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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the correction law and the executive law, in relation to requiring persons released from prison or parole to be advised of their eligibility to vote

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

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 75 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 75. DISCHARGE; NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE. UPON THE
4 DISCHARGE FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OF ANY PERSON WHO HAS REACHED HIS
5 OR HER MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CONVICTION OF A FELONY,
6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH PERSON OF HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE,
7 PROVIDE SUCH PERSON WITH A FORM OF APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
8 TOGETHER WITH WRITTEN INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
9 ON THE IMPORTANCE AND THE MECHANICS OF VOTING AND SHALL ASSIST SUCH
10 PERSON IN REGISTERING TO VOTE IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT
11 AS THE AGENCIES LISTED IN SECTION 5-211 OF THE ELECTION LAW.
12 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 259-jj to
13 read as follows:
14 S 259-JJ. VOTING RIGHTS UPON DISCHARGE. UPON DISCHARGE OF A PERSON
15 FROM PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE, PAROLE, OR CONDITIONAL RELEASE, OR UPON THE
16 EXPIRATION OF A PERSON'S MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT WHILE UNDER
17 THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE, THE DIVISION OF PAROLE SHALL
18 NOTIFY SUCH PERSON OF HIS OR HER RIGHT TO VOTE, PROVIDE SUCH PERSON WITH
19 A FORM OF APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION TOGETHER WITH WRITTEN
20 INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE AND
21 THE MECHANICS OF VOTING AND SHALL ASSIST SUCH PERSON IN REGISTERING TO

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

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1 VOTE IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE AGENCIES LISTED IN
2 SECTION 5-211 OF THE ELECTION LAW.
3 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.