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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for the election of members of the board of education of the Buffalo city school district in November; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph d of subdivision 10 of section  
2 2553 of the education law is REPEALED.  
3 § 2. Subparagraphs 1 and 2 of paragraph d and paragraphs g, j, m, o  
4 and p of subdivision 10 of section 2553 of the education law, as added  
5 by chapter 242 of the laws of 1974, paragraph g as amended by chapter  
6 431 of the laws of 2012 and paragraph p as amended by chapter 95 of the  
7 laws of 1979, are amended to read as follows:  
8 (1) Such election for such office shall be governed by the provisions  
9 of the election law in the same manner as candidates for office general-  
10 ly to be elected by the voters of the city of Buffalo [~~except, as the~~  
11 ~~case may be, as to the date of the election, and, further provided,~~  
12 ~~however, that~~]. Notwithstanding section 6-142 of the election law, each  
13 such candidate for election as a member of the board of education from a  
14 city school subdistrict shall be required to file a petition containing  
15 signatures of at least five hundred registered voters of such city  
16 school subdistrict in which he is a candidate and each candidate for  
17 election to the board of education by the voters at large shall be

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

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1 required to file a petition containing the signatures of at least one  
2 thousand registered voters of the city of Buffalo.

3 (2) No petition shall contain any political party or independent body  
4 name or label. Each petition shall contain the name of only one candi-  
5 date and such petition shall be filed with [~~the clerk of~~] the board of  
6 elections of the county of Erie not earlier than [~~the fifth Tuesday~~]  
7 twenty-four weeks before, and not later than [~~the fourth Tuesday~~] twen-  
8 ty-three weeks preceding the date on which an election shall be held. A  
9 certificate of acceptance or declination of any individual so nominated  
10 shall be filed not later than the third day after the [~~fourth~~] twenty-  
11 third Tuesday preceding the election.

12 g. Each sheet of such a petition shall be signed in ink and shall be  
13 substantially in the following form:

14 I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a duly qualified voter  
15 of the city of Buffalo, that my place of residence is truly stated oppo-  
16 site my signature hereto, and I do hereby nominate the following named  
17 person as a candidate for nomination (for the public office of member of  
18 the board of education of the city of Buffalo at large.....day  
19 of....., 20.....,) (for the city school subdis-  
20 trict.....day of....., 20.....)

21 I do hereby appoint.....(here insert the names and  
22 addresses of at least three persons, all of whom shall be registered  
23 voters within the city of Buffalo), as a committee to fill vacancies in  
24 accordance with the provisions of the election law.

25 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and year  
26 placed opposite my signature.

27	Date	Name of Signer	Present Residence
28	.....	.....	.....
29	.....	.....	.....
30	.....	.....	.....

31 The petition shall be authenticated by witnesses. Such statement shall  
32 be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if  
33 false shall subject the witness to the same penalties as if he or she  
34 had been duly sworn. The form of such statement shall be substantially  
35 as follows:

36 STATEMENT OF WITNESS

37 I,....., (name of witness), state: I am a duly quali-  
38 fied voter of the state of New York, and now reside in the city, town or  
39 village of....., in such state, at  
40 .....(fill in street and house number and post office)  
41 therein. I know each of the voters whose names are subscribed to this  
42 petition sheet containing (fill in number).....signatures and  
43 each of them subscribed the same in my presence and upon so subscribing  
44 declared to me that the foregoing statement, made and subscribed by him,  
45 was true.

46 .....  
47 Signature of witness  
48 Date.....

1 j. Objections to petitions for the nomination of members of such board  
2 of education, procedures and remedies applicable to such objections  
3 shall be ~~[the same as those applicable to independent nominating~~  
4 ~~petitions under the election law, except as it may be modified by the~~  
5 ~~provisions of paragraph (d) and paragraph (n) of this subdivision]~~ made  
6 pursuant to section 6-154 of the election law.

7 m. If a candidate, after a petition in his behalf shall have been duly  
8 filed with ~~[the clerk of]~~ the board of elections, and prior to the date  
9 of the election, shall decline to accept the nomination, die, remove  
10 from the school district, accept ~~[or be a candidate for]~~ another ~~[elec-~~  
11 ~~tive]~~ office, or become otherwise disqualified for such city school  
12 district office, ~~[a further petition may be filed with such clerk, nomi-~~  
13 ~~nating another candidate in his place and stead. Such further petition~~  
14 ~~shall in all respects comply with the provisions of paragraphs d, f and~~  
15 ~~h of this subdivision, except that it may be filed at any time up to and~~  
16 ~~including the fifteenth day preceding the date of the election pursuant~~  
17 ~~to the provisions of this subdivision and the time within which to~~  
18 ~~accept or object to such further petition shall be computed from the~~  
19 ~~date of filing or said fifteenth day, whichever is earlier]~~ such vacancy  
20 shall be filled by the committee on vacancies pursuant to the election  
21 law.

22 o. The members so elected to the board of education shall convene on  
23 the first business day in ~~[July]~~ January of each year, at the time of  
24 the commencement of their term of office and select from their members a  
25 president who shall serve for a term of one year or such other term, not  
26 exceeding the term of his office, as may be fixed by the rules and regu-  
27 lations of the board.

28 p. The election of members of the board of education of the school  
29 district of the city of Buffalo shall take place on ~~[May seventh, nine-~~  
30 ~~teen hundred seventy four and on]~~ the first Tuesday after the first  
31 Monday in ~~[May thereafter]~~ November in each year in which an incumbent's  
32 term expires. Such election shall be conducted by the board of  
33 elections of the county of Erie in the same manner as other elections  
34 are conducted by it. ~~[Polls shall be open for voting for the hours~~  
35 ~~prescribed by section 8-100 of the election law for primary elections.]~~

36 The results of such elections, after canvassing, shall be certified and  
37 reported by the board of elections to the board of education of such  
38 city. The clerk or other appropriate officer of the board of education  
39 shall within twenty-four hours after receipt of such certification by  
40 the board of elections serve a written notice either personally or by  
41 mail upon each person declared to be elected as a member of the board of  
42 education informing him of his election and the length of his term.

43 § 3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the term of  
44 every member of the board of education of the city school district of  
45 Buffalo is hereby extended from June thirtieth of the year in which it  
46 is scheduled to expire to December thirty-first of such year. Terms of  
47 such members elected after this act becomes law shall begin on the first  
48 day of January and end on the last day of December of the appropriate  
49 year.

50 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.