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Introduced by Sens. MAYER, BROOKS, LIU, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing translators at certain polling place locations

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

Section 1. Section 4-100 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. a. In creating, consolidating, dividing or altering any election district, the board of elections shall determine the number of citizens of voting age in the district who speak a language other than English at home using the most recent United States Census data. If fifteen percent of the number of voting age citizens who speak a language other than English at home, the board of elections must provide for at least one poll worker that speaks such language at polling places in the district.

b. For any currently existing election district, the board of elections shall determine the number of citizens of voting age who speak a language other than English at home using the most recent United States Census data. If fifteen percent of the number of voting age citizens who speak a language other than English at home, the board of elections must provide for at least one poll worker that speaks such language at polling places in the district.

c. Upon voter request, the poll worker assigned to an election district pursuant to paragraphs a and b of this subdivision, shall provide translation services to the voter in the language that led to their assignment to a given election district.

§ 2. 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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