STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 6, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- 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 eliminating the requirements for publication of detailed election notices within the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-118 of the election law is amended to read as follows:

1. Each county board of elections**, except for those located within the city of New York,** shall publish in the week ending on the Saturday preceding a primary election a notice specifying the day of such primary election, the hours during which it will be held and the public offices for which nominations are to be made and the party positions which are to be filled at such primary elections. Such publication shall be in two newspapers published within the county. If the county contains a city or cities, at least one of such newspapers shall be published in the city, or the largest city, if there be more than one.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 4-120 of the election law, as amended by chapter 413 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of elections**, except for those located within the city of New York,** shall publish once in each of the two weeks preceding a general election, or a special or village election conducted by the board of elections, a notice specifying the day of the election, and the public officers to be voted for within such county, or any part thereof at such election. The board of elections shall, as soon as practicable, but not less than two weeks prior to any special election, prominently display on its website the date and hours of the election, the offices to be voted on in the county, part of a county, or the city of New York, and a link to any poll site information or poll location tools, where available. Such information shall also be made available to local governments, municipalities, and community boards for publication on any public-facing internet website, web application, web domain or digital application, including a social network or search engine, to the extent

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

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that such publication is practicable. If constitutional amendments, or questions are to be submitted to the voters of the state, the notice shall state that fact and that a copy of each such amendment or question may be obtained at the board of elections, by any voter. Such publication shall be in two newspapers published within the county. If the county contains a city or cities, at least one of such newspapers shall be published in the city, or the largest city, if there be more than one.

In the case of a village election, such publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in such village and shall include an abstract of any proposition to be voted upon at such election.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 4-122 of the election law, as amended by chapter 310 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1. The county board of elections**, except for those located within the city of New York,** shall publish, at least six days before an election, a list containing the name of every candidate for public office to be voted for within its jurisdiction at such election.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.