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Introduced by Sens. MONTGOMERY, BRESLIN, DIAZ, DILAN, DUANE, HASSELL-THOMPSON, KRUEGER, KRUGER, PARKER, SAMPSON, SAVINO, SCHNEIDERMAN, THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- recommitted to the Committee on Finance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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