STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 a commissioner of a board of elections to meet certain qualifications before their appointment

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

Section 1. Section 3-200 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. No later than December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, the state board of elections shall prescribe qualifications for all commissioners of boards of elections in each county and the city of New York. Such qualifications shall include, but not be limited to, the qualifications prescribed by section three of the public officers law, and demonstrated experience in election administration or other management, operations, or administrative experience in the public, non-profit, or private sector as deemed sufficient by the board. Such qualifications shall apply to appointments made beginning thirty days after promulgation of such qualifications and shall thereafter be reviewed by such board at least every two years and updated as necessary. Such qualifications shall be prescribed by the board only after consideration of the skills and knowledge necessary or useful for the exercise of the duties and responsibilities of such commissioners, as well as the ability to recruit a sufficient number of candidates to be commissioners.

§ 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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