STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 25, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing a longer period for early voting and designating early voting polling places for a lesser increment of registered voters

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 8-600 of the election law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2019 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 74 of the laws of 2021, are amended to read as follows:

1. Beginning the [~~tenth~~] **forty-ninth** day prior to any general, primary, run-off primary pursuant to subdivision one of section 6-162 of this chapter or special election for any public or party position except for such an election held pursuant to title two of article six or article fifteen of this chapter, and ending on and including the second day prior to such general, primary, run-off primary or special election for such public office or party position, persons duly registered and eligible to vote at such election shall be permitted to vote as provided in this title. The board of elections shall establish procedures, subject to approval of the state board of elections, to ensure that persons who vote during the early voting period shall not be permitted to vote subsequently in the same election.

(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 transpor-

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

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tation routes. There shall be so designated at least one early voting polling place for every full increment of [~~fifty~~] **twenty-five** 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~~] **twenty-five** thousand voters shall have at least one early voting polling place.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.