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    REILLY, MENG -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, DelMONTE,
    GOTTFRIED, WEISENBERG, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Commit-
    tee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to an electronic absentee
    ballot

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

 1   Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 8-400 of
 2 the election law, as amended by chapter 216 of the laws of 1988, is
 3 amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:
 4   A qualified voter desiring to vote at such election as an absentee
 5 voter for any reason specified in subdivision one hereof must make
 6 application for an absentee ballot on a form to be obtained and filed as
 7 provided herein or by letter as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (d)
 8 AND (E) of this subdivision.
 9   (E) THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE A SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH AN
10 ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION CAN BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO ANY
11 QUALIFIED VOTER ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH BALLOT. THE SYSTEM SHALL REQUIRE THE
12 APPLICANT TO ENTER VERIFYING INFORMATION TO OBTAIN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT
13 APPLICATION. ONCE SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN VERIFIED, THE FORM OF APPLI-
14 CATION FOR SUBMISSION AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY
15 TRANSFERRED TO THE APPLICANT. THE APPLICANT CAN THEREAFTER ELECTRON-
16 ICALLY TRANSFER THE FORM OF APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
17 THROUGH THE SYSTEM.
18   S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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