STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 19, 2023

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

AN ACT to amend a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the election law relating to establishing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York, establishing rights of action for denying or abridging of the right of any member of a protected class to vote, providing assistance to language-minority groups, requiring certain political subdivisions to receive preclearance for potential violations of the NYVRA, and creating civil liability for voter intimidation, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1046-E and A. 6678-E, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Section 5 of a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the election law relating to establishing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York, establishing rights of action for denying or abridging of the right of any member of a protected class to vote, providing assistance to language-minority groups, requiring certain political subdivisions to receive preclearance for potential violations of the NYVRA, and creating civil liability for voter intimidation, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1046-E and A. 6678-E, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. This act shall take effect [~~immediately; provided, however, that paragraph (c) of subdivision seven of section 17-206 of the election law as added by section four of this act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law; and provided further, however,~~] **July 1, 2023; provided** that section 17-208 of the election law as added by section four of this act shall take effect three years after it shall have become a law; and provided further, however, that section 17-210 of the election law, as added by section four of this act, shall take effect one year after the attorney general certifies that the office of the

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

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attorney general is prepared to execute the duties assigned in section four of this act, if after the expiration of one year the attorney general requires more time to certify that the office of the attorney general is prepared to execute the duties assigned in section four of this act, the attorney general, may, for good cause shown, apply to the governor for such an extension of time. The governor may grant or deny an extension of up to one year according to his or her discretion. The attorney general shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section four of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.