

S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

2481--A

2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

January 16, 2009

Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW, CLARK, GALEF, JOHN, WEINSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DINOWITZ, GOTTFRIED, ORTIZ, PHEFFER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to checks of registrants and information notice by mail

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-117 of the election law, as
2 amended by section 40 of chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 1. The board of elections, [not less than sixty-five days nor more
5 than seventy days before the day of the general election in] BETWEEN
6 AUGUST FIRST AND AUGUST FIFTH OF each year, shall send by first class
7 mail on which is endorsed "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED" and which
8 contains a request that any such mail received for persons not residing
9 at the address be dropped back in the mail, a communication, in a form
10 approved by the state board of elections, to every registered voter who
11 has been registered without a change of address since the beginning of
12 such year, except that the board of elections shall not be required to
13 send such communications to voters in inactive status. The communication
14 shall notify the voter of the days and hours of the ensuing primary and
15 general elections, the place where he appears by his registration
16 records to be entitled to vote, the fact that voters who have moved or
17 will have moved from the address where they were last registered must
18 re-register or, that if such move was to another address in the same
19 county or city, that such voter may either notify the board of elections
20 of his new address or vote by paper ballot at the polling place for his
21 new address even if such voter has not re-registered, or otherwise noti-
22 fied the board of elections of the change of address. If the location of

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

LBD01584-02-9

1 the polling place for the voter's election district has been moved, the
2 communication shall contain the following legend in bold type: "YOUR
3 POLLING PLACE HAS BEEN CHANGED. YOU NOW VOTE AT.....". The commu-
4 nication shall also indicate whether the polling place is accessible to
5 physically disabled voters, that a voter who will be out of the city or
6 county on the day of the primary or general election or a voter who is
7 ill or physically disabled may obtain an absentee ballot, that a phys-
8 ically disabled voter whose polling place is not accessible may request
9 that his registration record be moved to an election district which has
10 a polling place which is accessible, the phone number to call for appli-
11 cations to move a registration record or for absentee ballot applica-
12 tions, the phone number to call for the location of registration and
13 polling places, the phone number to call to indicate that the voter is
14 willing to serve on election day as an election inspector, poll clerk,
15 interpreter or in other capacities, the phone number to call to obtain
16 an application for registration by mail, and such other information
17 concerning the elections or registration as the board may include. In
18 lieu of sending such communication to every registered voter, the board
19 of elections may send a single communication to a household containing
20 more than one registered voter, provided that the names of all such
21 voters appear as part of the address on such communication.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.