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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to affidavit ballots

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of
2 section 8-302 of the election law, as amended by chapter 200 of the laws
3 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:
4 (ii) He OR SHE may swear to and subscribe an affidavit stating that he
5 OR SHE has duly registered to vote, the address in such election
6 district from which he OR SHE registered, that he OR SHE remains a duly
7 qualified voter in such election district, that his OR HER registration
8 poll record appears to be lost or misplaced or that his OR HER name
9 and/or his OR HER signature was omitted from the computer generated
10 registration list or that he OR SHE has moved within the county or city
11 since he OR SHE last registered, the address from which he OR SHE was
12 previously registered and the address at which he OR SHE currently
13 resides, and at a primary election, the party in which he OR SHE is
14 enrolled. The inspectors of election shall offer such an affidavit to
15 each such voter whose residence address is in such election district.
16 Each such affidavit shall be in a form prescribed by the state board of
17 elections, shall be printed on an envelope of the size and quality used
18 for an absentee ballot envelope, and shall contain an acknowledgment
19 that the affiant understands that any false statement made therein is
20 perjury punishable according to law. SUCH FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE
21 BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO REGISTER SUCH
22 VOTER SHOULD THE COUNTY BOARD DETERMINE THAT SUCH VOTER IS NOT REGIS-
23 TERED AND SHALL CONSTITUTE AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE. The
24 voter's name and the entries required shall then be entered without
25 delay and without further inquiry in the fourth section of the challenge
26 report or in the place provided at the end of the computer generated

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

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1 registration list, with the notation that the voter has executed the
2 affidavit hereinabove prescribed, or, if such person's name appears on
3 the computer generated registration list, the board of elections may
4 provide a place to make such entry next to his OR HER name on such list.
5 The voter shall then, without further inquiry, be permitted to vote an
6 emergency ballot provided for by this chapter. Such ballot shall there-
7 upon be placed in the envelope containing his OR HER affidavit, and the
8 envelope sealed and returned to the board of elections in the manner
9 provided by this chapter for protested official ballots, including a
10 statement of the number of such ballots.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.