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

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. COLTON, BROOK-KRASNY, WEINSTEIN, MAISEL, J. RIVERA, CYMBROWITZ, P. RIVERA, HEVESI, JACOBS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AUBRY, DIAZ, JOHN, V. LOPEZ, PHEFFER, ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing Russian language voting materials

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

1     Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 3-506  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 3-506. BOARDS OF ELECTIONS; VOTING MATERIALS IN RUSSIAN. A BOARD OF  
4     ELECTIONS IN A CITY OF OVER ONE MILLION SHALL PROVIDE THE SAME INFORMA-  
5     TION IN RUSSIAN THAT IT PROVIDES IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH ON ITS  
6     WEBSITE. IT SHALL ALSO PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE CITYWIDE A BOOKLET THAT  
7     INCLUDES: (A) A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IN ENGLISH WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN  
8     RUSSIAN; (B) INSTRUCTIONS IN RUSSIAN REGARDING THE CRITERIA AND APPLICA-  
9     TION PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; AND (C) A SECTION WITH  
10    GENERAL VOTER INFORMATION IN RUSSIAN INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUES-  
11    TIONS. SUCH BOARD MAY INCLUDE OTHER LANGUAGES ON ITS WEBSITE AND IN SUCH  
12    BOOKLET.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
14    ing the date on which 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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