STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 27, 2021

Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the number of signatures of enrolled voters needed on a designating petition for any town office to be filled by all the voters of certain towns; relates to the number of signatures required on a designating petition for a village election; and to provide for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (k) and (l) of subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law, as amended by chapter 22 of the laws of 2021, are amended and a new paragraph (m) is added to read as follows:

(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, one hundred fifty signatures[~~.~~]**; and**

(m) For any office to be filled by all the voters of towns containing one hundred thousand inhabitants or less, not to exceed the number of signatures required by paragraph (j) of this subdivision, or two times the number of elections districts in such town, whichever is less.

§ 2. Notwithstanding subdivision 2 of section 6-204 of the election law and paragraph b of subdivision 3 of section 15-108 of the election law, the number of signatures required on a designating petition for a village election shall be one and one-half per centum of the number of enrolled voters of the party residing in the village.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2021; and provided further that the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.