STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 3, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the creation, consolidation, division and alteration of election districts by a board of elections

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 4-100 of the election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each election district shall be in compact form and may not be partly within and partly without a ward, town, city, a village which has five thousand or more inhabitants and is wholly within one town, or a county legislative, assembly, senatorial or congressional district. Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, election district boundaries, other than those boundaries which are coterminous with the boundaries of those political subdivisions mentioned in this paragraph, must be streets, rivers, railroad lines or other permanent characteristics of the landscape which are clearly visible to any person without the need to use any technical or mechanical device. An election district shall contain not more than nine hundred fifty registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status) or, with the approval of the county board of elections, not more than [~~eleven hundred fifty~~] **two thousand** registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status), but any election district may be divided for the convenience of the voters **after consultation with the elected officials who represent said districts**.

§ 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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