STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 1, 2023

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to setting the number of petitioners necessary to call for a vote on increasing the amount of funding of the annual contribution for the operating budget of a registered public or free association library

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 259 of the education law, as amended by chapter 184 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph two of this paragraph, whenever **twenty-five** qualified voters of a municipality[~~, in a number equal to at least ten per centum of the total number of votes cast in such municipality for governor at the last gubernatorial election,~~] shall so petition and the library board of trustees shall endorse, the question of establishing or increasing the amount of funding of the annual contribution for the operating budget of a registered public or free association library by such municipality to a sum specified in said petition, shall be voted on at the next general election of such municipality, provided that due public notice of the proposed action shall have been given. An increase in library funding provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not apply to a municipal budget adopted prior to the date of such election.

§ 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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