STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 7, 2023

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing county boards of elections to establish county-wide polling places

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-110 to read as follows:

§ 8-110. County-wide polling places. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "county-wide polling place" shall mean a polling place in a county where any person entitled to vote in such county by personal appearance may so vote on the day of a primary election or general election.

2. A county board of elections may establish one or more county-wide polling places in its county, upon approval by the state board of elections pursuant to subdivision five of this section.

3. Any person entitled to vote in a county by personal appearance may do so at any county-wide polling place established in such county pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

4. Any such county-wide polling place shall be subject to all other voting and polling place requirements under this article not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

5. No county board of elections shall establish a county-wide polling place pursuant to this section without first obtaining approval from the state board of elections. A county board of elections may seek such approval by submitting its plans for the establishment and implementation of such county-wide polling place to the state board of elections no later than ninety days before the date of the next election. The state board of elections shall promulgate rules and regulations estab-

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

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lishing the approval process pursuant to this subdivision, and governing the implementation of county-wide polling places pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.