STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 5, 2023

Introduced by Sens. MANNION, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- recommitted to the Committee on Elections in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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:

Section 1. Section 3-300 of the election law is amended to read as follows:

§ 3-300. Board employees; appointment. **1.** Every board of elections shall appoint, and at its pleasure remove, clerks, voting machine technicians, custodians and other employees, fix their number, prescribe their duties, fix their titles and rank and establish their salaries within the amounts appropriated therefor by the local legislative body and shall secure in the appointment of employees of the board of elections equal representation of the major political parties.

2. Every board of elections shall employ, at a minimum, four full time employees in addition to the appointed commissioners, within four years of the effective date of this subdivision; provided, however, that every board of elections shall employ at least two full time employees within two years of the effective date of this subdivision. Every board of elections shall employ two additional employees for every full allotment of twenty thousand active registered voters beyond forty thousand active registered voters.

3. Every commissioner in each board of elections except for commissioners of the board of elections of the city of New York, may approve and at pleasure remove a deputy, establish his title and prescribe his duties. In the city of New York, the board of elections shall appoint an executive director and a deputy executive director whose duties it shall be to supervise the operations of the board of elections under the supervision of such board.

§ 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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