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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER,
MENG, PERALTA, SWEENEY, TOWNS, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the election law, in relation to
notifying persons convicted of a felony of their right to vote after
the completion of such person's term of imprisonment, and requiring
that voter registration forms be sent to them accordingly

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

1 Section 1. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

3 9. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF ANY PERSON
4 FROM A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION OR ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY
5 WHOSE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND VOTE SHALL BE REINSTATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
6 5-106 OF THE ELECTION LAW, NOTIFY SUCH A PERSON OF HIS OR HER RIGHTS
7 UNDER SUCH SECTION AND PROVIDE SUCH PERSON WITH AN APPLICATION FORM FOR
8 REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION SIXTEEN OF
9 SECTION 5-210 OF THE ELECTION LAW.

10 S 2. Section 5-210 of the election law is amended by adding a new
11 subdivision 16 to read as follows:

12 16. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ANNUALLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY AS
13 NECESSARY, PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF PAROLE WITH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF
14 VOTER REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT FORMS AS WILL ENABLE IT TO SEND A COPY
15 THEREOF TO ANY PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE NOTIFIED OF HIS OR HER RIGHT
16 TO VOTE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION NINE OF SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED
17 THIRTY-SEVEN-A OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.

18 S 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
19 have become a law.

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

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