STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 11, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SIMONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the minimum age to vote at school district meetings or for election of school district officers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 and the closing paragraph of section 2012 of the education law, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 115 of the laws of 1973 and the closing paragraph as amended by chapter 919 of the laws of 1974, are amended to read as follows:

2. [~~Eighteen~~] **Sixteen** years of age.

No person shall be deemed to be ineligible to vote at any such meeting or election, by reason of sex, who has the other qualifications required by this section; and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, no Indian [~~eighteen~~] **sixteen** years of age or over who, having been born in the United States to a member of an Indian tribe, or having been naturalized or otherwise acquired citizenship, shall have resided on an Indian reservation in the state for a period of thirty days next preceding the meeting or election at which [~~he~~] **such person** offers to vote or the spouse of such Indian shall be deemed ineligible to vote at any such meeting or election of the school district where the majority, as determined by the commissioner, of the Indian children of such reservation are being educated under a contract pursuant to subdivision two of section forty-one hundred one of this chapter, except that the parents or guardians of Indian children of such reservation who are being educated in the schools of a district other than the district which educates the majority of such children, shall be eligible to vote only in the district where their children are being so educated.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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