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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY, KAVANAGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A.  
HOOPER, HOYT, ORTIZ, SCARBOROUGH, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the notice of the days  
and hours for voting in primary and general elections

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-117 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as  
3 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 each year,  
6 shall send by first class mail on which is endorsed "ADDRESS CORRECTION  
7 REQUESTED" and which contains a request that any such mail received for  
8 persons not residing at the address be dropped back in the mail, a  
9 communication, in a form approved by the state board of elections, to  
10 every registered voter who has been registered without a change of  
11 address since the beginning of such year, except that the board of  
12 elections shall not be required to send such communications to voters in  
13 inactive status. The communication shall notify the voter IN BOLD PRINT  
14 OF AT LEAST SIXTEEN POINT FONT CONTAINED IN SUCH NOTICE of the days and  
15 hours of the ensuing primary and general elections, the place where he  
16 appears by his registration records to be entitled to vote, AND ALSO IN  
17 OTHER THAN BOLD TYPE OF the fact that voters who have moved or will have  
18 moved from the address where they were last registered must re-register  
19 or, that if such move was to another address in the same county or city,  
20 that such voter may either notify the board of elections of his new  
21 address or vote by paper ballot at the polling place for his new address  
22 even if such voter has not re-registered, or otherwise notified the  
23 board of elections of the change of address. If the location of the  
24 polling place for the voter's election district has been moved, the

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

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

21 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of December next succeed-  
22 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.