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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to filing of papers by delivery services other than the US postal service

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-106 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:  
3 3. (A) ANY REFERENCE IN THIS CHAPTER TO THE UNITED STATES MAIL SHALL  
4 BE TREATED AS INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO ANY DELIVERY SERVICE DESIGNATED  
5 BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO  
6 SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND ANY  
7 REFERENCE IN THIS CHAPTER TO A POSTMARK OR A POSTMARK BY THE UNITED  
8 STATES MAIL SHALL BE TREATED AS INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO ANY DATE  
9 RECORDED OR MARKED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE  
10 HUNDRED TWO OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE BY A DESIGNATED DELIVERY  
11 SERVICE. IF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FINDS THAT ANY DELIVERY SERVICE  
12 DESIGNATED BY SUCH SECRETARY IS INADEQUATE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE STATE,  
13 THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY WITHDRAW SUCH DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES  
14 OF THIS ARTICLE. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY ALSO DESIGNATE ADDI-  
15 TIONAL DELIVERY SERVICES MEETING THE CRITERIA OF SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE  
16 HUNDRED TWO OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE,  
17 OR MAY WITHDRAW ANY SUCH DESIGNATION IF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
18 FINDS THAT A DELIVERY SERVICE SO DESIGNATED IS INADEQUATE FOR THE NEEDS  
19 OF THE STATE. ANY REFERENCE IN THIS CHAPTER TO THE UNITED STATES MAIL  
20 SHALL BE TREATED AS INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO ANY DELIVERY SERVICE DESIG-  
21 NATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ANY REFERENCE IN THIS CHAPTER  
22 TO A POSTMARK BY THE UNITED STATES MAIL SHALL BE TREATED AS INCLUDING A  
23 REFERENCE TO ANY DATE RECORDED OR MARKED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN  
24 SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE BY A  
25 DELIVERY SERVICE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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

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1 (B) ANY EQUIVALENT OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL DESIGNATED BY THE  
2 UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, OR AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE  
3 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO THE SAME CRITERIA USED BY SUCH  
4 SECRETARY FOR SUCH DESIGNATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
5 TWO OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE MEANING  
6 OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER. IF THE STATE  
7 BOARD OF ELECTIONS FINDS THAT ANY EQUIVALENT OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED  
8 MAIL DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OR THE  
9 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS INADEQUATE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE STATE, THE  
10 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY WITHDRAW SUCH DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF  
11 THIS ARTICLE.

12 S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 5-210 of the election law, as amended by  
13 chapter 179 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

14 3. Completed application forms, when received by any [county] board of  
15 elections and, with respect to application forms promulgated by the  
16 federal election commission, when received by the state board of  
17 elections, or showing a dated cancellation mark of the United States  
18 Postal Service or contained in an envelope showing such a dated cancel-  
19 lation mark which is not later than the twenty-fifth day before the next  
20 ensuing primary, general or special election, and received no later than  
21 the twentieth day before such election, or delivered in person to such  
22 [county] board of elections not later than the tenth day before a  
23 special election, shall entitle the applicant to vote in such election,  
24 if he or she is otherwise qualified, provided, however, such applicant  
25 shall not vote on a voting machine until his or her identity is veri-  
26 fied. Any [county] board of elections receiving an application form from  
27 a person who does not reside in its jurisdiction but who does reside  
28 elsewhere in the state of New York, shall forthwith forward such appli-  
29 cation form to the proper [county] board of elections. Each board of  
30 elections shall make an entry on each such form of the date it is  
31 received by such board.

32 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.