

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 4, 2021

Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the number of signatures for independent 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:

1 Section 1. Section 6-142 of the election law, as amended by chapter 79
2 of the laws of 1992, subdivision 1 as amended by section 9 of part ZZZ
3 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 and paragraph (d-1) of subdivision 2
4 as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 § 6-142. Independent nominations; number of signatures. 1. An inde-
7 pendent nominating petition for candidates to be voted for by all the
8 voters of the state must be signed by at least forty-five thousand
9 voters, or one percent of the total number of votes, excluding blank and
10 void ballots, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial
11 election, whichever is less, of whom at least five hundred, or one
12 percent of enrolled voters, whichever is less, shall reside in each of
13 one-half of the congressional districts of the State.

14 2. An independent nominating petition for the nomination of candidates
15 for an office to be filled by the voters of any other political unit
16 must be signed by voters numbering [~~five~~] two and one-half per centum of
17 the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial
18 election in such unit, excluding blank and void votes, except that not
19 more than [~~three thousand five hundred~~] one thousand seven hundred fifty
20 signatures shall be required upon any such petition for any office to be
21 filled in any political subdivision of the state wholly outside the city
22 of New York, and not more than the following numbers of signatures shall
23 be required upon any such petition for the following public offices
24 respectively:

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

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1 (a) for any office to be filled in any county or portion thereof
2 outside the city of New York, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] seven hundred
3 fifty;

4 (b) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter provid-
5 ing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled
6 by all the voters of the city of New York, [~~seven thousand five hundred~~]
7 three thousand seven hundred fifty;

8 (b-1) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter
9 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be
10 filled by all the voters of any two counties in such city, [~~four thou-~~
11 ~~sand~~] two thousand;

12 (c) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter provid-
13 ing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled
14 by all the voters of any county or borough in such city, [~~four thousand~~]
15 two thousand;

16 (d) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter provid-
17 ing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled
18 by all the voters of any municipal court district, [~~three thousand~~
19 ~~signatures~~] one thousand five hundred;

20 (d-1) notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter
21 providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be
22 filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council
23 district, [~~two thousand seven hundred~~] one thousand three hundred fifty;

24 (e) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional
25 district, [~~three thousand five hundred~~] one thousand seven hundred
26 fifty;

27 (f) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senato-
28 rial district, [~~three thousand~~] one thousand five hundred;

29 (g) for any office to be filled by all the voters of an assembly
30 district, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] seven hundred fifty;

31 (h) for the office of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority, five
32 hundred;

33 (i) for any office to be filled by the voters of any political subdivi-
34 sion contained within another political subdivision except as herein
35 otherwise provided, not to exceed the number of signatures required for
36 the larger subdivision.

37 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
38 deemed repealed December 31, 2021.