

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, BAILEY, FELDER, FERNANDEZ, SEPULVEDA -- 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 including a statement on the envelopes of ballots for 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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 7-122 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
3 follows:

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

AFFIRMATION

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

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

20 Date.....20.....
21 Signature or mark of voter

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

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 2 Signature of Witness (required only
 3 if voter does not sign [~~his or her~~
 4 their own name)

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 6 Address of Witness

7 IMPORTANT TO ABSENTEE VOTER: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION ON THIS
 8 ENVELOPE.

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

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

13 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

14 I do declare I am a qualified special presidential voter of said
 15 district; that I am not qualified and am not able to qualify to vote
 16 elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I
 17 am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the election for
 18 which this ballot is voted, I will be at least eighteen years of age;
 19 and that I have not committed any act, nor am I under any impediment,
 20 which denies me the right to vote.

21 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
 22 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
 23 false statement in the foregoing statement, I shall be guilty of a
 24 misdemeanor.

25 Date.....20.....
 26 Signature or mark of voter

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 28 Signature of Witness (required only
 29 if voter does not sign [~~his or her~~
 30 their own name)

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 32 Address of Witness

33 IMPORTANT TO SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION
 34 ON THIS ENVELOPE.

35 § 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
 36 law.