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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to utilizing schools as polling places

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 414 of the education law, as amended by chapter 257 of the laws of 1976, is amended to read as follows:

(e) For polling places for holding primaries and elections and for the registration of voters and for holding political meetings. But no meetings sponsored by political organizations shall be permitted unless authorized by a vote of a district meeting, held as provided by law, or, in cities by the board of education thereof. Except in cities, it shall be the duty of the trustees or board of education to call a special meeting for such purpose upon the petition of at least ten per centum of the qualified electors of the district. Authority so granted shall continue until revoked in like manner and by the same body as granted. **Where practicable, school districts in which schools are utilized as polling places shall schedule conference or professional development days pursuant to subdivision eight of section thirty-six hundred four of this chapter on primary or election days when the polls are open to voters. If students are present during hours when polls are open, school districts shall take measures to ensure that the general public shall not access other areas of the school outside of the polling place.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding 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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