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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY, KAVANAGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER, HOYT, ORTIZ, SCARBOROUGH, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the notice of the days and hours for voting in primary and general elections

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-117 of the election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of elections, not less than sixty-five days nor more than seventy days before the day of the general election in each year, shall send by first class mail on which is endorsed "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED" and which contains a request that any such mail received for persons not residing at the address be dropped back in the mail, a communication, in a form approved by the state board of elections, to every registered voter who has been registered without a change of address since the beginning of such year, except that the board of elections shall not be required to send such communications to voters in inactive status. The communication shall notify the voter IN BOLD PRINT OF AT LEAST SIXTEEN POINT FONT CONTAINED IN SUCH NOTICE of the days and hours of the ensuing primary and general elections, the place where he appears by his registration records to be entitled to vote, AND ALSO IN OTHER THAN BOLD TYPE OF the fact that voters who have moved or will have moved from the address where they were last registered must re-register or, that if such move was to another address in the same county or city, that such voter may either notify the board of elections of his new address or vote by paper ballot at the polling place for his new address even if such voter has not re-registered, or otherwise notified the board of elections of the change of address. If the location of the polling place for the voter's election district has been moved, the

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

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communication shall contain the following legend in bold type: "YOUR POLLING PLACE HAS BEEN CHANGED. YOU NOW VOTE AT.....". The communication shall also indicate whether the polling place is accessible to physically disabled voters, that a voter who will be out of the city or county on the day of the primary or general election or a voter who is ill or physically disabled may obtain an absentee ballot, that a physically disabled voter whose polling place is not accessible may request that his registration record be moved to an election district which has a polling place which is accessible, the phone number to call for applications to move a registration record or for absentee ballot applications, the phone number to call for the location of registration and polling places, the phone number to call to indicate that the voter is willing to serve on election day as an election inspector, poll clerk, interpreter or in other capacities, the phone number to call to obtain an application for registration by mail, and such other information concerning the elections or registration as the board may include. In lieu of sending such communication to every registered voter, the board of elections may send a single communication to a household containing more than one registered voter, provided that the names of all such voters appear as part of the address on such communication.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of December next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.