STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. P. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee ballot drop boxes

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 8-416 of the election law, as amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

2. **(a)** Each board of elections is hereby authorized to establish one or more ballot drop-off locations as an additional means for the delivery of absentee or early voting ballots marked by a voter to the board of elections of the county or city of the voter's residence. Each such board of elections shall provide notice of the location of every such ballot drop-off location by posting such information on its website no later than the day the ballot drop-off location is established.

(b) A board of elections shall establish at least one ballot drop box for up to fifteen thousand registered voters in its jurisdiction. If a board of elections has more than fifteen thousand registered voters in its jurisdiction, the board of elections shall establish at least one additional ballot drop box for every fifteen thousand registered voters over the original fifteen thousand registered voters. In the discretion of the board of elections, ballot drop boxes may be placed at public facilities such as town halls, village halls, libraries, and/or county clerks offices. The ballot drop boxes shall be established at least forty-five days before the relevant election.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to elections conducted on and after such effective date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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