STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

August 17, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Carroll) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring the board of elections to provide the public with free and timely access to updated unofficial election results

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 9-126 of the election law, as amended by chapter 334 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board of elections shall remain open after the close of the polls and shall receive and tabulate the voting results as they are received. The board of elections shall make such unofficial results available to the media and the state board of elections, and shall post running totals **for each election district** in a public place and on the internet as the results become known to it.

§ 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 9-209 of the election law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Upon completing the casting and canvassing of ballots as hereinabove provided for [~~any~~] **each** election district, the central board of inspectors shall thereupon[~~, as nearly as practicable in the manner provided in this chapter for absentee ballots,~~] verify the number of ballots so cast, tally the votes so cast, add such tally to the previous tally of all votes cast in such election district, and announce the result.

§ 3. Subdivision 2 of section 9-209 of the election law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

(f) Upon completing the casting and canvassing of absentee, military, and special ballots for each election district, the board of elections shall make absentee results available to the media and the state board of elections, and shall post running totals for each election district in a public place and on the internet.

§ 4. 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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