STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 10, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- 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 eliminating the signature requirement for designating petitions for certain candidates

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (c-1) of subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law, as amended by chapter 22 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all voters of the city of New York, two thousand two hundred fifty signatures**, provided however, there shall be no signature requirement for a candidate who is receiving public matching funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter seven of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York**;

(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 any county or borough within the city of New York, one thousand two hundred signatures**, provided however, there shall be no signature requirement for a candidate who is receiving public matching funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter seven of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York**;

(c) 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 municipal court district, four hundred fifty signatures**, provided however, there shall be no signature requirement for a candidate who is receiving public matching funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter seven of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York**;

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

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(c-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 hundred seventy signatures**, provided however, there shall be no signature requirement for a candidate who is receiving public matching funds pursuant to the provisions of chapter seven of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York**;

§ 2. 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, provided however, that the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.