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IDENTIFICATION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS HELD IN AND FOR SUCH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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 law¹,” 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 the 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 election *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:

¹ Pursuant to the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations, *Special District Defined* (Last Modified June 2009) “[t]he types of districts included in the definition are school districts, fire districts, fire alarm districts, fire protection districts, joint fire districts, town improvement districts, county districts, business improvement districts, and districts created by Special Act of the State Legislature, including special district public libraries.”

- (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.
- (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 if a single language minority group and are limited English proficient....

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

COUNTIES:

County	Population	Citizen Voting Age Population	Citizen Voting Age Population (Spanish LEP)	%
Bronx County	1,324,122	870,358	140,460	16.14
Chautauqua County	119,643	98,910	2,108	2.13
Dutchess County	283,531	228,246	4,297	1.88
Erie County	899,657	732,274	7,304	1
Kings County	2,470,419	1,725,396	76,841	4.45
Monroe County	714,240	579,584	12,092	2.09
Montgomery County	46,412	37,502	812	2.17
Nassau County	1,314,031	998,842	33,486	3.35
New York County	1,557,854	1,199,926	74,313	6.19
Orange County	376,697	278,971	8,569	3.07
Putnam County	93,467	74,361	1,555	2.09
Queens County	2,199,666	1,451,193	103,562	7.14
Richmond County	465,908	349,159	7,760	2.22
Rockland County	309,979	212,658	6,115	2.88
Suffolk County	1,444,678	1,114,779	41,327	3.71
Sullivan County	74,491	58,402	1,527	2.61
Westchester County	943,606	689,022	38,598	5.6

CITIES:

City	Population	Citizen Voting Age Population	Citizen Voting Age Population (Spanish LEP)	%
Buffalo City	259,537	203,054	5,567	2.74
Glen Cove City	26,622	19,168	820	4.28
Jamestown City	26,202	21,425	671	3.13
Middletown City	27,829	18,883	1,544	8.18
Mount Vernon City	68,738	51,189	1,882	3.68
New Rochelle City	77,994	55,592	3,842	6.91
New York City	8,017,969	5,596,032	402,936	7.2
Newburgh City	26,981	17,705	2,072	11.7
Peekskill City	24,536	17,915	1,637	9.14
Poughkeepsie City	30,093	22,289	973	4.37
Rochester City	197,069	156,888	9,037	5.76
Utica City	60,097	43,428	1,304	3
White Plains City	56,688	41,272	3,685	8.93
Yonkers City	196,910	140,922	15,181	10.77

VILLAGES:

Village	Population	Citizen Voting Age Population	Citizen Voting Age Population (Spanish LEP)	%
Freeport Village	41,924	29,397	3,691	12.56
Hempstead Village	54,771	33,236	3,431	10.32
Lindenhurst Village	25,445	19,942	677	3.39
Lynbrook Village	18,866	15,028	337	2.24
Mineola Village	20,057	15,554	428	2.75
Ossining Village	25,771	17,589	1,342	7.63
Port Chester Village	29,137	17,779	3,001	16.88
Valley Stream Village	38,622	29,652	1,553	5.24

TOWNS:

Town	Population	Citizen Voting Age Population	Citizen Voting Age Population (Spanish LEP)	%
Babylon Town, Suffolk County	205,206	158,302	7,289	4.6
Brookhaven Town, Suffolk County	462,009	359,913	6,880	1.91
Clarkstown Town, Rockland County	81,789	61,802	1,408	2.28
Cortlandt Town, Westchester County	39,768	31,601	713	2.26
East Fishkill Town, Dutchess County	28,047	21,970	447	2.03
East Hampton Town, Suffolk County	26,809	20,112	485	2.41
Eastchester Town, Westchester County	32,283	24,212	868	3.58
Greenburgh Town, Westchester County	88,873	67,430	1,842	2.73
Haverstraw Town, Rockland County	35,697	24,530	2,478	10.1
Hempstead Town, Nassau County	745,549	561,506	23,907	4.26
Huntington Town, Suffolk County	194,133	155,787	3,492	2.24
Islip Town, Suffolk County	319,106	232,084	19,678	8.48
Le Ray Town, Jefferson County	22,738	18,317	595	3.25
Mamaroneck Town, Westchester County	29,570	21,266	692	3.25
Mount Pleasant Town, Westchester County	42,521	31,962	1,619	5.07
New Windsor Town, Orange County	26,654	20,430	700	3.43
Newburgh Town, Orange County	30,176	24,547	842	3.43
North Hempstead Town, Nassau County	224,780	166,062	5,067	3.05
Ossining Town, Westchester County	37,447	27,109	1,491	5.5
Ramapo Town, Rockland County	132,138	78,123	1,598	2.05
Rye Town, Westchester County	45,767	29,434	3,138	10.66
Southampton Town, Suffolk County	65,449	50,032	2,146	4.29
Walkill Town, Orange County	29,367	23,131	588	2.54