STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to including speakers of Haitian Creole and persons of Middle Eastern or North African heritage as language minorities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5-a of section 17-204 of the election law, as added by chapter 226 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

5-a. "Language minorities" or "language-minority group" means persons who are American Indian, Asian American, Alaskan Natives**, speakers of Haitian Creole,** or of Spanish heritage**. "Language minorities" or "language-minority group" shall also mean persons of Middle Eastern or North African heritage as defined by the federal office of management and budget's statistical policy directive fifteen**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after 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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