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Introduced by M. of A. BENJAMIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee voting in certain nursing homes and residential facilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 8-407 of the election law, as added by chapter 296 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

5. The board of elections shall deliver to each board of inspectors all the absentee ballots in the custody of such board of elections which are addressed to residents of the facilities which such board of inspectors is assigned to attend, together with AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF THE APPROPRIATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS, ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES, APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, one or more portable voting booths of a type approved by the state board of elections and such other supplies as such board of inspectors will require to discharge its duties properly.

S 2. Section 8-407 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10-a to read as follows:

10-A. THE BOARD OF INSPECTORS SHALL DELIVER AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO ANY RESIDENT OF SUCH FACILITY UPON REQUEST. THE BOARD OF INSPECTORS SHALL ASSIST ANY SUCH RESIDENT WHO REQUESTS ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE SUCH APPLICATION. UPON RECEIVING A COMPLETED APPLICATION FROM ANY RESIDENT, THE BOARD OF INSPECTORS SHALL FORTHWITH DELIVER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND BALLOT ENVELOPE TO SUCH VOTER IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

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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