

STATE OF NEW YORK

1593

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 15, 2019

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

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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

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

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

21 4. Upon the failure of a commissioner or other employee to complete
22 the instruction within the time required by this section, the state
23 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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1 council and the respective county party chair of the jurisdiction of the
2 commissioner stating the delinquency.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
5 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
6 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
7 completed on or before such effective date.