STATE OF NEW YORK

1394

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 8, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring the county seat in Washington county to have at least one polling place designated for early voting

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 8-600 of the election law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2020, amending the election law, relating to requiring municipalities with the highest population in each county to have at least one polling place designated for early voting, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.8782 and A. 8610-B, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of elections shall designate polling places for early voting, which may include the offices of the board of elections, for persons to vote early pursuant to this title; provided, however, that the municipality with the highest population in each county based on the latest federal decennial census**, or the county seat in Washington county,** shall have at least one polling place designated for early voting, and to the extent practicable if such municipality has public transportation routes, such polling place shall be situated along such transportation routes. There shall be so designated at least one early voting polling place for every full increment of fifty thousand registered voters in each county; provided, however, the number of early voting polling places in a county shall not be required to be greater than ten unless required by any other provision of law, and a county with fewer than fifty thousand voters shall have at least one early voting polling place.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the election law, relating to requiring municipalities with the highest population in each county to have at least one polling place designated for early voting, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.8782 and A. 8610-B, takes effect.

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

LBD07167-01-1