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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to a universal jurisdiction voting act

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 4, and 8 of section 5-208 of the election law, subdivisions 1 and 8 as amended by chapter 200 of the laws of 1996, subdivision 4 as added by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, are amended to read as follows:

1. The board of elections shall transfer the registration and enrollment of any voter for whom it receives a notice of change of address to another address in [the same county or city] NEW YORK STATE, or for any voter who casts a ballot in an affidavit ballot envelope which sets forth such a new address. Such notices shall include, but not be limited to, notices received from any state agency which conducts a voter registration program pursuant to the provisions of sections 5-211 and 5-212 of this title, that the voter has notified such agency of a change of address in [the same city or county] NEW YORK STATE unless the voter has indicated that such change of address is not for voter registration purposes, notices of change of address from the United States Postal Service through the National Change of Address System, any notices of a forwarding address on mail sent to a voter by the board of elections and returned by the postal service, national or state voter registration forms, confirmation mailing response cards, United States Postal Service notices to correspondents of change of address, applications for registration from persons already registered in [such county or city] NEW YORK STATE, or any other notices to correspondents sent to the board of elections by such voters.

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

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4. If such application for registration from a voter already registered in [such county or city] NEW YORK STATE also reflects a change of enrollment, the board of elections shall treat such application as an application for change of enrollment pursuant to section 5-304 of this article.

8. If the board of elections receives notice of a change of address within [such city or county] NEW YORK STATE from, or with respect to, a person who it determines is not registered in [such county or city] NEW YORK STATE, it shall forthwith send such person a notice to that effect in a form approved by the state board of elections at the new address set forth in such notice of change of address, together with a voter registration form.

S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 8-302 of the election law, as amended by chapter 200 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) He may swear to and subscribe an affidavit stating that he has duly registered to vote, the address in such election district from which he registered, that he remains a duly qualified voter in such election district, that his registration poll record appears to be lost or misplaced or that his name and/or his signature was omitted from the computer generated registration list or that he has moved within [the county or city] NEW YORK STATE since he last registered, the address from which he was previously registered and the address at which he currently resides, and at a primary election, the party in which he is enrolled. The inspectors of election shall offer such an affidavit to each such voter whose residence address is in such election district. Each such affidavit shall be in a form prescribed by the state board of elections, shall be printed on an envelope of the size and quality used for an absentee ballot envelope, and shall contain an acknowledgment that the affiant understands that any false statement made therein is perjury punishable according to law. The voter's name and the entries required shall then be entered without delay and without further inquiry in the fourth section of the challenge report or in the place provided at the end of the computer generated registration list, with the notation that the voter has executed the affidavit hereinabove prescribed, or, if such person's name appears on the computer generated registration list, the board of elections may provide a place to make such entry next to his name on such list. The voter shall then, without further inquiry, be permitted to vote an emergency ballot provided for by this chapter. Such ballot shall thereupon be placed in the envelope containing his affidavit, and the envelope sealed and returned to the board of elections in the manner provided by this chapter for protested official ballots, including a statement of the number of such ballots.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.