

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 14, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to reducing the numbers of signatures for designating and 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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 79 of the laws of 1992, the opening paragraph as  
3 amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994 and paragraph (c-1) as  
4 amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 2. All other petitions must be signed by not less than [~~five~~] one and  
7 one-quarter per centum, as determined by the preceding enrollment, of  
8 the then enrolled voters of the party residing within the political unit  
9 in which the office or position is to be voted for (excluding voters in  
10 inactive status), provided, however, that for the following public  
11 offices the number of signatures need not exceed the following limits:

12 (a) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter  
13 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be  
14 filled by all voters of the city of New York, [~~seven thousand five~~  
15 ~~hundred~~] one thousand eight hundred seventy-five signatures;

16 (b) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter  
17 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be  
18 filled by all the voters of any county or borough within the city of New  
19 York, [~~four thousand~~] one thousand signatures;

20 (c) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter  
21 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be  
22 filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any municipal court

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

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1 district, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] three hundred seventy-five signa-  
2 tures;

3 (c-1) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter  
4 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be  
5 filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council  
6 district, [~~nine hundred~~] two hundred twenty-five signatures;

7 (d) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or coun-  
8 ties, except the city of New York and counties therein, containing more  
9 than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the last  
10 preceding federal enumeration, [~~two thousand~~] five hundred signatures;

11 (e) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or coun-  
12 ties containing more than twenty-five thousand and not more than two  
13 hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, according to the last preceding  
14 federal enumeration, [~~one thousand~~] two hundred fifty signatures;

15 (f) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any other city or  
16 county, or of a councilmanic district in any city other than the city of  
17 New York, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred twenty-five signatures;

18 (g) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional  
19 district, [~~twelve hundred fifty~~] three hundred twelve signatures;

20 (h) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senato-  
21 rial district, [~~one thousand~~] two hundred fifty signatures;

22 (i) For any office to be filled by all voters of any assembly  
23 district, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred twenty-five signatures;

24 (j) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any political  
25 subdivision, except as herein otherwise provided, contained within  
26 another political subdivision, not to exceed the number of signatures  
27 required for the larger subdivision;

28 (k) For any other office to be filled by the voters of a political  
29 subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other  
30 political subdivision, not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures  
31 required for the subdivisions or parts of subdivisions so contained; and

32 (l) For any county legislative district, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred  
33 twenty-five signatures.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall not apply to any  
35 special election that will occur in the city of New York for which  
36 petitions are required to be filed before February 15, 2021 and shall  
37 expire December 31, 2021, when upon such date the provisions of this act  
38 shall be deemed repealed.