STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 22, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to reducing the numbers of signatures required for designating and nominating petitions; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law, as amended by chapter 79 of the laws of 1992, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994 and paragraph (c-1) as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended and a new subdivision 2-a is added to read as follows:

2. [~~All~~] **Subject to the provisions of subdivision two-a of this section, all** other petitions must be signed by not less than five per centum, as determined by the preceding enrollment, of the then enrolled voters of the party residing within the political unit in which the office or position is to be voted for (excluding voters in inactive status), provided, however, that for the following public offices the number of signatures need not exceed the following limits:

(a) For any office to be filled by all voters of the city of New York, seven thousand five hundred signatures;

(b) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any county or borough within the city of New York, four thousand signatures;

(c) For any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any municipal court district, one thousand five hundred signatures;

(c-1) For any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council district, nine hundred signatures;

(d) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or counties, except the city of New York and counties therein, containing more

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

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than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the last preceding federal enumeration, two thousand signatures;

(e) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or counties containing more than twenty-five thousand and not more than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal enumeration, one thousand signatures;

(f) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any other city or county, or of a councilmanic district in any city other than the city of New York, five hundred signatures;

(g) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional district, twelve hundred fifty signatures;

(h) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senatorial district, one thousand signatures;

(i) For any office to be filled by all voters of any assembly district, five hundred signatures;

(j) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any political subdivision, except as herein otherwise provided, contained within another political subdivision, not to exceed the number of signatures required for the larger subdivision;

(k) For any other office to be filled by the voters of a political subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other political subdivision, not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures required for the subdivisions or parts of subdivisions so contained; and

(l) For any county legislative district, five hundred signatures.

2-a. Notwithstanding subdivision two of this section, any provision of the New York city charter, or other law, rule or regulation providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, with respect to petitions signed on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one, all petitions signed pursuant to subdivision two of this section must be signed by not less than one and one-half per centum or thirty percent of the signature threshold numbers stated in subdivision two of this section, whichever is less.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the provisions of this act 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; and provided further that this act shall expire December 31, 2021, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.