STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 21, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to the nomination of officers in the Fire Island Pines fire department

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

Section 1. Subdivision 11-b of section 176 of the town law, as amended by chapter 208 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

11-b. The members of the fire department at a regular or special meeting of the department held after the month of April but prior to the month of November in any year may adopt a resolution recommending that future meetings for the nomination of the chief and assistant chiefs be held in December, either on the first Thursday, the first Saturday, the Thursday following the first Tuesday, the Saturday following the first Tuesday, the Thursday following the second Tuesday, or the Saturday following the second Tuesday in such month, instead of April as provided in subdivision eleven-a of this section. Provided, however, the Davis Park fire department may adopt a resolution to hold future meetings, for nomination of chief and assistant chiefs, on the last Sunday in September; the Caton fire district may adopt a resolution to hold future meetings, for nominations of chief and assistant chiefs, on the second Tuesday in December; the Fire Island Pines fire department may adopt a resolution to hold future meetings, for nomination of chief and assistant chiefs, on the second Saturday in September; and the Fair Harbor fire department may adopt a resolution to hold future meetings, for nomination of the chief and assistant chiefs, on the third Sunday in September. The notice or call for such meeting shall specify that such a resolution will be offered to be voted upon at such meeting. If such resolution is adopted, the board of fire commissioners may adopt a rule or regulation providing that future meetings for the nomination of chief and assistant chiefs shall be held in December, either on the first Thursday, the first Saturday, the Thursday following the first Tuesday, the Saturday following the first Tuesday, the Thursday following the second Tuesday, the Saturday following the second Tuesday, the Saturday following the second Tuesday in such month,

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

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the last Sunday in September in the Davis Park fire department, the
second Tuesday in December in the Caton fire district, the second Satur-
day in September in the Fire Island Pines fire department, or the third
Sunday in September in the Fair Harbor fire department, as specified in
the fire department resolution, instead of April as provided in subdivi-
sion eleven-a of this section. Each nominee shall be a member of the
fire department. In addition, the board of fire commissioners may by
resolution require that any or all of such fire department officers
shall be residents of the fire district. All nominations shall be made
by ballot. The person acting as secretary of such meeting shall promptly
notify the fire district secretary in writing of such nominations. The
board of fire commissioners at its organization meeting in the month of
January next succeeding the making of such nominations shall consider
the same and shall appoint such persons to the offices to which they
have been respectively nominated or, if a nomination is not approved the
board of fire commissioners shall call another meeting of the members of
the fire department at which a new nomination shall be made to take the
place of any nomination not approved, which procedure shall continue
until a full set of officers is approved. Any such person shall assume
the duties of his office as soon as he has been appointed thereto by the
board of fire commissioners and shall serve until his successor is
appointed. A person who has been convicted of arson in any degree shall
not be eligible for nomination, election or appointment to the office of
fire department chief or assistant chief. Any fire department chief or
assistant chief who is convicted of arson in any degree during his term
of office shall be disqualified from completing such term of office.

If the date of meetings for the nomination of chief and assistant
chiefs is changed from April to September or December pursuant to the
foregoing provisions of this subdivision, the members of the fire
department at a regular or special meeting of the department held after
the month of April but prior to the month of November in any year may
adopt a resolution recommending that future meetings for the nomination
for such officers shall be held in April pursuant to the provisions of
subdivision eleven-a of this section. The call for such meeting shall
specify that such a resolution will be offered to be voted upon at such
meeting. If such a resolution is adopted, the board of fire commission-
ers may adopt a rule or regulation providing that future meetings for
the nomination of chief and assistant chiefs shall be held in April
pursuant to the provisions of subdivision eleven-a of this section and
that the provisions of such subdivision eleven-a shall again become
applicable.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
have become a law.