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January 6, 2010

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the form of paper ballots

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

Section 1. Section 7-106 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. BALLOTS SHALL PROVIDE FOR A BOX, OVAL OR OTHER MARKING AREA, WHICH WHEN FILLED IN BY A VOTER, SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE VOTING SYSTEM AS A DIRECTIVE FROM THE VOTER INDICATING THAT ANY RACES ON THE BALLOT THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERVOTED HAVE BEEN SO UNDERVOTED DELIBERATELY, AND AS SUCH, THE VOTING SYSTEM SHALL NOT PRODUCE AN UNDERVOTE ERROR NOTICE TO THE VOTER.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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