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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 requiring the board of  
elections to provide Russian interpreters to certain polling locations  
in cities having a population in excess of one million people

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 5-216 of the election law is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3 2. a. If the applicant be a person who does not speak the English  
4 language, he may be assisted by a relative who can interpret for him. If  
5 the applicant registers with this assistance the board shall put in the  
6 remarks space of the registration forms the name and address, and the  
7 relationship, of the person so doing the interpreting and the interpret-  
8 er shall sign his name in the remarks space.  
9 b. In any city having a population of one million or more people,  
10 which contains any county that has a population comprised of five  
11 percent or more of people whose first language is Russian within such  
12 county, the board of elections shall provide Russian interpreters at  
13 polling locations in those election districts within each such county in  
14 the city having a population comprised of five percent or more people  
15 whose first language is Russian.  
16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all  
17 elections conducted on or after such effective date.

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

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