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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC, PEOPLES-STOKES, BUCHWALD, CAHILL, COOK, DINOWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, GALEF, GOTTFRIED, JAFFEE, VANEL, ABINANTI, GRIFFIN, JACOBSON, BARRETT, D'URSO, REYES, MOSLEY, COLTON, CRUZ, EPSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, LIFTON, LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the boundaries of election districts and the designation of polling places

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-104 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

3 5-a. Whenever a contiguous property of a college or university  
4 contains three hundred or more registrants (excluding registrants in  
5 inactive status) who are registered to vote at an address on such  
6 contiguous property, the polling place designated for such registrants  
7 shall be on such contiguous property or at a location approved by the  
8 college or university.

9 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 4-100 of the election  
10 law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 a. Each election district shall be in compact form and may not be  
13 partly within and partly without a ward, town, city, a village which has  
14 five thousand or more inhabitants and is wholly within one town, the  
15 contiguous property of a college or university which contains three  
16 hundred or more registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status)  
17 who are registered to vote at an address on such contiguous property, or  
18 a county legislative, assembly, senatorial or congressional district.  
19 Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, election district  
20 boundaries, other than those boundaries which are coterminous with the

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

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1 boundaries of those political subdivisions and college or university  
2 properties mentioned in this paragraph, must be streets, rivers, rail-  
3 road lines or other permanent characteristics of the landscape which are  
4 clearly visible to any person without the need to use any technical or  
5 mechanical device. An election district shall contain not more than nine  
6 hundred fifty registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status) or,  
7 with the approval of the county board of elections, not more than eleven  
8 hundred fifty registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status),  
9 but any election district may be divided for the convenience of the  
10 voters.

11 § 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 8-600 of the election  
12 law, as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 (a) The board of elections shall designate polling places for early  
15 voting, which may include the offices of the board of elections, for  
16 persons to vote early pursuant to this title. There shall be so desig-  
17 nated at least one early voting polling place for every full increment  
18 of fifty thousand registered voters in each county; provided, however,  
19 the number of early voting polling places in a county shall not be  
20 required to be greater than seven, and a county with fewer than fifty  
21 thousand voters shall have at least one early voting polling place.  
22 Whenever a contiguous property of a college or university contains three  
23 hundred or more registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status)  
24 who are registered to vote at an address on such contiguous property,  
25 such contiguous property or a location approved by the college or  
26 university shall be designated as an early voting polling place.

27 § 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.