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Introduced by Sen. MORAHAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to master ballot layout

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

Section 1. Section 7-104 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. WHENEVER CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE APPEAR ON A BALLOT, SUCH MASTER BALLOT LAYOUT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE PRINTING OF SUCH BALLOT.

S 2. Section 7-110 of the election law, as amended by chapter 647 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

S 7-110. Ballots; form for ballot proposals. Ballot proposals shall appear on the voting machine or ballot in a separate section. At the left of, or below or above, each proposal shall appear two voting levers or two voting squares, each at least one-half inch square. Next to the first lever or square shall be printed the word "Yes," and next to the second lever or square shall be printed the word "No." The proposals shall be numbered consecutively on the voting machine or ballot. The number of each proposal shall appear in front of its designation as an amendment, proposition or question in the following form: "Proposal one, an amendment; proposal two, a proposition; proposal three, a question". WHENEVER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OR OTHER QUESTION PROVIDED BY LAW TO BE SUBMITTED TO A STATEWIDE VOTE IS PRINTED ON A BALLOT, SUCH MASTER BALLOT LAYOUT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE PRINTING OF SUCH BALLOT.

S 3. 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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