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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Millman) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the form of paper
ballots and party emblems

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The section heading and subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of
2 section 7-106 of the election law, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 9
3 of the laws of 1978, subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 244 of the laws
4 of 2003 and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 647 of the laws of 1982,
5 are amended to read as follows and subdivisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 are
6 renumbered subdivisions 8, 9, 10 and 11, respectively:
7 [Paper] ELECTION DAY PAPER ballots; form of.
8 1. Paper ballots WHICH ARE TO BE COUNTED BY A BALLOT SCANNER MAY
9 CONSIST OF TWO OR MORE SHEETS WHICH ARE DIVIDED INTO PERFORATED SECTIONS
10 WHICH CAN BE SEPARATED AT THE TIME THE BALLOT IS SCANNED. SUCH BALLOTS
11 shall be printed on paper of a quality, size, color, and weight approved
12 by the state board of elections.
13 3. Each ballot shall be printed on the [same] sheet with a stub which
14 shall be separated therefrom by a [horizontal] line of perforations
15 extending across the entire [width of the] ballot. On the face of the
16 stub shall be printed [the instructions to the voter. On the back of the
17 stub immediately above the center of the indorsement on the back of the
18 ballot, shall be printed] "No....." the blank to be filled with
19 consecutive number of ballots beginning with "No. 1", and increasing in
20 regular numerical order.
21 4. On [the back of the] SUCH ballot[, below the line of perforations,
22 just to the right of center, and outside when the ballot is folded, and
23 on the front of the ballot, directly below the perforated line,] shall
24 be printed the following indorsement, the blanks properly filled in:

25 [Official Ballot for General Officers (or whatever the case
26 may be) County of Assembly District

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

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1 (or ward and city or town) Election
2 District]

3 OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR (GENERAL, PRIMARY OR SPECIAL, AS APPLICA-
4 BLE)
5 ELECTION
6 COUNTY OF
7 (ASSEMBLY OR LEGISLATIVE, AS APPLICABLE) DISTRICT
8
9 (WARD AND CITY OR TOWN, AS APPLICA-
10 BLE).....
11 ELECTION DISTRICT

12 ([Date of Election] INSERT DATE OF ELECTION.)
13 ([Facsimile of the signature of officer or officers] INSERT
14 NAMES OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS providing the ballot.)

15 5. [On the stub at the top of the ballot or on the edge of such] THE
16 FOLLOWING ballot INSTRUCTIONS shall be printed in heavy black type [the
17 following instructions]:

18 INSTRUCTIONS

19 (1) Mark only with a [pen having blue or black ink or with a pencil
20 having black lead] WRITING INSTRUMENT PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF
21 ELECTIONS.

22 (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot [make
23 a single cross X mark or a check V mark in one of] FILL IN the [squares
24 to the right of an emblem opposite his or her name] (INSERT OVAL OR
25 SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) ABOVE OR NEXT TO THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE.

26 (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot
27 write or stamp his or her name [on a blank line under the names of the
28 candidates for that office.] IN THE SPACE LABELED "WRITE-IN" THAT
29 APPEARS (INSERT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMN OR THE END OF THE ROW, AS
30 APPLICABLE) FOR SUCH OFFICE (AND, IF REQUIRED BY THE VOTING SYSTEM IN
31 USE AT SUCH ELECTION, THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE "AND FILL IN
32 THE (INSERT OVAL OR SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) CORRESPONDING WITH THE
33 WRITE-IN SPACE IN WHICH THE VOTER HAS WRITTEN IN A NAME").

34 (4) To vote yes or no on a proposal [make a single X or V mark in the
35 square opposite your vote], IF ANY, THAT APPEARS ON THE (INDICATE WHERE
36 ON THE BALLOT THE PROPOSAL MAY APPEAR) FILL IN THE (INSERT OVAL OR
37 SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) THAT CORRESPONDS TO YOUR VOTE.

38 (5) Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
39 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
40 this entire ballot.

41 (6) Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
42 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
43 public office [or], party position OR PROPOSAL.

44 (7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and
45 obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by
46 making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all
47 or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a
48 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,
49 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-
50 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.

51 (8) AFTER COMPLETING YOUR BALLOT, INSERT IT INTO THE BALLOT SCANNER
52 AND WAIT FOR THE NOTICE THAT YOUR BALLOT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SCANNED.
53 IF NO SUCH NOTICE APPEARS, SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ELECTION INSPECTOR.

6. THE INSTRUCTIONS IN SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION MAY BE PRINTED ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF THE BALLOT OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET OR CARD. IF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT PRINTED ON THE FRONT OF THE BALLOT, THERE SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, IN THE LARGEST SIZE TYPE FOR WHICH THERE IS ROOM, THE FOLLOWING LEGEND: "SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE" OR "SEE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS", WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE.

7. Each such ballot shall be printed in sections in which the candidates' names[, emblems] and political designations, the ballot proposals and other requisite matter shall each be boxed in by heavy black PERPENDICULAR lines OF EQUAL WIDTH. [On the ballot] IN EACH SUCH SECTION shall be voting OVALS OR squares [in] which voters may [make their voting marks] FILL IN. [All voting squares shall be bounded by heavy black lines, the perpendicular lines to be not less than one-sixteenth of an inch wide. The voting squares and the spaces occupied by the emblem shall have a depth and width of five-sixteenths of an inch. No voting] IF APPLICABLE, OVALS OR squares shall be provided [in front of] NEXT TO the blank spaces provided for a voter to write in a name.

S 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 7-122 of the election law, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 259 of the laws of 1991, paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, subparagraph 3 of paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 156 of the laws of 1994, subparagraph 4 of paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 352 of the laws of 1986, subparagraph 5 of paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 1985 and subparagraphs 6 and 7 of paragraph (d) as added by chapter 244 of the laws of 2003, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The indorsement shall be printed [on the front of the ballot and may also be printed on the back of the ballot just to the right of center, and outside when the ballot is folded] AND PROPERLY FILLED IN:

[Absentee Ballot for General (or Primary or Special) Election County of..... (Date of Election.) (Facsimile of the signature of officer or officers providing the ballot.)]

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR (GENERAL, PRIMARY OR SPECIAL, AS APPLICABLE)

ELECTION

COUNTY OF.....

(ASSEMBLY OR LEGISLATIVE, AS APPLICABLE) DISTRICT.....

(WARD AND CITY OR TOWN, AS APPLICABLE).....

(INSERT DATE OF ELECTION)

(INSERT NAMES OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING THE BALLOT)

(d) On the front of the ballot PREPARED FOR COUNTING BY HAND, shall be printed in heavy black type the following instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mark in pen or pencil.

2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, make a single cross X mark or a single check, V mark in the voting square above the name of the candidate.

3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write or stamp [the] HIS OR HER name in the [blank] space [which] THAT appears at the bottom of the column [under the title of the office.] OR THE END OF THE ROW (INDICATE WHERE ON THE BALLOT THE WRITE-IN SPACE APPEARS) CONTAINING THE TITLE OF THE OFFICE.

4. To vote on a proposal make a cross X mark or a check V mark in one of the squares contained in the box setting forth such proposal.

1 5. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
2 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
3 this entire ballot.

4 6. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
5 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
6 public office [or], party position OR PROPOSAL.

7 7. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the board
8 of elections at ([Insert] INSERT phone number here) for instructions on
9 how to obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the
10 ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may
11 invalidate all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot,
12 if you make a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your
13 ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a
14 right to a replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot.

15 S 3. Section 7-104 of the election law, as amended by chapter 654 of
16 the laws of 1985, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 181 of the laws of
17 2005, paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 and subdivision 7 as amended,
18 subdivision 8 as added and subdivisions 9 and 10 as renumbered by chap-
19 ter 262 of the laws of 1986, and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 79
20 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

21 S 7-104. Ballots; form of, voting machine. 1. All ballots shall be
22 printed and/or displayed in a format and arrangement, of such uniform
23 size and style as will fit the ballot frame, and shall be in as plain
24 and clear a type or display as the space will reasonably permit. Such
25 type or display on the ballot shall satisfy all requirements and stand-
26 ards set forth pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act.

27 2. The names of parties or independent bodies which contain more than
28 fifteen letters may, whenever limitations of space so require, be print-
29 ed on the ballot in an abbreviated form. In printing the names of candi-
30 dates whose full names contain more than fifteen letters, only the
31 surname must be printed in full. The officer or board charged with the
32 duty of preparing the ballots shall request each such candidate to indi-
33 cate, in writing, the shortened form in which, subject to this
34 restriction, his name shall be printed. If no such indication is
35 received from such candidate within the time specified in the request,
36 such officer or board shall make the necessary determination.

37 3. [The face of the ballot shall be completely covered with a protec-
38 tive covering of smooth, hard, transparent material so that it shall be
39 impossible to alter the face of the ballot without removing or breaking
40 such covering.

41 4.] (a) The [party emblem for each political party represented on the
42 machine, and the] party name or other designation, and a designating
43 letter and number shall be affixed to the name of each candidate, or, in
44 case of presidential electors, to the names of the candidates for presi-
45 dent and vice-president of such party.

46 (b) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally, with the names
47 of candidates for an office and the slot or device for write-in ballots
48 for such office arranged vertically under the title of the office, or
49 the titles of offices may be arranged vertically, with the names of
50 candidates for an office and the slot or device for write-in ballots for
51 such office arranged horizontally opposite the title of the office.

52 (c) Each office shall occupy as many columns or rows on the machine as
53 the number of candidates to be elected to that office.

54 [5.] 4. (a) The names of all candidates nominated by any party or
55 independent body for an office shall always appear in the row or column

1 containing generally the names of candidates nominated by such party or
2 independent body for other offices except as hereinafter provided.

3 (b) When the same person has been nominated for an office to be filled
4 at the election by more than one party, the voting machine shall be so
5 adjusted that his OR HER name shall appear in each row or column
6 containing generally the names of candidates for other offices nominated
7 by any such party.

8 (c) If such candidate has also been nominated by one or more independ-
9 ent bodies, his OR HER name shall appear only in each row or column
10 containing generally the names of candidates for other offices nominated
11 by any such party and the name [and emblem] of each such independent
12 body shall appear in one such row or column to be designated by the
13 candidate in a writing filed with the officer or board charged with the
14 duty of providing ballots, or if such person shall fail to so designate,
15 the names [and emblems] of such independent bodies shall appear in such
16 row or column as such officer or board shall determine.

17 (d) If any person shall be nominated for any office by one party and
18 two or more independent bodies his OR HER name shall appear on the
19 voting machine twice; once in the row or column containing generally the
20 names of candidates for other offices nominated by such party, and once
21 in the row or column containing generally the names of candidates nomi-
22 nated by the independent body designated by such person in a writing
23 filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of providing
24 ballots and in connection with the name of such person in such row or
25 column shall appear the name [and emblem] of each independent body nomi-
26 nating him OR HER or, if such person shall fail to so designate, the
27 name of such candidate and the names [and emblems] of such independent
28 bodies shall appear in such row or column as such officer or board shall
29 determine.

30 (e) If any person is nominated for any office only by more than one
31 independent bodies, his OR HER name shall appear but once upon the
32 machine in one such row or column to be designated by the candidate in a
33 writing filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of provid-
34 ing ballots, or if the candidate shall fail to so designate, in the
35 place designated by the officer or board charged with the duty of
36 providing ballots, and in connection with his OR HER name there shall
37 appear the name [and emblem] of each independent body nominating him OR
38 HER, but, where the capacity of the machine will permit, the name of
39 such person shall not appear or be placed in a column or on a horizontal
40 line with the names of persons nominated by a party for other offices.

41 [6.] 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision [five] FOUR of
42 this section, the name of a person who is nominated for the office of
43 governor, or state senator, or member of assembly, shall appear on the
44 ballot [labels of the machine] as many times as there are parties or
45 independent bodies nominating him OR HER, and there shall be a separate
46 voting and registering device at each place in which such name shall
47 appear.

48 [7. The machine shall be so adjusted that when levers or devices for
49 voting, and slots or devices for write-in ballots, equal to the total
50 number of persons to be elected to an office or position shall have been
51 operated, all other such levers or devices for voting, and slots or
52 devices for write-in ballots used in connection with that office or
53 position shall be thereby locked. All levers or devices shall be locked
54 in any space which does not contain the name of a candidate or a ques-
55 tion to be voted on.

8.] 6. If any type of machine used in any county or city contains any feature, the use of which is neither required nor prohibited by the provisions of this chapter, the board of elections may, by resolution, require that one or more of such features shall be used in such county. Thereafter all machines of such type used in such county or city shall be operated in conformity with any such resolution. Any such resolution may thereafter be rescinded by such board and after being so rescinded may be re-adopted. Once re-adopted by any board of elections, such a resolution may not be rescinded again by such board.

[9] 7. The [board of elections shall provide a card or printed slip to be placed in the card holder which] BALLOT shall have printed upon it in black ink for each party or independent row, AT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN OR THE BEGINNING OF THE ROW containing the names of candidates, the image of a closed fist with index finger extended pointing to the party or independent row. [Inset within the image of the fist on a white space] IN THE SAME SPACE, in black letters as large as the space will permit, shall be printed the name of the party or independent body and at the right of the fist and below the index finger shall be printed in black ink the emblem and the designating letters of the row or column.

[10.] 8. With respect to candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor of a party or independent body, ballots shall be printed so that the names of such candidates for both offices shall appear in the same row or column, with the name of the candidate for governor appearing first and the [machine] BALLOT shall be so adjusted that both offices are voted for jointly and have but one designating letter or number.

S 4. Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 of section 7-122 of the election law, subdivisions 2 and 3 as added and subdivisions 4 and 9 as renumbered by chapter 352 of the laws of 1986, subparagraphs 6 and 7 of paragraph (e) and subparagraphs 5 and 6 of paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 as added by chapter 244 of the laws of 2003, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 647 of the laws of 1982, subdivisions 5 and 8 as amended by chapter 235 of the laws of 2000, subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 227 of the laws of 1983 and subdivision 10 as amended by chapter 216 of the laws of 1988, are amended to read as follows:

2. The following provisions shall apply to all absentee ballots prepared for counting by A ballot [counting machines] SCANNER and all other provisions of this chapter not inconsistent with this subdivision shall be applicable to such ballots[.]:

(a) The party emblem need not be printed next to the name of each candidate.

(b) [The blank spaces provided for the voter to write in a name may be on the back of the ballot.

(c)] The ballot proposals may be on the back of the ballot, or on a separate ballot.

[(d) The election district, the ward or legislative district if any, the town or city and the assembly district (in New York city and Nassau county) shall be written, stamped or printed on the back of each such ballot.

(e) If such ballot is a ballot which is marked with a writing instrument, the] (C) THE printed instructions to the voter shall read as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mark only with [the] A PEN OR pencil [supplied with this ballot].

1 2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, fill
2 in the [voting square] (INSERT OVAL OR SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) above
3 [(]or next to[)] the name of the candidate.

4 3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot,
5 write [the] OR STAMP HIS OR HER name in the [blank] space [(indicate
6 where on ballot the write-in line appears)] LABELED "WRITE-IN" THAT
7 APPEARS (INSERT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMN OR THE END OF THE ROW, AS
8 APPLICABLE) containing the title of the office[.] AND, IF REQUIRED BY
9 THE VOTING SYSTEM IN USE AT SUCH ELECTION, THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL ALSO
10 INCLUDE "AND FILL IN THE (INSERT OVAL OR SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) CORRE-
11 SPONDING WITH THE WRITE-IN SPACE IN WHICH THE VOTER HAS WRITTEN A NAME."

12 4. To vote YES OR NO on a proposal, IF ANY, THAT APPEARS ON THE (INDI-
13 CATE WHERE ON THE BALLOT THE PROPOSAL MAY APPEAR) fill in [one of the
14 squares contained in] the [box setting forth such proposal] (INSERT OVAL
15 OR SQUARE, AS APPLICABLE) THAT CORRESPONDS TO YOUR VOTE.

16 5. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
17 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
18 this entire ballot.

19 6. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
20 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
21 public office [or], party position OR PROPOSAL.

22 7. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the board
23 of elections at ([Insert] INSERT phone number here) for instructions on
24 how to obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the
25 ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may
26 invalidate all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot,
27 if you make a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your
28 ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a
29 right to a replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot.

30 [(f) If such ballot is a ballot in which holes are to be punched, the
31 printed instructions to the voter shall read as follows:

32 INSTRUCTIONS

33 1. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, punch
34 out the voting square (or circle) above (or next to) the name of the
35 candidate.

36 2. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot,
37 write the name in the blank space (indicate where on ballot write-in
38 line appears) containing the title of the office.

39 3. To vote on a proposal, punch out one of the squares (or circles)
40 contained in the box setting forth such proposal.

41 4. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
42 outside the voting squares (or circles) or blank spaces provided for
43 voting will void this entire ballot.

44 5. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
45 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
46 public office or party position.

47 6. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the board
48 of elections at (Insert phone number here) for instructions on how to
49 obtain a new ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a
50 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,
51 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-
52 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.

53 (g)] (D) Such instructions may be printed on the front or back of the
54 ballot or on a separate sheet or card. If such instructions are not
55 printed on the front of the ballot, there shall be printed on the
56 ballot, in the largest size type for which there is room, the following

1 legend: "See instructions on other side" or "See enclosed instructions",
2 whichever is appropriate.
3 [(h)] (E) Such ballots which are to be counted by A ballot [counting
4 machines] SCANNER may consist of two or more [cards] SHEETS, which are
5 divided into perforated sections which can be separated at the time of
6 canvassing.
7 3. [The board of elections shall deliver to each voter, together with
8 each ballot which is marked with a writing instrument, an instrument
9 whose markings can be read by such machines and together with each
10 ballot in which holes are punched, an instrument suitable for punching
11 the necessary holes in such ballot.
12 4.] The determination of the appropriate county board of elections as
13 to the candidates duly designated or nominated for public office or
14 party position whose name shall appear on the absentee ballot and as to
15 ballot proposals to be voted on shall be made no later than the day
16 after the state board of elections issues its certification of those
17 candidates to be voted for at the general, special or primary election.
18 The determinations of the state board of elections and the respective
19 county boards of elections shall be final and conclusive with respect to
20 such offices for which petitions or certificates are required to be
21 filed with such boards, as the case may be but nothing herein contained
22 shall prevent a board of elections, or a court of competent jurisdiction
23 from determining at a later date that any such certification, designa-
24 tion or nomination is invalid and, in the event of such later determi-
25 nation, no vote cast for any such nominee by any voter shall be counted
26 at the election.
27 5. The board of elections shall furnish with each absentee ballot an
28 INNER AFFIRMATION envelope. On one side of the envelope shall be print-
29 ed:

30 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
31 for
32 GENERAL (OR PRIMARY OR SPECIAL) ELECTION,

33, 20.....
34 Name of voter.....
35 Residence (street and number if any).....
36 City/or town of.....(village, if any).....
37 County of.....
38 Assembly district [(only in New York City and county of
39 Nassau)].....
40 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (AS APPLICABLE).....
41 Ward (AS APPLICABLE).....
42 Election District.....
43 Party Enrollment (in case of primary election).....

44 8. On the reverse side of such INNER AFFIRMATION envelope shall be
45 printed the following statement:

46 [STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER] AFFIRMATION

47 I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly
48 registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this
49 envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be
50 unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this
51 ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I
52 am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-
53 tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote

1 elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-
2 iment which denies me the right to vote.

3 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
4 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
5 false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be
6 guilty of a misdemeanor.

7 Date.....20.....
8 Signature or mark of voter

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10 Signature of Witness (required only
11 if voter does not sign his own name)

12
13 Address of Witness

14 9. The INNER AFFIRMATION envelope shall be gummed, ready for sealing,
15 and shall have printed thereon, on the side opposite the statement,
16 instructions as to the duties of the voter after the marking of the
17 ballot, which instructions shall include a specific direction stating
18 when such [envelope] BALLOT must be postmarked and when such [envelope]
19 BALLOT must reach the office of the board of elections in order to be
20 canvassed.

21 10. Each ballot envelope shall be enclosed in [a second] AN OUTER
22 envelope addressed to the APPROPRIATE board of elections and bearing ON
23 IT a specific direction that if an ORIGINAL application for AN absentee
24 ballot is received with the ballot, such application must be completed
25 by the voter and returned in [such] THE OUTER envelope together with the
26 SEALED INNER AFFIRMATION envelope containing the absentee ballot WITHIN
27 THE TIME LIMITS FOR RECEIPT OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ITSELF. Such [second
28 envelope] INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE AND OUTER ENVELOPE shall be
29 enclosed in a third envelope addressed to the absentee voter. The
30 [second] OUTER and third envelopes shall have printed on the face there-
31 of the words "Election Material--Please Expedite".

32 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.