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ON FILE: 01/23/21 Election Law

TITLE....Reduces the number of signatures for designating petitions

01/23/21 REFERRED TO ELECTIONS

01/25/21 COMMITTEE DISCHARGED AND COMMITTED TO RULES

01/25/21 ORDERED TO THIRD READING CAL.143

01/26/21 PASSED SENATE

01/26/21 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY

01/26/21 referred to election law

01/26/21 substituted for a3356

01/26/21 ordered to third reading rules cal.15

01/26/21 passed assembly

01/26/21 returned to senate

01/27/21 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR

01/28/21 SIGNED CHAP.22

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2021

CHAPTER 22

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to reducing the numbers of signatures for designating petitions; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

Became a law January 28, 2021, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6-136 of the election law, as amended by chapter 79 of the laws of 1992, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994 and paragraph (c-1) as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

2. All other petitions must be signed by not less than [~~five~~] one and one-half 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 for the following public offices the number of signatures need not exceed the following limits:

(a) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all voters of the city of New York, [~~seven thousand five hundred~~] two thousand two hundred fifty signatures;

(b) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled by all the voters of any county or borough within the city of New York, [~~four thousand~~] one thousand two hundred signatures;

(c) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any municipal court district, [~~one thousand five hundred~~] four hundred fifty signatures;

(c-1) [~~For~~] Notwithstanding any provision of the New York city charter providing for greater thresholds to the contrary, for any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council district, [~~nine hundred~~] two hundred seventy signatures;

(d) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or counties, except the city of New York and counties therein, containing more than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the last preceding federal enumeration, [~~two thousand~~] six hundred signatures;

(e) For any office to be filled by all the voters of cities or counties containing more than twenty-five thousand and not more than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal enumeration, [~~one thousand~~] three hundred signatures;

(f) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any other city or county, or of a councilmanic district in any city other than the city of New York, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred fifty signatures;

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

(g) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional district, [~~twelve hundred fifty~~] three hundred seventy-five signatures;

(h) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senatorial district, [~~one thousand~~] three hundred signatures;

(i) For any office to be filled by all voters of any assembly district, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred fifty signatures;

(j) For any office to be filled by all the voters of any political subdivision, except as herein otherwise provided, contained within another political subdivision, not to exceed the number of signatures required for the larger subdivision;

(k) For any other office to be filled by the voters of a political subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other political subdivision, not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures required for the subdivisions or parts of subdivisions so contained; and

(l) For any county legislative district, [~~five hundred~~] one hundred fifty signatures.

§ 2. Notwithstanding subdivision 4 of section 6-134 of the election law, the first day to sign a designating petition shall be March 2, 2021.

§ 3. Notwithstanding subdivision 1 of section 6-158 of the election law, a designating petition for the June 2021 primary election shall be filed with the appropriate board of elections on March 22 through March 25, 2021 and the political calendar with respect to objections, acceptances, authorizations, declinations, substitutions and the last day to commence an election law article 16 proceeding shall be adjusted accordingly.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall not apply to any special election that will occur in the city of New York for which petitions are required to be filed before February 15, 2021 and shall expire December 31, 2021, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly