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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to establishing portable polling locations for early voting

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

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1    Section 1. Section 8-600 of the election law is amended by adding a
2  new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:
3    2-a. (a) In addition to the designation of polling places required by
4  subdivision two of this section, a county board of elections may estab-
5  lish two or more portable polling locations for purposes of early
6  voting, provided that the maximum number of locations a county may
7  establish for such portable polling locations shall be determined by the
8  state board of elections based on population.
9    (b) Locations for portable polling locations for early voting shall be
10 selected to provide the maximum number of voters in a county with
11 adequate access to early voting, taking into consideration population
12 density, travel time to the polling place, proximity to other early
13 voting poll sites, public transportation routes, commuter traffic
14 patterns and such other factors the board of elections deems appropri-
15 ate.
16   (c) Locations for portable polling locations for early voting shall be
17 operational for no fewer than three consecutive days.
18   (d) No portable polling location for early voting established by this
19 subdivision shall replace or otherwise decrease the number of polling
20 places for early voting required by subdivision two of this section.
21   (e) For the purposes of early voting at portable polling locations,
22 any ballots cast at such portable polling locations shall comply with
23 the provisions of subdivision six of this section.
24   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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