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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to allowing parolees the right to register for and vote at any election

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2, 3 and 4 of section 5-106 of the election
2 law, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, are
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. No person who has been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws
5 of this state, shall have the right to register for or vote at any
6 election unless he shall have been pardoned or restored to the rights of
7 citizenship by the governor, or his maximum sentence of imprisonment has
8 expired[, or he has been discharged from parole]. The governor, however,
9 may attach as a condition to any such pardon a provision that any such
10 person shall not have the right of suffrage until it shall have been
11 separately restored to him.

12 3. No person who has been convicted in a federal court, of a felony,
13 or a crime or offense which would constitute a felony under the laws of
14 this state, shall have the right to register for or vote at any election
15 unless he shall have been pardoned or restored to the rights of citizen-
16 ship by the president of the United States, or his maximum sentence of
17 imprisonment has expired[, or he has been discharged from parole].

18 4. No person who has been convicted in another state for a crime or
19 offense which would constitute a felony under the laws of this state
20 shall have the right to register for or vote at any election in this
21 state unless he shall have been pardoned or restored to the rights of
22 citizenship by the governor or other appropriate authority of such other
23 state, or his maximum sentence has expired[, or he has been discharged
24 from parole].

25 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
26 it shall have become a law.

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

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