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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. TAYLOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Election Law in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to including a statement on the envelopes of ballots for early mail voters, absentee voters and special presidential voters for signature affirmation

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 7-119 of the election law, as added by chapter 481 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:
6. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall be printed the following statement:

AFFIRMATION

I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any impediment which denies me the right to vote. I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of early mail voter, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Date 20

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

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1 Signature or mark of voter
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 3 Signature of Witness
 4 (required only if voter
 5 does not sign their own
 6 name)
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 8 Address of Witness

9 **IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION ON THIS ENVELOPE.**

10 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 7-122 of the election law, as amended by
 11 chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

12 6. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall be
 13 printed the following statement:

14 AFFIRMATION

15 I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly
 16 registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this
 17 envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be
 18 unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this
 19 ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I
 20 am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-
 21 tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote
 22 elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-
 23 iment which denies me the right to vote.

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

28 Date.....20.....
 29 Signature or mark of voter

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 31 Signature of Witness (required only
 32 if voter does not sign [~~his or her~~
 33 their own name)

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 35 Address of Witness

36 **IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION ON THIS ENVELOPE.**

37 § 3. Subdivision 3 of section 7-125 of the election law, as amended by
 38 chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

39 3. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the follow-
 40 ing statement:

41 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

42 I do declare I am a qualified special presidential voter of said
 43 district; that I am not qualified and am not able to qualify to vote
 44 elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I
 45 am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the election for
 46 which this ballot is voted, I will be at least eighteen years of age;

1 and that I have not committed any act, nor am I under any impediment,
2 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, I shall be guilty of a
6 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 or her~~
12 their own name)

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14 Address of Witness

15 IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION ON THIS ENVELOPE.

16 § 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
17 law.