STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 4, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. BURGOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the number of signatures for independent nominating petitions; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 6-142 of the election law, as amended by chapter 79 of the laws of 1992, subdivision 1 as amended by section 9 of part ZZZ of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 and paragraph (d-1) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6-142. Independent nominations; number of signatures. 1. An independent nominating petition for candidates to be voted for by all the voters of the state must be signed by at least forty-five thousand voters, or one percent of the total number of votes, excluding blank and void ballots, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election, whichever is less, of whom at least five hundred, or one percent of enrolled voters, whichever is less, shall reside in each of one-half of the congressional districts of the State.

2. An independent nominating petition for the nomination of candidates for an office to be filled by the voters of any other political unit must be signed by voters numbering [~~five~~] **two and one-half** per centum of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in such unit, excluding blank and void votes, except that not more than [~~three thousand five hundred~~] **one thousand seven hundred fifty** signatures shall be required upon any such petition for any office to be filled in any political subdivision of the state wholly outside the city of New York, and not more than the following numbers of signatures shall be required upon any such petition for the following public offices respectively:

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

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(a) for any office to be filled in any county or portion thereof outside the city of New York, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] seven hundred fifty;

(b) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all the voters of the city of New York, [~~seven thousand five hundred~~] three thousand seven hundred fifty;

(b-1) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all the voters of any two counties in such city, [~~four thousand~~] two thousand;

(c) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all the voters of any county or borough in such city, [~~four thousand~~] two thousand;

(d) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all the voters of any municipal court district, [~~three thousand signatures~~] one thousand five hundred;

(d-1) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council district, [~~two thousand seven hundred~~] one thousand three hundred fifty;

(e) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional district, [~~three thousand five hundred~~] one thousand seven hundred fifty;

(f) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senatorial district, [~~three thousand~~] one thousand five hundred;

(g) for any office to be filled by all the voters of an assembly district, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] seven hundred fifty;

(h) for the office of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority, five hundred;

(i) for any office to be filled by the voters of any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision except as herein otherwise provided, not to exceed the number of signatures required for the larger subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2021.