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Introduced by M. of A. SILVER, CUSICK -- (at request of the Governor) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the conducting of the presidential primary, to provide for the election of delegates to a national party convention or a national party conference in 2012, and the "Presidential" and "Fall" primary in such year; to amend the election law, in relation to electing delegates to a national party convention; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 8-100 of the election law, as amended by chapter 17 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

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3 (a) A primary election, to be known as the fall primary, shall be held 5 the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September before every general election unless otherwise changed by an act of the legislature. 7 MEMBERS OF STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEES AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LEADERS AND ASSOCIATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LEADERS AND ALL OTHER PARTY POSITIONS TO BE 9 ELECTED SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE FALL PRIMARY AND ALL NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE REQUIRED TO BE MADE AT A PRIMARY ELECTION IN SUCH YEAR 10 SHALL BE MADE AT THE FALL PRIMARY. In [each] 11 THE year TWO THOUSAND 12 TWELVE in which electors of president and vice president of the United States are to be elected, an additional primary election, to be known as 13 14 the [spring] PRESIDENTIAL primary, shall be held on [the first February | APRIL TWENTY-FOURTH, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, unless otherwise 15 changed by an act of the legislature, for the purpose of electing deleg-16 ates to the national convention[, members of state and county committees 17 18 and assembly district leaders and associate assembly district leaders]. 19 S 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of the election

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

a rule or resolution of a state committee providing for the selection of

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delegates and alternate delegates to a national party convention or national party conference in the year 2012 shall select either section three or section four of this act in order to conform to the rules of a national committee. A certified copy of such rule or resolution shall be filed with the state board of elections no later than the first day of November, 2011.

- S 3. The election law is amended by adding a new section 2-122-a to read as follows:
- S 2-122-A. NATIONAL CONVENTION; NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE. 1. THE RULES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF A PARTY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION OR NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE BE ELECTED BY A COMBINATION OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:
- A. BY VOTES CAST AT A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE APPEAR ON THE BALLOT;
- B. BY VOTES CAST AT A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DISTRICTS NO LARGER THAN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS; AND
- C. BY THE STATE COMMITTEE OR A COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COMMITTEE AT A MEETING OR CONVENTION CALLED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AS THE RULES OF THE PARTY MAY PROVIDE.
- RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE ΙF THEPROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION PROVIDE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, DESIG-NATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 6-100, 6-118, 6-122 (EXCEPT THAT SUCH CANDIDATES NEED NOT BE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK BUT ONLY CITIZENS OF THE UNITED 6-130, 6-132 (EXCEPT THAT REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO FILL STATES), VACANCIES SHALL BE DEEMED REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOTICES), 6-134, 6-144, THE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO DECLINATIONS IN SUBDIVI-SIONS ONE AND TWO OF SECTION 6-146 (EXCEPT THAT REFERENCES TO A COMMIT-TEE TO FILL VACANCIES SHALL BE DEEMED REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOTICES), 6-154, AND SUBDIVISION ONE AND THE PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO DECLINATIONS IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 6-158 (EXCEPT THAT SUCH CANDIDATES MAY DECLINE SUCH DESIGNATIONS NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE) OF THIS CHAPTER. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS OF ANY SUCH DECLINATION FILED.
 - 3. DESIGNATING PETITIONS, WHERE REQUIRED FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE VOTED ON BY VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION, MUST BE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND OF THE THEN ENROLLED VOTERS OF THE PARTY IN THE STATE.
 - 4. IF THE RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE PROVIDE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, IN ADDITION TO THE SPACES ON THE BALLOT WITH THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES DESIGNATED FOR SUCH OFFICE THERE MAY BE A SPACE WITH THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED." THE "UNCOMMITTED" SPACE SHALL BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT PROVIDED THAT A DESIGNATING PETITION FOR SUCH "UNCOMMITTED" SPACE WHICH MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS A PETITION DESIGNATING A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS FILED IN THE SAME MANNER AS IS REQUIRED FOR SUCH A PETITION.
- 52 5. A. THE FORM OF A PETITION REQUESTING THAT AN "UNCOMMITTED" SPACE BE 53 LISTED ON THE BALLOT AT A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT 54 OF THE UNITED STATES HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 55 SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

- B. THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOTICES SHALL BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED FOR A PETITION FOR A OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT. THE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION WITH ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND THE SIGNED STATEMENT OF A WITNESS OR AUTHENTICATION BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO TAKE OATHS SHALL BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED FOR A DESIGNATING PETITION FOR SUCH OFFICE.
- 6. A. IF THE RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDE THAT THE POSITIONS OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 6-100, 6-118, 6-122, 6-130, 6-132 (EXCEPT THAT REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES SHALL BE DEEMED REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOTICES), 6-134, 6-144, THE PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO DECLINATIONS IN SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF SECTION 6-146 (EXCEPT THAT REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES SHALL BE DEEMED REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOTICES), 6-147, 6-154, AND SUBDIVISION ONE AND THE PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO DECLINATIONS IN SUBDIVISION TWO AND SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 6-158 OF THIS CHAPTER.
- B. CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF DISTRICT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENROLLED MEMBERS OF SUCH PARTY AND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY ARE CANDIDATES. THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS USED FOR THE ELECTION OF SUCH DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE THOSE DISTRICTS IN EFFECT FOR THE TWO THOUSAND TEN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS UNLESS NEW DISTRICT LINES DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING BASED UPON THE TWO THOUSAND TEN FEDERAL CENSUS HAVE BEEN ENACTED INTO LAW AT LEAST NINETEEN WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.
- C. DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED ENROLLED VOTERS OF THE PARTY RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH CANDIDATES ARE DESIGNATED, OR BY AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) OF THE THEN ENROLLED VOTERS OF SUCH PARTY IN SUCH DISTRICT, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
- D. THE DESIGNATING PETITION FOR ANY SUCH CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES SHALL HAVE PRINTED THEREON PRIOR TO THE AFFIXING OF ANY SIGNATURES THERETO, A LEGEND NAMING THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHOM SUCH CANDIDATES ARE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT, OR A LEGEND THAT SUCH CANDIDATES ARE UNCOMMITTED. SUCH LEGEND SHALL BE PART OF THE TITLE OF SUCH POSITION.
- E. NO DESIGNATING PETITION CONTAINING THE NAMES OF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR EITHER SUCH POSITION SHALL BE VALID UNLESS ALL SUCH CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS HAVE PRINTED ON SUCH PETITION THE LEGEND THAT THEY ARE PLEDGED TO THE SAME PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OR UNLESS ALL SUCH CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS HAVE PRINTED ON SUCH PETITION THE LEGEND THAT THEY ARE UNCOMMITTED.
- F. NO DESIGNATING PETITION CONTAINING THE NAMES OF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR EITHER SUCH POSITION SHALL BE PRESUMPTIVELY VALID UNLESS THE CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE AS A GROUP AND THE CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE AS A GROUP ARE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES, WITH A VARIANCE NO GREATER THAN ONE.

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 G. IN THE EVENT THAT A DESIGNATING PETITION IS FILED FOR CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS LISTED AS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OR AS UNCOMMITTED, AND THE NAME OF SUCH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, OR THE WORD UNCOMMITTED, WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, THEN THE PETITION DESIGNATING SUCH CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS SHALL BE NULL AND VOID AND THE NAMES OF SUCH CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

- H. EVERY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WITH WHICH DESIGNATING PETITIONS ARE FILED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL, NOT LATER THAN FOUR DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE SUCH PETITIONS, FILE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY EXPRESS MAIL OR BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION, A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESIDENCE ADDRESSES, THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY ARE CANDIDATES AND THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHOM THEY ARE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT OR THAT THEY ARE UNCOMMITTED. SUCH BOARDS OF ELECTIONS SHALL, NOT LATER THAN THE DAY AFTER A CERTIFICATE OF DECLINATION OR SUBSTITUTION IS FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CANDIDATE, FILE SUCH INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CANDIDATE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION.
- 7. A. THE RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY PROVIDE THAT NO CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITIONS OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT A PARTICULAR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, OR AS UNCOMMITTED, UNLESS THE NAME OF SUCH CANDIDATE FOR SUCH POSITION APPEARS ON A CERTIFICATE LISTING THE NAMES OF THOSE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS WHO HAVE FILED STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY FOR SUCH POSITIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY SUCH RULES AND WHO, IF THEIR STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY CONTAINED A PLEDGE OF SUPPORT OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, WERE NOT REJECTED BY SUCH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. SUCH CERTIFICATE SHALL ALSO LIST THE ADDRESS AND SEX OF EACH SUCH CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND THE DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.
- B. SUCH CERTIFICATE SHALL BE FILED BY THE SECRETARY OF SUCH STATE COMMITTEE, WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS WITH WHICH THE DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR SUCH CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED, NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.
- C. IN THE EVENT THAT A DESIGNATING PETITION FOR CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS, LISTED AS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, CONTAINS THE NAMES OF ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED BY SUCH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS SO PLEDGED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE NAMES OF SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BUT THE NAMES OF OTHER CANDIDATES ON SUCH PETITION WHO HAVE BEEN PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT PROVIDED THAT SUCH CANDIDATES ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE AND THAT SUCH PETITION IS OTHERWISE VALID.
- D. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE REQUIRED BY SECTION 4-110 OF THIS CHAPTER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF EACH PARTY CONDUCTING A PRIMARY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. EVERY OTHER BOARD OF ELECTIONS WITH WHICH DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE WERE FILED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL, NOT LATER THAN MARCH SECOND, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, SEND A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE CANDIDATES WHO WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT TO THE SECRETARY OF EACH SUCH STATE COMMITTEE.
- 55 8. A. IF THE RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE 56 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTION IN WHICH CANDIDATES

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- THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AND THE 7 "UNCOMMITTED," IF A VALID DESIGNATING PETITION TO PLACE SUCH WORD ON THE BALLOT WAS FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, SHALL APPEAR IN A SEPARATE ROW OR COLUMN. THE NAMES OF ALL THE CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE TO 9 10 A NATIONAL CONVENTION WHO FILED DESIGNATING PETITIONS CONTAINING A 11 LEGEND NAMING THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHOM THEY ARE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT OR STATING THAT THEY ARE UNCOMMITTED SHALL BE LISTED IN SUCH ROW 12 OR COLUMN IMMEDIATELY UNDER OR ADJACENT TO THE NAME OF SUCH PRESIDENTIAL 13 CANDIDATE OR THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED," FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF ALL CANDI-14 FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO SUCH CONVENTION WHO FILED SUCH PETITIONS. IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES, OR GROUPS OF CANDIDATES FOR 16 DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE WHO ARE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT A PARTICULAR 17 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OR WHO ARE UNCOMMITTED IS GREATER THAN THE NUMBER 18 19 WHO MAY BE LISTED IN ONE ROW OR COLUMN AND IF THERE ARE MORE ROWS OR 20 COLUMNS AVAILABLE ON THE BALLOT THAN ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR 21 PRESIDENT WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, THEN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL USE TWO ROWS OR COLUMNS ON SUCH BALLOT TO LIST THE NAMES OF SUCH CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE. 23
 - C. THE ORDER OF THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED" ON THE BALLOT AND THE ORDER OF THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE WITHIN A PARTICULAR ROW OR COLUMN SHALL BE DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 7-116 OF THIS CHAPTER EXCEPT THAT NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR SUCH POSITIONS WHO ARE DESIGNATED BY INDIVIDUAL PETITIONS AND NOT IN A GROUP SHALL HAVE THEIR POSITIONS DETERMINED BY LOT IN THE SAME DRAWING AS GROUPS AND EXCEPT FURTHER THAT CANDIDATES OR GROUPS OF CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES DESIGNATED BY THE SAME PETITION SHALL BE TREATED AS ONE GROUP FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH DETERMINATION BY LOT. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION SIX OF SUCH SECTION 7-116 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
 - D. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE ON THE BALLOT SHALL APPEAR, IN PARENTHESIS, THE LETTER (M) IF SUCH CANDIDATE IS MALE AND THE LETTER (F) IF SUCH CANDIDATE IS FEMALE.
 - 9. ALL PRIMARY ELECTIONS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ON VOTING MACHINES.
 - 10. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-200 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO SIGN DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR, AND VOTE IN, ANY ELECTION HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 11. IF THE RULES OF A STATE COMMITTEE PROVIDE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION 47 IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE POSITIONS OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION APPEAR ON 48 49 THE BALLOT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE OF ELECTIONS AND THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS AS THE CASE MAY BE SHALL 50 CANVASS THE RESULTS OF SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION FOR SUCH OFFICE AND POSI-51 TIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 9-200 AND 9-202 OF CHAPTER, AND SHALL CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE COMMITTEE OF 53 54 SUCH PARTY THE VOTE CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE AND POSI-55 TIONS IN SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE VOTE CAST FOR THE "UNCOMMITTED" PREFERENCE, TALLIED SEPARATELY BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, EXCEPT THAT

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1 NO CANDIDATE OR "UNCOMMITTED" PREFERENCE SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS NOMINATED 2 OR ELECTED TO ANY SUCH OFFICE OR POSITION.

- 12. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND PARTY RULES AND REGULATIONS, ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION LAW, EXCEPT ANY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-122 OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION AND THOSE SECTIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS OF ARTICLE SIX OF THIS CHAPTER NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, SHALL APPLY TO ELECTIONS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 9 S 4. The election law is amended by adding a new section 2-122-b to 10 read as follows:
 - S 2-122-B. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. 1. APPLICABILITY. THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM NEW YORK STATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN EACH YEAR IN WHICH ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARE TO BE ELECTED SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE COMMITTEE OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL PARTY MAY, BY RULE OR RESOLUTION, OPT TO CONDUCT THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES IN ANY SUCH YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. A CERTIFIED COPY OF SUCH RULE OR RESOLUTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN TWENTY WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SUCH ELECTION.
 - 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS. THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEG-ATES TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE OF A POLITICAL PARTY PURSU-ANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE VOTES CAST AT A STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AND THE NAMES OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES DO APPEAR ON SUCH BALLOT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CALL FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. THREE DELEGATES AND THREE ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE, UNLESS THE RULES OF NATIONAL REPUBLICATION PARTY AND/OR THE CALL FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PROVIDE DIFFERENTLY. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEG-AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALL FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MINUS THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE ALTERNATE DELEGATES.

A POLITICAL PARTY SHALL CERTIFY TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AT LEAST TWELVE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO WHICH SUCH PARTY IS ENTITLED PURSUANT TO ITS RULES.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE ELECTED AT SEPARATE AND DISTINCT PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD WITHIN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE AND ALLOCATED TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

- 3. BALLOT ACCESS METHODS. CANDIDATES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN A PRIMARY ELECTION OF A POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:
- A. ANY CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PRESI-DENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 11 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 9033, OR ANY CANDIDATE WHO MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REGARDING MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ESTABLISHED IN 11 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 9033.2(B)(3) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH

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CANDIDATE ACTUALLY APPLIED FOR SUCH MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS, MAY REQUEST, DY CERTIFICATE FILED AND RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NO SOONER THAN TWELVE WEEKS AND NOT LATER THAN NINE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, THAT THE NAME OF SUCH CANDIDATE APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE PRIMARY OF SUCH PARTY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THAT YEAR.

- 7 B. ANY CANDIDATE MAY REQUEST, BY CERTIFICATE FILED AND RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NO SOONER THAN TWELVE WEEKS AND NOT LATER THAN 9 NINE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, THAT THE NAME 10 SUCH CANDIDATE APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE PRIMARY OF SUCH PARTY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED 11 SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF SUCH PARTY 12 13 IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT YEAR IF 14 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON IS A NATIONALLY KNOWN AND RECOGNIZED CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDACY OF SUCH PERSON FOR 16 PARTY NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT IS GENERALLY AND SERIOUSLY ADVOCATED OR 17 RECOGNIZED ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE NATIONAL OR STATE NEWS MEDIA. 18 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A 19 REQUEST BY A CANDIDATE TO APPEAR ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT OF A 20 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE DETERMINED SOLELY UPON A JOINT RECOMMEN-21 DATION BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUCH POLITICAL PARTY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS OF SUCH POLITICAL PARTY, AND NO OTHER COMMISSIONER 23 OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DETERMINATION. 24 25 THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ACT UPON ANY SUCH REQUEST WITHIN TWO 26 WEEKS OF ITS RECEIPT BY THE STATE BOARD.
 - C. ANY CANDIDATE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. DESIGNATING PETITIONS SHALL BE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND OR FIVE PERCENT, WHICHEVER IS LESS, OF THE THEN ENROLLED VOTERS OF THE PARTY IN THE STATE.
 - D. ANY CANDIDATE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH A, B OR THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE WITH AND HAVE SUCH CERTIF-ICATE RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NO SOONER THAN TWELVE WEEKS AND NO LATER THAN NINE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON WHICH THEIR NAME WILL APPEAR, PROVIDING A COMPLETE ELECTION PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE DELEGATES SUPPORTING AND COMMITTED THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY FOR EACH SUCH POSITION FROM THE CONGRES-SIONAL DISTRICTS TO BE ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION. EACH SUCH PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE DELEGATE MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHICH THEY SEEK TO REPRESENT. RESIDE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL REVIEW EACH SUCH SLATE AND IF DETERMINES THAT SUCH SLATE IS NOT COMPLETE OR IS NOT OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IT SHALL NOTIFY THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF ANY DEFECTS FORTHWITH AND PROVIDE SUCH PRESI-DENTIAL CANDIDATE WITH FIVE BUSINESS DAYS TO CURE ANY DEFECTS. DENTIAL CANDIDATE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT PURSUANT PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH A, B OR C OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL APPEAR ON SUCH PRIMARY BALLOT ONLY UPON THE FILING OF A CERTIFICATE IN COMPLI-ANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.
 - E. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT MAY, BY FILING A CERTIFICATE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION, INVALIDATE THEIR CANDIDACY THEREBY RENDERING ANY VOTES CAST FOR SUCH CANDIDATES NULL AND VOID AND SUCH VOTES SHALL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARD STATEWIDE

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OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTE TOTALS FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOCATING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS FOUR AND FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

- 4 4. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. A. EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT A SEPARATE AND DISTRICT PRIMARY ELECTION. ENROLLED REPUBLICAN VOTERS FROM A CONGRES- SIONAL DISTRICT SHALL VOTE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIBRED FOR THE PRIMARY BALLOT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.
- 10 B. ALL THREE DELEGATES AND ALL THREE ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL BE AWARDED TO A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO 11 RECEIVES A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES 12 IN SUCH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IF NO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES A 13 14 MAJORITY OF THE VOTES IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL 16 BE AWARDED TWO DELEGATES AND TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND THE PRESIDEN-17 TIAL CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE SECOND MOST VOTES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL 18 DISTRICT SHALL BE AWARDED ONE DELEGATE AND ONE ALTERNATE DELEGATE, 19 PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST 20 TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN 21 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO BE AWARDED ANY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM THAT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IF ONLY ONE PRESI-23 DENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES TWENTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SUCH PRES-25 IDENTIAL CANDIDATE SHALL BE AWARDED ALL THREE DELEGATES AND ALL THREE IF NO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES 26 ALTERNATE DELEGATES. 27 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, THE THREE DELEGATE AND THREE ALTERNATE DELEGATE 28 POSITIONS FROM SUCH DISTRICT SHALL BE DEEMED VACANT AND FILLED PURSUANT 29 TO THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY. 30
 - C. (I) IF THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY OR THE CALL FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PERMIT AND IF STATE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING IS NOT ENACTED PRIOR TO TWELVE WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND THE STATE HAS A NET LOSS OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOLLOW-ING REAPPORTIONMENT, TWO DELEGATES AND TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE PRE-APPORTIONMENT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. THE TWO DELEGATES AND THE TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A PRES-IDENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO BE AWARDED ANY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM THAT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IF NO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, THE TWO DELEGATE AND TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATE POSITIONS FROM SUCH DISTRICT SHALL BE DEEMED VACANT AND FILLED PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY.
- 48 IF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY OR THE CALL FOR 49 50 THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MAY 51 ADOPT A PARTY RULE REGARDING THE ELECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DELEGATES AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO TAKE EFFECT 53 IN THE EVENT THAT STATE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING BASED UPON THE TWO 54 THOUSAND TEN CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT IS NOT ENACTED PRIOR TO TWELVE WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TWO THOUSAND TWELVE PRESIDENTIAL 56 PRIMARY.

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5. ELECTION OF AT LARGE DELEGATES AND AT LARGE ALTERNATE DELEGATES. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE ALTERNATE DELEGATES SHALL BE ELECTED BY YORK REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE AND AWARDED TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BASED UPON THE STATEWIDE VOTE RESULTS OF $_{
m THE}$ PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. ALL AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE ALTERNATE DELEG-ATES SHALL BE AWARDED TO A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES A MAJORI-7 TY OF THE STATEWIDE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVES A MAJORITY OF THE STATEWIDE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE ALTER-9 10 DELEGATES SHALL BE ALLOCATED AND AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: BASED ON THE RATIO OF THE TOTAL STATEWIDE VOTE RECEIVED BY EACH PRESIDENTIAL CANDI-11 DATE IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL STATEWIDE VOTE FOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDI-12 13 DATES RECEIVING AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF THE STATEWIDE VOTE IN THE 14 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, THE NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE SHALL APPORTION PRO-RATA THE NUMBER OF AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND AT-LARGE ALTERNATE DELEGATES THAT EACH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS ENTITLED TO 16 17 RECEIVE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER: PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL 18 19 STATEWIDE VOTE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN ORDER TO BE 20 AWARDED ANY AT-LARGE DELEGATES BY THE NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE COMMIT-21 TEE. IN THE EVENT THE PRO-RATA APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES LEAVES ONE DELEGATES UNAWARDED BY PROCESS OF MATHEMATICAL DISTRIBUTION, THEN ANY SUCH DELEGATE OR DELEGATES, SHALL BE AWARDED TO 23 THE PRESIDENTIAL 24 CANDIDATE WITH THE MOST STATEWIDE VOTES FOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. 25 THE EVENT PRO-RATA APPORTIONMENT ENTITLES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BY PROCESS OF MATHEMATICAL DISTRIBUTION TO MORE DELEGATES THAN ARE 26 27 IZED PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE CALL NATIONAL CONVENTION, THEN THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES AWARDED FOR 28 29 THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE LEAST STATEWIDE VOTES AMONG THOSE PRESIDEN-30 TIAL CANDIDATES OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO BE AWARDED DELEGATES, SHALL BE 31 DECREASED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED 32 DELEGATE POSITIONS. 33

- 6. ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER WHICH ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO A PRIMARY ELECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- S 5. Section 6-158 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:
- 1-A. A DESIGNATING PETITION FILED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE FILED NOT EARLIER THAN THE TWELFTH MONDAY BEFORE, AND NOT LATER THAN THE ELEVENTH THURSDAY PRECEDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.
- S 6. Section 4-110 of the election law, as amended by chapter 434 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:
- S 4-110. Certification of primary election candidates; state board of elections. The state board of elections not later than thirty-six days before a primary election OR FIFTY-FOUR DAYS BEFORE A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, shall certify to each county board of elections: The name and residence of each candidate to be voted for within the political subdivision of such board for whom a designation has been filed with the state board; the title of the office or position for which the candidate is designated; the name of the party upon whose primary ballot his name is to be placed; and the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed as determined by the state board. Where an office or position is uncontested, such certification shall state such fact.
- 55 S 7. Section 4-114 of the election law, as amended by chapter 4 of the 56 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

S 4-114. Determination of candidates and questions; county board of elections. The county board of elections, not later than the thirty-fifth day before the day of a primary or general election, or the fifty-third day before a special election OR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, shall determine the candidates duly nominated for public office and the questions that shall appear on the ballot within the jurisdiction of that board of elections.

- S 8. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 10-108 of the election law, as amended by chapter 4 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- Ballots for military voters shall be mailed or otherwise distributed by the board of elections, in accordance with the preferred method of transmission designated by the voter pursuant to section 10-107 of this article, as soon as practicable but in any event not later than thirty-two days before a primary or general election; twenty-five days before a New York city community school board district or city of Buffalo school district election; fourteen days before a village election conducted by the board of elections; and forty-five days before a special election OR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. A voter who submits a military ballot application shall be entitled to a military ballot thereafter for each subsequent election through and including the next two regularly scheduled general elections held in even numbered years, including any run-offs which may occur; provided, however, such application shall not be valid for any election held within seven days after its receipt. Ballots shall also be mailed to any qualified military voter who is already registered and who requests such military ballot from such board of elections in a letter, which is signed by the voter received by the board of elections not later than the seventh day before the election for which the ballot is requested and which states the address where the voter is registered and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed. The board of elections shall enclose with such ballot a form of application for military ballot. In the case of a primary election, the board shall deliver only the ballot of the party with which the military voter is enrolled according to the military voter's registration records. In the event a primary election is uncontested in the military voter's election district for all offices or positions except the party position of member of the ward, town, city or county committee, no ballot shall be delivered to such military voter for such election; and the military voter shall be advised of the reason why he or she will not receive a ballot.
- S 9. Subdivision 4 of section 11-204 of the election law, as amended by chapter 4 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. If the board of elections shall determine that the applicant making the application provided for in this section is qualified to receive and vote a special federal ballot, it shall, as soon as practicable after it shall have so determined, or not later than thirty-two days before each general or primary election and forty-five days before each special election OR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION in which such applicant is qualified to vote, or three days after receipt of such an application, whichever is later, mail to him or her at the residence address outside the United States shown in his or her application, a special federal ballot, an inner affirmation envelope and an outer envelope, or otherwise distribute same to the voter in accordance with the preferred method of transmission designated by the voter pursuant to section 11-203 of this title. The board of elections shall also mail, or otherwise distribute in accordance with the preferred method of transmission

designated by the voter pursuant to section 11-203 of this title, a special federal ballot to every qualified special federal voter who is already registered and who requests such special federal ballot from such board of elections in a letter, which is signed by the voter and received by the board of elections not later than the seventh day before the election for which the ballot is first requested and which states the address where the voter is registered and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed. The board of elections shall enclose with such ballot a form of application for a special federal ballot.

S 10. Separability. If any sentence, clause, subparagraph, paragraph, subdivision, section or other part of this act, or the application thereof to any party, person or circumstances shall be held or adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder or any portion of the remainder of this act, or the application of such section or part of a section held or adjudged to be invalid, to any other person or circumstances, but shall be confined in its operation to the sentence, clause, subparagraph, paragraph, subdivision, section or other part of this act directly involved in the controversy in which such holding or judgment shall have been rendered, or to the party, person and circumstances therein involved.

S 11. This act shall take effect immediately; except that if this act shall become a law after July 1, 2011, it shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2011; and shall expire December 31, 2012 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.