECANVASS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-208 OF THIS ARTICLE OR DIRECT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF INSPECTORS SHALL, UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF AN INSPECTOR OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTY, READ THE VOTES RECORDED FOR EACH OFFICE ON THE WRITE-IN BALLOTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS. The inspectors shall also in the same manner post or announce the results for each ballot proposal.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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