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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER, RAMOS, WOERNER, ZINERMAN, PAULIN, GALLAGHER, LUNSFORD, REYES, ARDILA, DE LOS SANTOS, SHRESTHA, McMAHON, KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- recommitted to the Committee on Election Law in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to establishing minimum staffing levels for local board of elections

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 3-300 of the election law is amended to read as
2 follows:
- 3 § 3-300. Board employees; appointment. 1. Every board of elections
4 shall appoint, and at its pleasure remove, clerks, voting machine tech-
5 nicians, custodians and other employees, fix their number, prescribe
6 their duties, fix their titles and rank and establish their salaries
7 within the amounts appropriated therefor by the local legislative body
8 and shall secure in the appointment of employees of the board of
9 elections equal representation of the major political parties.
- 10 2. Every board of elections shall employ, at a minimum, four full
11 time employees in addition to the appointed commissioners, within four
12 years of the effective date of this subdivision; provided, however, that
13 every board of elections shall employ at least two full time employees
14 within two years of the effective date of this subdivision. Every board
15 of elections shall employ two additional employees for every full allot-
16 ment of twenty thousand active registered voters beyond forty thousand
17 active registered voters.
- 18 3. Every commissioner in each board of elections except for commis-
19 sioners of the board of elections of the city of New York, may approve
20 and at pleasure remove a deputy, establish his title and prescribe his
21 duties. In the city of New York, the board of elections shall appoint an

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

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1 executive director and a deputy executive director whose duties it shall
2 be to supervise the operations of the board of elections under the
3 supervision of such board.
4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.