STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to providing that compensation earned for training and serving as a poll worker during the 2020 general election shall not be the sole basis for any reduction in current or future unemployment benefits payable

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

Section 1. Section 591 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section, a claimant who is qualified for benefits and certified in accordance with the provisions of this article shall not be denied full benefits payable pursuant to this article solely because such claimant was compensated for service or training as a poll worker for the two thousand twenty general election during the period of declared emergency under Executive Order 202 of 2020 and any extension thereof. Such compensation shall not be the basis for any reduction in benefits calculated for any week that the claimant worked or trained as a poll worker and shall not be the basis for any reduction in the calculation of future benefits during the pendency of the declared emergency under Executive Order 202 of 2020 and any extension thereof, including additional federally-mandated pandemic unemployment assistance benefits related to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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