STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 number of signatures needed for designating petitions in counties with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or fewer

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

Section 1. Section 6-136 of the election law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 4 and 5 to read as follows:

4. In counties with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or fewer and notwithstanding subdivision two of this section, for designations made by petition, the signature requirement numbers stated in paragraphs (a) through (l) of subdivision two of this section shall be reduced by one-quarter, rounded down to the nearest whole number. Provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to designating petitions for congressional or statewide offices.

5. Notwithstanding subdivision two of this section, for designating petitions for political subdivisions in counties with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or fewer, except for the position of member of the ward, town, city or county committee, such petitions shall be signed by not less than three and three-quarters per centum, as determined by the preceding enrollment, of the then enrolled voters of the party residing within the political unit in which the office or position is to be voted for, excluding voters in inactive status. Provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to designating petitions for congressional or statewide offices.

§ 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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