

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 23, 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 reducing the numbers of signatures for designating 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-half per centum, as determined by the preceding enrollment, of the  
8 then enrolled voters of the party residing within the political unit in  
9 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~~] two thousand two hundred fifty 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 two hundred 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  
23 district, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] four hundred fifty signatures;

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

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(c-1) ~~[For]~~ 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, ~~[nine-hundred]~~ two hundred seventy signatures;

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

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

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

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

(h) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senatorial district, ~~[one-thousand]~~ three hundred signatures;

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

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

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

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

§ 2. Notwithstanding subdivision 4 of section 6-134 of the election law, the first day to sign a designating petition shall be March 2, 2021.

§ 3. Notwithstanding subdivision 1 of section 6-158 of the election law, a designating petition for the June 2021 primary election shall be filed with the appropriate board of elections on March 22 through March 25, 2021 and the political calendar with respect to objections, acceptances, authorizations, declinations, substitutions and the last day to commence an election law article 16 proceeding shall be adjusted accordingly.

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