STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 13, 2020

Introduced by Sen. 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 designating certain university and community college campuses as polling places for early voting

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 8-600 of the election law, as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2019, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

(a) [~~The~~] **Subject to paragraph (e) of this subdivision, the** board of elections shall designate polling places for early voting, which may include the offices of the board of elections, for persons to vote early pursuant to this title. There shall be so designated at least one early voting polling place for every full increment of fifty thousand registered voters in each county; provided, however, the number of early voting polling places in a county shall not be required to be greater than seven, and a county with fewer than fifty thousand voters shall have at least one early voting polling place.

(d) [~~Polling~~] **Subject to paragraph (e) of this subdivision, polling** places for early voting shall be located so that voters in the county have adequate and equitable access, taking into consideration population density, travel time to the polling place, proximity to other early voting poll sites, public transportation routes, commuter traffic patterns and such other factors the board of elections deems appropriate. The provisions of section 4-104 of this chapter, except subdivisions four and five of such section, shall apply to the designation of polling places for early voting except to the extent such provisions are inconsistent with this section.

(e)(i) Notwithstanding the board of elections' discretion to designate polling places for early voting as set forth in this subdivision, for any county required to have more than one polling place for early voting as set forth in this subdivision, the board of elections shall designate at least one state university of New York university or community

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

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college campus located in that county with enrollment of at least two thousand five hundred undergraduate students as a polling place for the early voting period. The board of elections shall make available to that county additional discretionary funding for the administration of early voting if that county designates more than one state university of New York university or community college campus located in that county as an additional polling place for early voting for at least three consecutive weekdays during the early voting period.

(ii) For any county that is not required to have more than one polling place for early voting as set forth in this subdivision, the board of elections shall make available to that county additional discretionary funding for the administration of early voting if that county designates any state university of New York university or community college campus located in that county as an additional polling place for early voting for at least three consecutive weekdays during the early voting period.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.