

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring the hand  
counting of all ballots cast in an election for a position in which  
the difference in the ballots cast for the candidates for such posi-  
tion is ten or less votes or .5 percent of votes cast, whichever is  
greater

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-208 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

3 1-a. If upon the original canvass of the results of any general,  
4 special or primary election the difference in ballots cast for the  
5 candidates for any position is ten or less votes, or .5 percent of the  
6 ballots cast for such position, whichever shall be greater; the recan-  
7 vass of ballots cast for such position, pursuant to subdivision one of  
8 this section, shall require the board of elections or bipartisan commit-  
9 tee to count all ballots cast for such position by hand, including those  
10 ballots scanned by a ballot scanner.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to  
12 elections conducted on or after such date.

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

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