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The registrars of voters in affected municipalities shall either employ or retain on a stand-by basis a Spanish speaking person or persons to assist Spanish speaking electors and citizens. For purposes of this section, affected municipalities shall mean all municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, as reflected on the latest known extrapolations from the U.S. Department of Census, are Hispanic-Americans, including all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. In municipalities in which the Director of the Census has determined, pursuant to Section 4 (f) (3) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, that more than five per centum of the citizens of voting age residing in such municipality are members of a Spanish language minority, the registrars of voters shall employ a Spanish speaking person on a full time basis or retain at least two Spanish speaking persons on a stand-by basis to assist Spanish speaking electors and citizens.

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