STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 7, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act and the town law, in relation to requiring certain town and village justices be admitted to practice law in the state

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

Section 1. Section 105 of the uniform justice court act is amended by adding a new subdivision (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a town or village justice selected for a term of office in a town or village with a high volume caseload shall be admitted to practice law in the state. For the purposes of this subdivision, "town or village with a high volume caseload" shall mean the fifty highest volume caseloads in town and village courts in the state as determined by the office of court administration in consultation with the division of criminal justice services. Any change in the requirements for eligibility to serve as a town or village justice in such town or village shall take effect upon commencement of the next judicial term of office following the designation as a town or village with a high volume caseload.

§ 2. Section 31 of the town law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a town justice selected for a term of office in a town with a high volume caseload, as determined pursuant to subdivision (a-1) of section one hundred five of the uniform justice court act, shall be admitted to practice law in the state. Any change in the requirements for eligibility to serve as a town justice in such town shall take effect upon commencement of the next judicial term of office following the designation as a town with a high volume caseload.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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