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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Libraries

AN ACT to amend chapter 1017 of the laws of 1963 relating to establishing the Uniondale public library district in the town of Hempstead, Nassau county, in relation to certain dates pertaining to the annual election process and certain rights of the board

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

Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 1017 of the laws of 1963 relating to establishing the Uniondale public library district in the town of Hempstead, Nassau county, as amended by chapter 779 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. The board of trustees of the public library of said union free school district number two, town of Hempstead, in office on the effective date of this act shall constitute the board of trustees of the Uniondale public library district herein established. Each such trustee of the district herein established shall continue to hold office as such for the balance of his or her term as trustee of such school district library and until his or her successor is elected. Thereafter, on the ~~[first Tuesday of December]~~ third Thursday of October in each calendar year in which the term of any such trustee shall expire, an election shall be held for a trustee to succeed such trustee for a term of five years commencing the first day of January next succeeding such election.

The ~~[trustee]~~ board of trustees shall give notice thereof by the publication of a notice at least once in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the district. The ~~[first]~~ publication of such notice shall be ~~[not less than thirteen days and not more than twenty]~~ at least forty-five days prior to the date of such election. In addition, the trustees of such district shall cause copies of such notice to be posted conspicuously in five public places in the district at least ~~[thirteen]~~ forty-five days prior to the date of such election. Such

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

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1 notice shall specify the time when and the place where such election
2 will be held, the officers to be elected thereat and their terms of
3 office, and the hours during which the polls will be open for the
4 receipt of ballots. The trustees of such district shall prepare the
5 ballots for all elections of trustees and the polls shall remain open
6 for the receipt thereof at all elections from ~~[seven]~~ six o'clock in the
7 evening until ~~[ten]~~ nine o'clock in the evening and such additional
8 consecutive hours prior thereto as the trustees may have determined and
9 specified in the notice thereof. The trustees shall designate a resident
10 taxpayer of such district to act as chairman of any election of said
11 district and shall designate not less than two nor more than four resi-
12 dent taxpayers to act as election inspectors and ~~[ballot clerks]~~ may
13 designate additional alternative inspectors who shall assume the office
14 of inspector upon the inability or refusal of an inspector to assume or
15 perform his or her duties and additional clerical help, as needed, at
16 such elections. No trustee shall serve as such chairman or as an
17 election inspector ~~[or ballot clerk]~~. The trustees may adopt a resolu-
18 tion providing that such chairman, election inspectors and ~~[ballot~~
19 ~~clerks]~~ clerical help shall be paid for their respective services at any
20 such annual election or at any special election. Such resolution, if
21 adopted, shall fix the amount of such compensation ~~[but the amount shall~~
22 ~~not exceed ten dollars]~~ for each such official.

23 Every elector of the town who shall have resided in the district for
24 the period of thirty days next preceding any election of trustees shall
25 be qualified to vote.

26 Every trustee must at the time of his or her election or appointment
27 and throughout his or her term of office be ~~[(1)]~~ a resident elector of
28 such district ~~[and (2) the owner of property within such district~~
29 ~~assessed upon the latest completed assessment roll of the Town of Hemp-~~
30 ~~stead]~~.

31 The board of trustees may, by resolution, provide for absentee ballots
32 for the election of the office of trustee, in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 213-b of the town law.

34 The board of trustees may provide by resolution that candidates for
35 office of trustee shall file their names with the secretary of the board
36 of trustees at least thirty days prior to the date of the elections,
37 and, in addition, require that such nominations be submitted in petition
38 form subscribed by twenty-five registered voters of the district. Ther-
39 eafter, the ballots for the election of the office of trustee shall
40 specify the names of the candidates duly filed and, in addition, provide
41 proper blank spaces for each office to be filled at such election. If
42 any such resolution shall be adopted, the requirements thereof shall be
43 specified in the notice of each district election held thereafter. The
44 board of trustees may rescind such resolution at any time.

45 After the poles shall have been closed at any election held for the
46 election of trustees, the election inspectors ~~[and ballot clerks]~~ shall
47 immediately canvass publicly the ballots cast and the chairman of the
48 election shall publicly announce the result. Within twenty-four hours
49 thereafter, the chairman~~[,]~~ and election inspectors ~~[and ballot clerks]~~
50 shall execute and file a certificate of the result of the canvass with
51 the trustees and with the town clerk.

52 If the number of voters is so great as to render it inexpedient or
53 impossible to conduct the election at one polling place, the trustees
54 may divide the district into election districts and provide a polling
55 place for each such election district, provided, however, that the
56 number of election districts shall not exceed one for each six hundred

1 electors plus one for a remaining fraction of six hundred. In such
2 event, the notice specified in [~~subdivision one of~~] this section shall
3 describe the election districts and state where the polling places will
4 be located, and the trustees shall designate not less than two nor more
5 than four resident taxpayers to act as election inspectors and [~~ballot~~
6 ~~clerks~~] may designate additional alternative inspectors who shall assume
7 the office of inspector upon the inability or refusal of an inspector to
8 assume or perform his or her duties and additional clerical help, as
9 needed, at each such polling place. The trustees may adopt a resolution
10 providing that such election inspectors and [~~ballot clerks~~] clerical
11 help shall be paid for their respective services at any such annual
12 election or at any special election of the district. Such resolution, if
13 adopted, shall fix the amount of such compensation [~~but the amount shall~~
14 ~~not exceed ten dollars for such official~~]. No trustee shall serve as an
15 election inspector or [~~ballot clerk~~] clerical help.
16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.