

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 26, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. SILLITTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the minimum age to vote at school district meetings or for election of school district officers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 and the closing paragraph of section 2012 of  
2 the education law, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 115 of the laws  
3 of 1973 and the closing paragraph as amended by chapter 919 of the laws  
4 of 1974, are amended to read as follows:

5 2. [~~Eighteen~~] Sixteen years of age.

6 No person shall be deemed to be ineligible to vote at any such meeting  
7 or election, by reason of sex, who has the other qualifications required  
8 by this section; and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this  
9 section, no Indian [~~eighteen~~] sixteen years of age or over who, having  
10 been born in the United States to a member of an Indian tribe, or having  
11 been naturalized or otherwise acquired citizenship, shall have resided  
12 on an Indian reservation in the state for a period of thirty days next  
13 preceding the meeting or election at which he offers to vote or the  
14 spouse of such Indian shall be deemed ineligible to vote at any such  
15 meeting or election of the school district where the majority, as deter-  
16 mined by the commissioner, of the Indian children of such reservation  
17 are being educated under a contract pursuant to subdivision two of  
18 section forty-one hundred one of this chapter, except that the parents  
19 or guardians of Indian children of such reservation who are being  
20 educated in the schools of a district other than the district which  
21 educates the majority of such children, shall be eligible to vote only  
22 in the district where their children are being so educated.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
24 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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