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IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTIES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS HELD IN AND FOR SUCH COUNTIES – OTHER THAN SPANISH¹

Pursuant to Election Law § 17-208, boards of elections and political subdivisions that conduct elections, excluding “special districts as defined by section one hundred two of the real property tax law,” must provide election-related materials in certain languages when the jurisdiction has a population of Limited English Proficient Citizens of Voting Age meeting statutory thresholds. See Election Law § 17-208 (1).

When a language becomes a covered language for a jurisdiction, voting materials must be provided “in the covered language of an equal quality of the corresponding English language materials.” The Election Law specifies these materials include:

- ballots (to be in both the covered language and in English)
- registration or voting notices
- forms
- instructions
- assistance
- other materials or information relating to the electoral process

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

Election Law § 17-208 provides “a board of elections *or a political subdivision that administers elections* shall provide language-related assistance in voting and elections to a language-minority group *in a political subdivision* if, based on the data from the American Community Survey, or data of comparable quality...” it is determined that:

- (a) More than two percent, *but in no instance fewer than three hundred* individuals, of the citizens of voting age of a political subdivision are members of a single language-minority group and are limited English proficient.

¹ Spanish Language Assistance determinations were previously issued (revised as of May 20, 2025)

(b) More than four thousand of the citizens of voting age of such political subdivision are members of a single language-minority group and are limited English proficient.

(c) In the case of a political subdivision that contains all or any part of a Native American reservation, more than two percent of the Native American citizens of voting age within the ...reservation are members of a single language minority group and are limited English proficient....

DESIGNATIONS

Applying the Election Law 17-208 (1) inclusion criteria, the following counties must provide language assistance in the languages specified in relation to elections held in and for such jurisdictions:

COUNTY	LANGUAGE²	Citizen Voting Age Population (Language LEP)	LEP %
Kings County	<i>Chinese (including Taiwanese) alone or in combination</i>	66,850	4.03
Kings County	Asian Indian (including Sikh) alone or in combination	5,069	0.31
Kings County	Pakistani alone or in combination	5,777	0.35
Nassau County	Asian Indian (including Sikh) alone or in combination	6,509	0.67
Nassau County	Chinese (including Taiwanese) alone or in combination	7,186	0.74
New York County	<i>Chinese (including Taiwanese) alone or in combination</i>	28,390	2.41
Queens County	<i>Chinese (including Taiwanese) alone or in combination</i>	69,290	4.95
Queens County	Filipino alone or in combination	6,185	0.44
Queens County	<i>Asian Indian (including Sikh) alone or in combination</i>	19,610	1.4
Queens County	<i>Bangladeshi alone or in combination</i>	11,150	0.8
Queens County	<i>Korean alone or in combination</i>	16,450	1.18
Richmond County	Chinese (including Taiwanese) alone or in combination	6,056	1.8

FUTURE DESIGNATIONS

When data NYSBOE has requested from the United States Census Bureau is provided, additional designations may be made, including for villages, towns and cities.

² *Bold denotes language already covered by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

MECHANISM OF COMPLIANCE

Compliance with these determinations should substantially comport with the provisions of 28 CFR Part 55 (in effect at the time of this designation). See <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-55>.

NYSBOE will work with local boards of elections to identify poll sites at which ballots and voting materials must be made available in the designated languages.

DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

Any jurisdiction covered by a language determination made by the United States on December 8, 2021 (Federal Register Vol. 86, No. 233, p. 69611 et seq) pursuant to Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, and is likewise covered by the same language category under this determination, meets the requirements of this determination.

For the jurisdictions designated pursuant only to Election Law 17-208, the available Census data indicates the following:

- “Pakistani alone or in combination” shall require language services in **Urdu**.
- “Asian Indian (including Sikh) alone or in combination” shall require language services in **Bengali** (in Kings County) and in **Malayalam** (in Nassau County).
- “Filipino alone or in combination” shall require language services in **Tagalog**.

REVISION HISTORY:

None.