STATE OF NEW YORK

6006

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 10, 2017

Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to mandatory training curriculum for election commissioners and key staff of boards of elections

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 3-213 to read as follows:

§ 3-213. Boards of elections; mandatory training curriculum. 1. Election commissioners and such other board of elections employees as determined by the state board of elections shall within six months after their first appointment complete a course of instruction on the operation of a board of elections which shall be provided by the state board of elections. The curriculum shall be established by the state board of elections in consultation with election commissioners and shall not exceed thirty hours of instruction.

2. Annually, election commissioners and other board of elections employees as determined by the state board of elections, shall complete before June first a continuing course of instruction on the operation of a board of elections which shall be provided by the state board of elections. The curriculum shall be established by the state board of elections in consultation with the election commissioners and shall not exceed three hours of instruction.

3. The state board of elections shall provide the training required by subdivision two of this section through, in addition to other methods it may choose, a web-based recorded format.

4. Upon the failure of a commissioner or other employee to complete the instruction within the time required by this section, the state board of elections shall send a letter to the county legislature or city

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

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council and the respective county party chair of the jurisdiction of the commissioner stating the delinquency.

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