STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 19, 2023

Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the creation, consolidation, division, and alteration of election districts by the board of elections in the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 4-100 of the 2 election law, as amended by section 2 of part 0 of chapter 55 of the 3 laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. Each election district shall be in compact form and may not be 5 partly within and partly without a ward, town, city, a village which has б five thousand or more inhabitants and is wholly within one town, the 7 contiguous property of a college or university which contains three 8 hundred or more registrants who are registered to vote at any address on 9 such contiguous property, or a county legislative, assembly, senatorial 10 or congressional district. Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, election district boundaries, other than those boundaries 11 12 which are coterminous with the boundaries of those political subdivi-13 sions and college or university properties mentioned in this paragraph, 14 must be streets, rivers, railroad lines or other permanent characteristics of the landscape which are clearly visible to any person without 15 the need to use any technical or mechanical device. An election district 16 shall contain not more than nine hundred fifty registrants (excluding 17 registrants in inactive status) or, with the approval of the county 18 19 board of elections, not more than two thousand registrants (excluding 20 registrants in inactive status), except in the city of New York where an 21 election district shall not contain more than four thousand registrants (excluding registrants in inactive status), but any election district 22 23 may be divided for the convenience of the voters.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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