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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the voter friendly ballot act of 2012; and to repeal section 7-126 of such law relating to the form of ballots

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

- 1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "voter friendly ballot act of 2012".
3 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 and paragraph b of subdivision 4 of
4 section 7-102 of the election law, as added by chapter 371 of the laws
5 of 1990, are amended to read as follows:
6 a. In the event that a candidate in a primary election believes that
7 the name of another candidate for the same office or position at such
8 election is sufficiently similar to his OR HERS so as to cause confusion
9 among the voters, such candidate may, not later than five days after the
10 last day to file the certificates or petitions of designation, file with
11 the board of elections with which such certificates or petitions of
12 designation are filed, a request that such board determine that such a
13 sufficient similarity exists.
14 b. Each candidate for an office or position for which such numbers are
15 assigned may file with such board, not later than fourteen days after

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

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1 such determination, any or all of the information permitted by paragraph
2 a of this subdivision in the form in which such candidate wishes such
3 information to appear in such leaflet. If such board determines that
4 such filing does not comply with the requirements of this subdivision,
5 it shall notify such candidate forthwith by first class mail. Such
6 candidate may file revised information with such board not later than
7 ten days after such notice was mailed. If a candidate does not make a
8 filing within the times prescribed by this paragraph, the words "no
9 information supplied" shall appear next to his OR HER name on such leaf-
10 let.

11 S 3. Section 7-104 of the election law, as amended by chapter 165 of
12 the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

13 S 7-104. Ballots; form of, voting machine. 1. All ballots shall be
14 printed and/or displayed in a format and arrangement, of such uniform
15 size and style as will fit the ballot [frame], and shall be in as plain
16 and clear a type or display as the space will reasonably permit, USING
17 ONLY SANS SERIF PRINT FONTS. Such type or display on the ballot shall
18 satisfy all requirements and standards set forth pursuant to the federal
19 Help America Vote Act.

20 2. The names of parties or independent bodies which contain more than
21 fifteen letters may, whenever limitations of space so require, be print-
22 ed on the ballot in an abbreviated form. In printing the names of candi-
23 dates whose full names contain more than fifteen letters, only the
24 surname must be printed in full. The officer or board charged with the
25 duty of preparing the ballots shall request each such candidate to indi-
26 cate, in writing, the shortened form in which, subject to this
27 restriction, his OR HER name shall be printed. If no such indication is
28 received from such candidate within the time specified in the request,
29 such officer or board shall make the necessary determination.

30 3. (a) The party name or other designation, and a designating letter
31 and number shall be affixed to the name of each candidate, or, in case
32 of presidential electors, to the names of the candidates for president
33 and vice-president of such party, EXCEPT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK A
34 DESIGNATING LETTER AND NUMBER NEED NOT BE SO AFFIXED ON A BALLOT FOR A
35 PRIMARY ELECTION.

36 (b) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally, with the names
37 of candidates for an office and the slot or device for write-in ballots
38 for such office arranged vertically under the title of the office, or
39 the titles of offices may be arranged vertically, with the names of
40 candidates for an office and the slot or device for write-in ballots for
41 such office arranged horizontally opposite the title of the office.

42 (c) Each office shall occupy as many columns or rows on the machine as
43 the number of candidates to be elected to that office.

44 4. (a) The names of all candidates nominated by any party or independ-
45 ent body for an office shall always appear in the row or column contain-
46 ing generally the names of candidates nominated by such party or inde-
47 pendent body for other offices except as hereinafter provided.

48 (b) When the same person has been nominated for an office to be filled
49 at the election by more than one party, the voting machine shall be so
50 adjusted that his or her name shall appear in each row or column
51 containing generally the names of candidates for other offices nominated
52 by any such party.

53 (c) If such candidate has also been nominated by one or more independ-
54 ent bodies, his or her name shall appear only in each row or column
55 containing generally the names of candidates for other offices nominated
56 by any such party and the name of each such independent body shall

1 appear in one such row or column to be designated by the candidate in a
2 writing filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of provid-
3 ing ballots, or if such person shall fail to so designate, the names of
4 such independent bodies shall appear in such row or column as such offi-
5 cer or board shall determine.

6 (d) If any person shall be nominated for any office by one party and
7 two or more independent bodies his or her name shall appear on the
8 voting machine twice; once in the row or column containing generally the
9 names of candidates for other offices nominated by such party, and once
10 in the row or column containing generally the names of candidates nomi-
11 nated by the independent body designated by such person in a writing
12 filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of providing
13 ballots and in connection with the name of such person in such row or
14 column shall appear the name of each independent body nominating him or
15 her or, if such person shall fail to so designate, the name of such
16 candidate and the names of such independent bodies shall appear in such
17 row or column as such officer or board shall determine.

18 (e) If any person is nominated for any office only by more than one
19 independent bodies, his or her name shall appear but once upon the
20 machine in one such row or column to be designated by the candidate in a
21 writing filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of provid-
22 ing ballots, or if the candidate shall fail to so designate, in the
23 place designated by the officer or board charged with the duty of
24 providing ballots, and in connection with his or her name there shall
25 appear the name of each independent body nominating him or her, but,
26 where the capacity of the machine will permit, the name of such person
27 shall not appear or be placed in a column or on a horizontal line with
28 the names of persons nominated by a party for other offices.

29 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision four of this section,
30 the name of a person who is nominated for the office of governor, or
31 state senator, or member of assembly, shall appear on the ballot as many
32 times as there are parties or independent bodies nominating him or her,
33 and there shall be a separate voting and registering device at each
34 place in which such name shall appear.

35 6. If any type of machine used in any county or city contains any
36 feature, the use of which is neither required nor prohibited by the
37 provisions of this chapter, the board of elections may, by resolution,
38 require that one or more of such features shall be used in such county.
39 Thereafter all machines of such type used in such county or city shall
40 be operated in conformity with any such resolution. Any such resolution
41 may thereafter be rescinded by such board and after being so rescinded
42 may be re-adopted. Once re-adopted by any board of elections, such a
43 resolution may not be rescinded again by such board.

44 7. The ballot shall have printed upon it in black ink for each party
45 or independent row, at the head of the column or the beginning of the
46 row containing the names of candidates, [the image of a closed fist with
47 index finger extended pointing to the party or independent row. In the
48 same space, in black letters as large as the space will permit, shall be
49 printed] the name of the party or independent body [and at the right of
50 the fist and below the index finger shall be printed in black ink the
51 emblem] and the designating [letters] LETTER of the row or column.

52 8. With respect to candidates for the offices of governor and lieuten-
53 ant governor of a party or independent body, ballots shall be printed so
54 that the names of such candidates for both offices shall appear in the
55 same row or column, with the name of the candidate for governor appear-

1 ing first and the ballot shall be so adjusted that both offices are
2 voted for jointly and have but one designating letter or number.

3 S 4. Section 7-106 of the election law, the section heading and subdi-
4 visions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as amended and subdivisions 8, 9, 10 and 11
5 as renumbered by chapter 165 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 S 7-106. [Election day paper ballots; form of] BALLOTS; FORM OF, FOR
8 BALLOT SCANNERS; GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS. 1. Paper
9 ballots which are to be counted by a ballot scanner may consist of two
10 or more sheets which are divided into perforated sections which can be
11 separated at the time the ballot is scanned. Such ballots shall be
12 printed on paper of a quality, size, color, and weight approved by the
13 state board of elections, AND SHALL BE CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM
14 SAMPLE BALLOTS BY SIZE, COLOR, OR OTHER MEANS.

15 2. [All paper ballots of the same kind for the same polling place
16 shall be identical. A different, but in each case uniform style and size
17 of type, shall be used for printing the names of candidates, the titles
18 of offices, political designations, and the reading form of all ques-
19 tions submitted. The names of candidates shall be printed in capital
20 letters in black-faced type.] BEFORE EACH STATEWIDE ELECTION, THE STATE
21 BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF
22 ELECTIONS A SAMPLE MASTER TEMPLATE OF THAT PORTION OF THE BALLOT WHICH
23 RELATES TO STATEWIDE OFFICES.

24 3. ALL TYPE SHALL BE SANS SERIF. NAMES OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE IN A
25 UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE USING STANDARD CAPITALIZATION. TITLES OF
26 OFFICES SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. POLITICAL DESIG-
27 NATIONS SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. THE FORM OF ALL
28 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE.

29 4. Each ballot shall be printed on the sheet with a stub which shall
30 be separated therefrom by a line of perforations extending across the
31 entire ballot. On the face of the stub shall be printed "No....." the
32 blank to be filled with consecutive number of ballots beginning with
33 "No. 1", and increasing in regular numerical order.

34 [4.] 5. On such ballot shall be printed the following indorsement, the
35 blanks properly filled in:

36 Official Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-
37 ble)
38 Election
39 County of
40 (Assembly or Legislative, as applicable) District
41
42 (Ward and City or town, as applica-
43 ble).....
44 Election District

45 (Insert date of election.)
46 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot.)

47 [5. The following ballot instructions shall be printed in heavy black
48 type:

49 INSTRUCTIONS
50 (1) Mark only with a writing instrument provided by the board of
51 elections.

- 1 (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill
2 in the (insert oval or square, as applicable) above or next to the name
3 of the candidate.
- 4 (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot
5 write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled "write-in" that
6 appears (insert at the bottom of the column, the end of the row or at
7 the bottom of the candidate names, as applicable) for such office (and,
8 if required by the voting system in use at such election, the
9 instructions shall also include "and fill in the (insert oval or square,
10 as applicable) corresponding with the write-in space in which you have
11 written in a name").
- 12 (4) To vote yes or no on a proposal, if any, that appears on the
13 (indicate where on the ballot the proposal may appear) fill in the
14 (insert oval or square, as applicable) that corresponds to your vote.
- 15 (5) Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
16 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
17 this entire ballot.
- 18 (6) Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
19 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
20 public office, party position or proposal.
- 21 (7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and
22 obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by
23 making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all
24 or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a
25 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,
26 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-
27 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.
- 28 (8) After completing your ballot, insert it into the ballot scanner
29 and wait for the notice that your ballot has been successfully scanned.
30 If no such notice appears, seek the assistance of an election inspector.
- 31 6. The instructions in subdivision five of this section may be printed
32 on the front or back of the ballot or on a separate sheet or card. If
33 such instructions are not printed on the front of the ballot, there
34 shall be printed on the ballot, in the largest size type for which there
35 is room, the following legend: "See instructions on the other side" or
36 "See enclosed instructions", whichever is appropriate.
- 37 7. Each such ballot shall be printed in sections in which the candi-
38 dates' names and political designations, the ballot proposals and other
39 requisite matter shall each be boxed in by heavy black perpendicular
40 lines of equal width. In each such section shall be voting ovals or
41 squares which voters may fill in. If applicable, ovals or squares shall
42 be provided next to the blank spaces provided for a voter to write in a
43 name.
- 44 8. The space for the title of an office shall be three-eighths of an
45 inch, and the name of a candidate or for writing in a name, one-fourth
46 of an inch, in depth. At the left of the name of each designated candi-
47 date shall be an enclosed voting space, three-eighths of an inch in
48 width and approximately one-fourth of an inch in depth, bounded above,
49 below and to the right by black lines, heavier than those which separate
50 the spaces containing the names of candidates. To the left of voting
51 spaces which do not adjoin a vertical line dividing two parts, there
52 shall be a heavy black vertical line approximately one-eighth of an inch
53 in width. No voting space shall be provided in the space for writing in
54 names. In such case, the space corresponding to a voting space shall be
55 all black.

1 9. Below the names of the candidates for each office or position there
2 shall be printed as many blank spaces, for writing in names of persons
3 for whom the voter desires to vote, as there are persons to be nominated
4 or elected.

5 10. In case the sections shall be so numerous as to make the ballot
6 unwieldy if they are printed in one column, they may be printed in as
7 many columns as shall be necessary, and in that case, in order to
8 produce a rectangular ballot, blank sections may be used.]

9 6. EACH BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING THE BALLOT. THE
10 INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE PRINTED IN LINE LENGTHS NO WIDER THAN FIVE INCHES.
11 THE TEXT SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS, SO THAT IT ACCURATELY
12 REFLECTS THE BALLOT LAYOUT:

13 INSTRUCTIONS

14 MARK THE (INSERT "OVAL" OR "SQUARE") TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF YOUR
15 CHOICE. (PROVIDE ILLUSTRATION HERE.) TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME
16 IS NOT PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, (INSERT "MARK THE OVAL (OR SQUARE) TO THE
17 LEFT OF 'WRITE-IN' AND PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY" OR "PRINT THE NAME CLEAR-
18 LY IN THE BOX LABELED 'WRITE-IN'"), STAYING WITHIN THE BOX. ANY MARK,
19 WRITING, OR ERASURE OUTSIDE THE SPACES PROVIDED FOR VOTING WILL VOID THE
20 ENTIRE BALLOT. THE NUMBER OF CHOICES IS LISTED FOR EACH CONTEST. DO NOT
21 MARK THE BALLOT FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED. IF YOU DO, YOUR VOTE
22 IN THAT CONTEST WILL NOT COUNT. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, OR WANT TO CHANGE
23 YOUR VOTE, ASK A POLL WORKER FOR A NEW BALLOT.

24 7. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE LINE DRAWING ILLUS-
25 TRATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT THESE INSTRUCTIONS. AT A MINIMUM, AN ILLUSTRATION
26 OF THE CORRECT WAY TO MARK THE BALLOT SHALL BE PROVIDED, BUT NOTHING IN
27 THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE BOARD IN PROVIDING ADDI-
28 TIONAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

29 8. WHEN A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, INSTRUCTIONS
30 SUBSTANTIALLY LIKE THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT NEAR
31 THE FIRST QUESTION OR PROPOSAL:

32 INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING FOR QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS

33 TO VOTE ON A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL, MARK THE (INSERT "OVAL" OR
34 "SQUARE") TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, OR WANT TO
35 CHANGE YOUR VOTE, ASK A POLL WORKER FOR A NEW BALLOT.

36 9. WHEN A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL APPEARS ON THE BACK OF THE BALLOT,
37 THERE SHALL APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE BALLOT WORDS OR A SYMBOL INDICAT-
38 ING THAT THE VOTER SHOULD TURN OVER THE BALLOT.

39 10. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE BALLOT SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE
40 FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

41 A. THE INSTRUCTIONS IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PRINT-
42 ED IN THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE FRONT OF THE BALLOT;

43 B. ALL TEXT, INCLUDING THE TITLE OF EACH OFFICE AND THE NAME OF EACH
44 CANDIDATE, SHALL BE PRINTED FLUSH LEFT AND SHALL NOT BE CENTERED ON THE
45 BALLOT OR IN ANY COLUMN OR ROW APPEARING ON THE BALLOT;

46 C. THE VOTING OVAL OR SQUARE SHALL BE TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE
47 CANDIDATE;

48 D. ALL TEXT, INCLUDING THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE AS PROVIDED IN
49 SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE PRINTED USING STANDARD
50 CAPITALIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY THE STATE
51 BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND SHALL NOT BE PRINTED USING ALL CAPITAL LETTERS;

52 E. THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE SHALL BE PRINTED USING A FONT SIZE OF
53 NOT LESS THAN TWELVE POINTS OR ONE SIXTH OF AN INCH;

54 F. THE BALLOT SHALL USE ONE FONT OR FONT FAMILY WITH ENOUGH VARIATIONS
55 FOR ALL TEXT NEEDS;

1 G. THE BALLOT SHALL HAVE A CLEAR DELINEATION BETWEEN THE BALLOT
2 INSTRUCTIONS AND THE FIRST OFFICE OR BALLOT QUESTION OR PROPOSAL THROUGH
3 THE USE OF WHITE SPACE, ILLUSTRATION, SHADING, COLOR, FONT SIZE, OR BOLD
4 TYPE;

5 H. COLOR AND SHADING SHALL BE USED CONSISTENTLY, SO AS TO DIFFEREN-
6 TIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM BALLOT SECTION DIVIDERS AND CONTEST INFORMATION;

7 I. "VOTE FOR ONE" OR "VOTE FOR UP TO" (THE BLANK SPACE TO BE
8 FILLED WITH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OR
9 ELECTED TO THE POSITION), AS APPLICABLE, SHALL BE PRINTED IMMEDIATELY
10 BELOW EACH OFFICE TITLE APPEARING ON THE BALLOT;

11 J. ABOVE, BELOW, OR TO THE RIGHT OF THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE, SHALL
12 BE PRINTED, IN LESS PROMINENT TYPE FACE THAN THAT IN WHICH THE CANDI-
13 DATE'S NAME IS PRINTED, THE NAME OF THE POLITICAL PARTY OR INDEPENDENT
14 BODY BY WHICH THE CANDIDATE WAS NOMINATED OR DESIGNATED;

15 K. NO PARTY EMBLEMS SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT;

16 L. THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SAME OFFICE SHALL APPEAR ON THE
17 SAME PAGE AND IN THE SAME COLUMN(S) OR ROW(S) OF THAT PAGE OF A PRINTED
18 BALLOT, AND MAY NOT BE SEPARATED BY A PERFORATION.

19 11. The names of parties or independent bodies which contain more
20 than fifteen letters may, whenever limitations of space so require, be
21 printed on the ballot in an abbreviated form. In printing the names of
22 candidates whose full names contain more than fifteen letters, only the
23 surname must be printed in full. The officer or board charged with the
24 duty of preparing the ballots shall request each such candidate to indi-
25 cate, in writing, the shortened form in which, subject to this
26 restriction, his OR HER name shall be printed. If no such indication is
27 received from such candidate within the time specified in the request,
28 such officer or board shall make the necessary determination. [No emblem
29 shall occupy a space longer in any direction than the voting square to
30 which it relates.]

31 S 5. The section heading and subdivision 3 of section 7-108 of the
32 election law are amended to read as follows:

33 Ballots; form for GENERAL elections; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

34 [3. In every instance where multiple casting of votes is permitted for
35 two or more candidates for the same office or position, the instruction
36 on the ballot or machine shall read "Vote for any.....", (the blank
37 space to be filled with the number of persons to be nominated for the
38 office or elected to the position).]

39 S 6. Section 7-110 of the election law, as amended by chapter 647 of
40 the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

41 S 7-110. Ballots; form for ballot proposals; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
42 Ballot proposals shall appear on the voting machine or ballot in a sepa-
43 rate section. At the left of, or below or above, each proposal shall
44 appear [two voting levers or] two voting [squares, each at least one-
45 half inch square] POSITIONS. Next to the first [lever or square] VOTING
46 POSITION shall be printed the word "Yes," and next to the second [lever
47 or square] VOTING POSITION shall be printed the word "No." The proposals
48 shall be numbered consecutively on the voting machine or ballot. The
49 number of each proposal shall appear in front of its designation as an
50 amendment, proposition or question in the following form: "Proposal
51 one, an amendment; proposal two, a proposition; proposal three, a ques-
52 tion".

53 S 7. Section 7-114 of the election law, as amended by chapter 234 of
54 the laws of 1976, paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter
55 433 of the laws of 1984 and paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 as amended by
56 chapter 461 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

1 S 7-114. Ballots; form for primary election; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
2 1. (a) [The] ON THE face of the official ballot for a primary election
3 [shall be divided into parts. Descriptive words to indicate the purpose
4 of each part shall be printed at its head. Beginning at the left or top,
5 the first part shall be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] CONTESTS
6 AND CANDIDATES for nomination for public office["]. The second part shall
7 be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] SHALL APPEAR FIRST, FOLLOWED
8 BY CONTESTS AND CANDIDATES for party positions.[" When necessary, a part
9 may be divided into two or more columns or rows, but the] THE names of
10 all persons designated for the same office or party position shall be in
11 the same column or row.

12 (b) [In each part shall be printed the titles of the offices or party
13 positions, as the case may be, for which the part is to be used, and
14 under each such title shall be printed the names of the designated
15 candidates for the office or position.

16 (c) [Where a candidate for nomination for the same public office or
17 for election to the same party position is designated by two or more
18 petitions, his OR HER name shall be placed upon the ballot for the
19 primary election but once as such a candidate.

20 [(d)] (C) The ballot shall not contain a space for voting for candi-
21 dates for uncontested offices and positions, and no ballot shall be
22 printed for a party whose primary is uncontested unless a petition for
23 opportunity to ballot has been filed.

24 2. (a) The paper ballot for a primary election shall conform to the
25 form for paper ballots set forth in this article with respect to quality
26 and weight of paper, perforated line, and number on the stub [on the
27 back of the ballot].

28 (b) [On the back of the paper ballot, on the stub, immediately below
29 the number, shall be the name of the party. On the back of the ballot
30 and below the stub, and immediately to the left of the center of the
31 ballot, and on the front of the ballot, below the perforated line, shall
32 be printed, in addition to the other information required for paper
33 ballots, the name and emblem of the party and the words "Official prima-
34 ry ballot."

35 (c) On the front of the stub, above the perforated line at the top of
36 the paper ballot shall be printed the same instructions as on the gener-
37 al election ballot.

38 (d) The parts of the paper ballot below such heavy black horizontal
39 line shall be separated by a heavy black vertical line or lines, one-
40 fourth of an inch in width. Descriptive words to indicate the purpose of
41 each part shall be printed at its head, below the heavy black horizontal
42 line. Immediately below such captions shall be printed two light paral-
43 lel horizontal lines approximately one-sixteenth of an inch apart,
44 extending across each part.

45 (e) The names of candidates on paper ballots shall be numbered with
46 arabic numerals printed in heavy faced type beginning with "one" for the
47 first candidate named in the first part and continuing in numerical
48 order to and including the last candidate named in the last part, except
49 that where two or more candidates are to be elected to a party position,
50 the names of candidates designated by each petition shall be grouped,
51 and each group shall have but one number, which shall be printed oppo-
52 site the approximate center of the group.

53 (f) The] EXCEPT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE number of a candidate
54 shall be printed on the paper ballot between the voting space and the
55 name of the candidate. Each group shall have a bracket embracing the
56 names in the group. IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES

1 RUNNING TO BE ELECTED TO A PARTY POSITION AS A GROUP MAY BE REFERRED TO
2 COLLECTIVELY ON THE BALLOT AS A "GROUP."

3 [(g)] (C) Spaces containing names of candidates and for writing in
4 names, and intervening spaces on the paper ballot, shall be separated by
5 light horizontal lines. [Names of candidates shall be printed [in capi-
6 tal letters not less than one-eighth nor more than three-sixteenths of
7 an inch in height.]

8 [(h)] (D) The paper ballots of no two parties shall be IDENTIFIED BY
9 the same color OR COLOR MARKINGS, and the state board of elections
10 shall select the color for each new party[, and not later than twelve
11 weeks before a primary election, shall transmit to each board of
12 elections]. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE BOARD'S
13 BALLOT CERTIFICATION a certificate stating the colors so selected.

14 S 8. Subdivisions 2, 3 and 4 of section 7-116 of the election law,
15 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 234 of the laws of 1976 and subdivi-
16 sion 3 as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, are amended to read
17 as follows:

18 2. The officer or board who or which prepares the ballot shall deter-
19 mine the order in which shall appear, below the names of party candi-
20 dates the nominations made only by independent bodies. Such officer or
21 board also shall determine the order in which shall be printed, in a
22 section of such ballot the names of two or more candidates nominated by
23 one party or independent body, for an office to which two or more
24 persons are to be elected; provided, however, that any such candidate
25 may, by a writing filed with such board or officer not later than one
26 week after the adjournment of the convention or one week after the
27 primary election nominating him OR HER, or otherwise not later than two
28 days after the filing of the petition or certificate nominating him OR
29 HER, demand that such order be determined by lot, and in that case such
30 order shall be so determined, upon two days notice by mail given by such
31 board or officer to each candidate for such office. The state board of
32 elections shall perform the duties required by this subdivision in all
33 cases affecting nominations filed in its office.

34 3. The officer or board with whom or which are filed the designations
35 for a public office or party position shall determine by lot, upon two
36 days notice by mail given by such board or officer to each candidate for
37 such office or position and to the committee, if any, named in the
38 designating petition, the order in which shall be printed on the offi-
39 cial primary ballot, under the title of the office or position, the
40 names of candidates for public office, the names of candidates for a
41 party position to which not more than one person is to be elected, and
42 the groups of names of candidates for party position where two or more
43 persons are to be elected thereto and any petition designates two or
44 more persons therefor, provided, however, that whenever groups of names
45 for more than one party position are designated by the same petition,
46 the order in which they shall be printed on the official primary ballot
47 shall be determined by a single lot. Candidates for [delegate or deleg-
48 ates] DELEGATE(S) and alternate [delegate or delegates] DELEGATE(S) to
49 conventions designated by the same petition shall, for the purpose of
50 this subdivision, be treated as one group. The names of candidates, if
51 any, for a party position to which two or more persons are to be
52 elected, who are designated by individual petitions and not in a group
53 shall be printed below such group or groups, in such order between them-
54 selves, as such officer or board shall determine by lot upon the notice
55 specified in this subdivision. The names within a group of candidates
56 designated for party position by one petition shall be printed in the

1 same order in which they appear in the petition, unless they appear in a
2 different order on different pages of the petition, in which case their
3 order within the group shall be determined by such officer or board by
4 lot upon the notice specified in this subdivision. Candidates for
5 members of a state committee designated by a single petition shall, for
6 the purposes of this subdivision, be treated as one group. However, the
7 notice to a committee of the drawing need not be mailed to more than
8 five members, if there be that many, and as to offices or party posi-
9 tions for which designating petitions are filed with the board of
10 elections of the city of New York the notice shall be given to the
11 committees only.

12 4. If a vacancy in a designation or nomination be filled after the
13 making, in the manner provided in this section, of a determination of
14 the order in which the names of candidates for the office or position
15 are to be printed, the name of the candidate designated or nominated to
16 fill such vacancy shall be printed in the place so determined for the
17 original candidate, PROVIDED SUCH PLACEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
18 REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOT CONSTRUCTION SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.

19 S 9. Section 7-118 of the election law, as amended by chapter 157 of
20 the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

21 S 7-118. Ballots; facsimile and sample. 1. The board of elections
22 shall provide facsimile and sample ballots which shall be arranged in
23 the form of a diagram showing such part of the face of the voting
24 machine OR BALLOTS as shall be in use at that election. Such facsimile
25 and sample ballots shall be [either in full or reduced size] DISTIN-
26 GUISHABLE FROM THE BALLOT BY SIZE, COLOR, OR OTHER MEANS and shall
27 contain suitable illustrated directions for voting on the voting machine
28 OR BALLOT.

29 2. Such facsimile ballots shall be mounted and displayed for public
30 inspection at each polling place during election day.

31 3. Sample ballots may be mailed by the board of elections to each
32 eligible voter at least three days before the election, or in lieu ther-
33 eof, a copy of such sample ballot may be published at least once within
34 one week preceding the election in newspapers [representing the major
35 political parties] OR ON A WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

36 4. One copy of such facsimile shall be sent to each school in the
37 county, providing the ninth through the twelfth years of compulsory
38 education, and in the city of New York to each such school in the city
39 of New York, at least one week before each general election for posting
40 at a convenient place in such school. The board of elections shall also
41 send a facsimile ballot to any other school requesting such a ballot.
42 IN THE ALTERNATIVE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE FULLY
43 SATISFIED BY PUBLISHING SUCH FACSIMILE ON A WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE
44 BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND NOTIFYING EACH SUCH SCHOOL OF SUCH PUBLICATION.

45 S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 7-120 of the election law is amended to
46 read as follows:

47 1. If any voting machine OR SYSTEM for use in any election shall
48 become out of order during an election it shall, if possible, be
49 repaired or another machine OR SYSTEM substituted as promptly as possi-
50 ble. In case such repair or substitution cannot be made, emergency
51 ballots, printed or written, and of any suitable form, SHALL BE PROVIDED
52 BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND may be used for the taking of votes.

53 S 11. Section 7-122 of the election law, subdivision 1 as amended by
54 chapter 234 of the laws of 1976, the schedule in paragraph (b) of subdi-
55 vision 1 as added by chapter 381 of the laws of 1979, paragraphs (c) and
56 (d) of subdivision 1 and subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as amended

1 by chapter 165 of the laws of 2010, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter
2 9 of the laws of 1978, and subdivisions 6 and 7 as renumbered by chapter
3 352 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

4 S 7-122. Ballots; absentee voters. 1. (a) Ballots for absentee voters
5 shall be, as nearly as practicable, in the same form as those to be
6 voted in the district on election day, if any, except that ballots for
7 primary elections shall omit the party position of ward, town, city or
8 county committee and except further that such ballots need not have a
9 stub, and shall have the words "Absentee Ballot", endorsed thereon.

10 (b) [The names of candidates upon the ballot shall be printed in
11 appropriate sections, with titles of offices, section numbers, emblems,
12 voting squares, names of parties and political organizations and blank
13 spaces for writing in names of persons not printed on the ballot. Except
14 as to the spacing, such ballot shall be printed wherever applicable
15 substantially as follows:

16 (Form in chap. 381/79)

17 (c) The indorsement shall be printed and properly filled in:

18 Official Absentee Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-
19 ble)
20 Election
21 County of.....
22 (Assembly or Legislative, as applicable) District.....
23 (Ward and City or town, as applicable).....
24 (Insert date of election)
25 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot)

26 (d) On the front of the ballot prepared for counting by hand, [shall
27 be printed in heavy black type the following instructions] THE
28 INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING THE BALLOT SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS,
29 SO THAT IT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE BALLOT LAYOUT:

30 INSTRUCTIONS

- 31 [1. Mark in pen or pencil.
- 32 2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, make
- 33 a single cross X mark or a single check, V mark in the voting square
- 34 above the name of the candidate.
- 35 3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write
- 36 or stamp his or her name in the space that appears at the bottom of the
- 37 column or the end of the row (indicate where on the ballot the write-in
- 38 space appears) containing the title of the office.
- 39 4. To vote on a proposal make a cross X mark or a check V mark in one
- 40 of the squares contained in the box setting forth such proposal.
- 41 5. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
- 42 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
- 43 this entire ballot.
- 44 6. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
- 45 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
- 46 public office, party position or proposal.
- 47 7. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the board
- 48 of elections at (insert phone number here) for instructions on how to
- 49 obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by
- 50 making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all
- 51 or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a
- 52 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,
- 53 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-
- 54 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.] MARK THE (INSERT "OVAL"
- 55 OR "SQUARE") TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF YOUR CHOICE. (PROVIDE ILLUS-

1 TRATION HERE.) TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS NOT PRINTED ON THE
2 BALLOT, (INSERT "MARK THE OVAL (OR SQUARE) TO THE LEFT OF 'WRITE-IN' AND
3 PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY" OR "PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY IN THE BOX LABELED
4 'WRITE-IN'), STAYING WITHIN THE BOX. ANY MARK, WRITING, OR ERASURE
5 OUTSIDE THE SPACES PROVIDED FOR VOTING WILL VOID THE ENTIRE BALLOT. IF
6 YOU MAKE A MISTAKE OR WANT TO CHANGE YOUR VOTE, CALL THE BOARD OF
7 ELECTIONS AT (INSERT PHONE NUMBER HERE) FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO
8 OBTAIN A NEW BALLOT. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A REPLACEMENT BALLOT UPON
9 RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL BALLOT. THE NUMBER OF CHOICES IS LISTED FOR EACH
10 CONTEST. DO NOT MARK THE BALLOT FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED. IF YOU
11 DO, YOUR VOTE IN THAT CONTEST WILL NOT COUNT.

12 (C) WHEN A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT,
13 INSTRUCTIONS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION SIX
14 OF SECTION 7-106 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE INCLUDED.

15 (D) THE BALLOT PROPOSALS MAY BE ON THE BACK OF THE BALLOT, OR ON A
16 SEPARATE BALLOT.

17 2. [The following provisions shall apply to all absentee ballots
18 prepared for counting by a ballot scanner and all other] ALL provisions
19 of this chapter not inconsistent with this subdivision shall be applica-
20 ble to [such] ABSENTEE ballots PREPARED FOR COUNTING BY BALLOT SCANNER[:
21

22 (a) The party emblem need not be printed next to the name of each
23 candidate.

24 (b) The ballot proposals may be on the back of the ballot, or on a
25 separate ballot.

26 (c) The printed instructions to the voter shall read as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS

27 1. Mark only with a pen or pencil.

28 2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, fill
29 in the (insert oval or square, as applicable) above or next to the name
30 of the candidate.

31 3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot,
32 write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled "write-in" that
33 appears (insert at the bottom of the column or the end of the row, as
34 applicable) containing the title of the office and, if required by the
35 voting system in use at such election, the instructions shall also
36 include "and fill in the (insert oval or square, as applicable) corre-
37 sponding with the write-in space in which the voter has written a name."

38 4. To vote yes or no on a proposal, if any, that appears on the (indi-
39 cate where on the ballot the proposal may appear) fill in the (insert
40 oval or square, as applicable) that corresponds to your vote.

41 5. Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot
42 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void
43 this entire ballot.

44 6. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than
45 there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that
46 public office, party position or proposal.

47 7. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the
48 board of elections at (insert phone number here) for instructions on how
49 to obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot
50 by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate
51 all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make
52 a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choic-
53 es, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a
54 replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot.

55 (d) Such instructions may be printed on the front or back of the
56 ballot or on a separate sheet or card. If such instructions are not

1 printed on the front of the ballot, there shall be printed on the
2 ballot, in the largest size type for which there is room, the following
3 legend: "See instructions on other side" or "See enclosed instructions",
4 whichever is appropriate.

5 (e) Such ballots which are to be counted by a ballot scanner may
6 consist of two or more sheets, which are divided into perforated
7 sections which can be separated at the time of canvassing].

8 3. The determination of the appropriate county board of elections as
9 to the candidates duly designated or nominated for public office or
10 party position whose name shall appear on the absentee ballot and as to
11 ballot proposals to be voted on shall be made no later than the day
12 after the state board of elections issues its certification of those
13 candidates to be voted for at the general, special or primary election.
14 The determinations of the state board of elections and the respective
15 county boards of elections shall be final and conclusive with respect to
16 such offices for which petitions or certificates are required to be
17 filed with such boards, as the case may be but nothing herein contained
18 shall prevent a board of elections, or a court of competent jurisdiction
19 from determining at a later date that any such certification, desig-
20 nation or nomination is invalid and, in the event of such later determi-
21 nation, no vote cast for any such nominee by any voter shall be counted
22 at the election.

23 [5.] 4. THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH ABSENTEE BALLOT ISSUED
24 BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER PLACES HIS OR
25 HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE
26 ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO THE COUN-
27 TY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall furnish with each
28 absentee ballot an inner affirmation envelope. On one side of the envel-
29 ope shall be printed:

30 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
31 for
32 GENERAL (OR PRIMARY OR SPECIAL) ELECTION,

- 33 , 20.....
34 Name of voter.....
35 Residence (street and number if any).....
36 City/or town of.....(village, if any).....
37 County of.....
38 Assembly district
39 Legislative District (as applicable)
40 Ward (as applicable)
41 Election District.....
42 Party Enrollment (in case of primary election).....

43 [6] 5. The date of the election, name of the county, and name of a
44 city, if there be a separate ballot for city voters, shall be printed,
45 and the name of the voter, residence, number of the assembly district,
46 if any, name of town, number of ward, if any, election district and
47 party enrollment, if required, shall be either printed or written or
48 stamped in by the board.

49 [7.] 6. There shall also be a place for two BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF
50 MEMBERS OR inspectors of opposite political parties to indicate, by
51 placing their initials thereon, that they have checked and marked the
52 voter's poll record.

1 [8.] 7. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall
2 be printed the following statement:

3 AFFIRMATION

4 I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly
5 registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this
6 envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be
7 unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this
8 ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I
9 am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-
10 tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote
11 elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-
12 iment which denies me the right to vote.

13 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
14 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
15 false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be
16 guilty of a misdemeanor.

17 Date.....20.....
18 Signature or mark of voter
19
20 Signature of Witness (required only
21 if voter does not sign his OR HER own
22 name)
23
24 Address of Witness

25 [9.] 8. The inner affirmation envelope shall be gummed, ready for
26 sealing, and shall have printed thereon, on the side opposite the state-
27 ment, instructions as to the duties of the voter after the marking of
28 the ballot, which instructions shall include a specific direction stat-
29 ing when such ballot must be postmarked and when such ballot must reach
30 the office of the board of elections in order to be canvassed.

31 [10.] 9. Each INNER AFFIRMATION ballot envelope shall be enclosed in
32 an outer envelope addressed to the appropriate board of elections and
33 bearing on it a specific direction that if an original application for
34 an absentee ballot is received with the ballot, such application must be
35 completed by the voter and returned in the outer envelope together with
36 the sealed inner affirmation envelope containing the absentee ballot
37 within the time limits for receipt of the absentee ballot itself. Such
38 inner affirmation envelope and outer envelope shall be enclosed in [a]
39 THE third envelope addressed to the absentee voter. The outer and third
40 envelopes shall have printed on the face thereof the words "Election
41 Material--Please Expedite".

42 S 12. The opening paragraph of subdivision 3 of section 7-123 of the
43 election law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of 2010, is amended
44 to read as follows:

45 THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH MILITARY ABSENTEE BALLOT
46 ISSUED WHEN THE MILITARY VOTER'S PREFERRED METHOD OF TRANSMISSION IS "BY
47 MAIL": THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER PLACES HIS OR
48 HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE
49 ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO THE COUN-
50 TY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall furnish an inner
51 affirmation envelope with each military ballot upon which envelope shall
52 be printed:

1 S 13. The opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 2 of section
2 7-124 of the election law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of
3 2010, are amended to read as follows:

4 THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH SPECIAL FEDERAL ABSENTEE
5 BALLOT ISSUED BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER
6 PLACES HIS OR HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE
7 ADDRESSED TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS
8 ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall
9 furnish an inner affirmation envelope with each special federal ballot
10 upon which envelope shall be printed:

11 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in the completion of
12 this document may constitute grounds for conviction of a crime.

13 Date.....20.....
14 Signature or mark of voter
15
16 Signature of Witness (required only
17 if voter does not sign his OR HER own
18 name)
19
20 Address of Witness

21 S 14. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 7-125 of the election law,
22 subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 235 of the laws of 2000, are amended
23 to read as follows:

24 2. THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ABSEN-
25 TEE BALLOT ISSUED BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A
26 VOTER PLACES HIS OR HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE
27 ADDRESSED TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS
28 ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall
29 furnish with each special presidential ballot an envelope. On one side
30 of the envelope shall be printed:

31 OFFICIAL BALLOT, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTERS,
32 FOR GENERAL ELECTION,
33 NOVEMBER....., [19] 20....

34 Name of voter
35 Residence from which vote is being cast:
36 Street and number
37 City or town
38 County
39 Assembly District or Ward
40 Election District

41 The date of the election and name of the county shall be printed, and
42 the name of the voter, residence, name of the city or town, number of
43 ward or assembly district, if any, and election district shall be print-
44 ed, written or stamped in by the board.

45 3. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the follow-
46 ing statement:

47 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

1 I do declare I am a qualified special presidential voter of said
 2 district; that I am not qualified and am not able to qualify to vote
 3 elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I
 4 am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the election for
 5 which this ballot is voted, I will be at least eighteen years of age;
 6 and that I have not committed any act, nor am I under any impediment,
 7 which denies me the right to vote.

8 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
 9 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
 10 false statement in the foregoing statement, I shall be guilty of a
 11 misdemeanor.

12 Date.....20.....
 13 Signature or mark of voter

14
 15 Signature of Witness (required only
 16 if voter does not sign his OR HER own
 17 name)

18
 19 Address of Witness

20 S 15. Section 7-126 of the election law is REPEALED.

21 S 16. Section 7-128 of the election law is amended to read as follows:

22 S 7-128. Ballots; inspection of. 1. Each officer or board charged with
 23 the duty of providing official ballots for an election shall have sample
 24 ballots open to public inspection [five] TWENTY-EIGHT days before the
 25 election for which they were prepared and the official ballots open to
 26 such inspection [four] FOURTEEN days before such election [except that
 27 the sample and official ballots for a village election held at a differ-
 28 ent time from a general election shall be open to public inspection at
 29 least two days before such election]. During the times within which the
 30 ballots are open for inspection, such officer or board shall deliver to
 31 each voter applying therefor a sample of the ballot which he OR SHE is
 32 entitled to vote.

33 2. A. Each officer or board charged with the duty of preparing ballots
 34 to be used [on voting machines] in any election shall give written
 35 notice, by first class mail, to all candidates, except candidates for
 36 member of the county committee, who are lawfully entitled to have their
 37 names appear thereon, of the time when, and the place where, they may
 38 inspect the [voting machines] BALLOTS to be used for such election. The
 39 candidates or their designated representatives may appear at the time
 40 and place specified in such notice to inspect such [machines] BALLOTS,
 41 provided, however, that the time so specified shall be [not less than
 42 two] NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN days [prior to the date of] BEFORE the
 43 election AT WHICH THE BALLOTS WILL BE USED.

44 B. A candidate, whose name appears on the ballot [for an election
 45 district] or his OR HER designated representative, may, in the presence
 46 of the election officer attending the [voting machine] BALLOT, inspect
 47 the [face of the machine] BALLOT to see that his OR HER ballot [label]
 48 POSITION is in its proper place[, but at no time during the inspection
 49 shall the booth be closed] OR PLACES.

50 3. EACH OFFICER OR BOARD CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF PREPARING BALLOTS
 51 TO BE USED WITH VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS IN ANY ELECTION SHALL GIVE
 52 WRITTEN NOTICE, BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, TO ALL CANDIDATES, EXCEPT CANDI-

1 DATES FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE, WHO ARE LAWFULLY ENTITLED TO
2 HAVE THEIR NAMES APPEAR THEREON, OF THE TIME WHEN, AND THE PLACE WHERE,
3 THEY MAY INSPECT THE VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS TO BE USED FOR SUCH
4 ELECTION. THE CANDIDATES OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES MAY APPEAR
5 AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE TO VIEW THE CONDUCT OF
6 THE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED ON SUCH VOTING
7 MACHINES OR SYSTEMS, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME SO SPECIFIED SHALL
8 BE NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

9 S 17. Section 7-130 of the election law is amended to read as follows:

10 S 7-130. Ballots; examination by voters and instruction in use of
11 voting machines. One or more voting machines which shall contain the
12 ballot labels, showing the [party emblems and] title of officers to be
13 voted for, and which shall so far as practicable contain the names of
14 the candidates to be voted for, shall be placed on public exhibition in
15 some suitable place by the board of elections, in charge of competent
16 instructors, for at least three days during the thirty days next preced-
17 ing an election. No voting machine which is to be assigned for use in an
18 election shall be used for such purpose after having been prepared and
19 sealed for the election. During such public exhibition, the counting
20 mechanism of the machine shall be concealed from view and the doors may
21 be temporarily opened only when authorized by the board or official
22 having charge and control of the election. Any voter shall be allowed to
23 examine such machine, and upon request shall be instructed in its use.

24 S 18. This act shall take effect immediately and shall only apply to
25 ballots to be used for elections occurring after January 1, 2013.