

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 20, 2021

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:

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

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

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

23 (e)(i) Notwithstanding the board of elections' discretion to designate  
24 polling places for early voting as set forth in this subdivision, for

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

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1 any county required to have more than one polling place for early voting  
2 as set forth in this subdivision, the board of elections shall designate  
3 at least one state university of New York university or community  
4 college campus located in that county with enrollment of at least two  
5 thousand five hundred undergraduate students as a polling place for the  
6 early voting period. The board of elections shall make available to that  
7 county additional discretionary funding for the administration of early  
8 voting if that county designates more than one state university of New  
9 York university or community college campus located in that county as an  
10 additional polling place for early voting for at least three consecutive  
11 weekdays during the early voting period.

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

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.