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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to providing purchasers and sellers of residential real property with voter registration forms at closing

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

- 1 Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section
2 262 to read as follows:
3 S 262. VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE
4 TERM "CLOSING" SHALL MEAN AN IN-PERSON MEETING TO COMPLETE FINAL DOCU-
5 MENTS INCIDENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AND
6 THE TERM "SETTLEMENT AGENT" SHALL MEAN THE PERSON THAT CONDUCTS THE
7 CLOSING.
8 2. EVERY PURCHASER OR SELLER OF REAL PROPERTY IN ATTENDANCE AT A CLOS-
9 ING HELD WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH ANY FORMS NECESSARY TO
10 COMPLY WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE
11 FIVE OF THE ELECTION LAW. IF SUCH PURCHASER OR SELLER SHALL NOT BE IN
12 ATTENDANCE AT SUCH CLOSING, SUCH FORMS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER OR SELLER.
13 3. THE PROVISION OF FORMS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION
14 SHALL BE MADE BY THE SETTLEMENT AGENT.
15 4. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS, SUCH PURCHASER,
16 SELLER OR REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SIGN A DOCUMENT ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF
17 SUCH FORMS. SUCH DOCUMENT SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE SETTLEMENT AGENT FOR
18 A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.
19 5. EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO
20 COOPERATE WITH REALTORS AND REALTOR ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO
21 CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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