STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the date of school district annual organizational meetings; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1707 of the education law, as amended by section 6 of part A of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

[~~1.~~] The annual organizational meeting of the board of education of every union free school district shall be held [~~on the first Tuesday~~] in July **on or before the Monday after the twentieth day in July** of each year[~~, unless said day shall be a legal holiday, in which event it shall fall on the first Wednesday in July~~].

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1707 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 3. Section 1904 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 4. Section 2504 of the education law, as added by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, and subdivision 2 as added and subdivision 3 as renumbered by chapter 526 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2504. Meetings of board of education. 1. The annual meeting of the board of education shall be held [~~during the first week~~] in **July on or before the Monday after the twentieth day in** July, at four o'clock in the afternoon or such other hour as the board may determine, at which meeting the board shall select a president for the ensuing year. At such meeting the board may also select a vice-president who shall be authorized to act for the president in case of the president's absence or inability to act during such year.

2. [~~The board of education may, however, by resolution, determine that the annual meeting be held at any time during the first fifteen days in the month of July, at a time to be decided by the board.~~]

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

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~~3.~~] Such board shall also fix the day and hour for holding regular board meetings which shall be at least as often as once each month and shall also prescribe a method for calling special meetings of such board.

§ 5. Paragraph o of subdivision 9-a of section 2502 of the education law, as amended by chapter 526 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

o. The members so elected to the board of education shall convene on the [~~first business day in July of each year, unless another~~] date [~~is~~] chosen pursuant to section twenty-five hundred four of this [~~chapter~~] **article**, at the time of the commencement of their term of office and select from their members a president who shall serve for a term of one year.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.