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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 12, 2021

Introduced by Sens. GAUGHRAN, BIAGGI, BRESLIN, KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the number of polling sites for early voting in certain cities and towns

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 amended by chapter 344 of the laws of 2020, 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 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.

In cities or towns with a population of more than one hundred thousand, but less than one million based on the latest federal decennial census, there shall be at least one early voting polling place for every full increment of fifty thousand persons in such cities and towns based on the latest federal decennial census; provided, however, the number of early voting polling places in each such city and town shall not be required to be greater than eleven, and to the extent practicable, if such cities or towns have public transportation routes, such polling places shall be situated along such transportation routes.

§ 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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