STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

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

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

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**; and provided further that in counties with a population of one million or more based on the latest federal decennial census, but outside cities with a population of one million or more, based on the latest federal decennial census, each town and city in such counties shall have at least one polling place**.

§ 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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