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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the voter friendly ballot act; 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".  
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  
16 such determination, any or all of the information permitted by paragraph  
17 a of this subdivision in the form in which such candidate wishes such  
18 information to appear in such leaflet. If such board determines that  
19 such filing does not comply with the requirements of this subdivision,

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

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1 it shall notify such candidate forthwith by first class mail. Such  
2 candidate may file revised information with such board not later than  
3 ten days after such notice was mailed. If a candidate does not make a  
4 filing within the times prescribed by this paragraph, the words "no  
5 information supplied" shall appear next to his OR HER name on such leaf-  
6 let.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

49 (c) If such candidate has also been nominated by one or more independ-  
50 ent bodies, his or her name shall appear only in each row or column  
51 containing generally the names of candidates for other offices nominated  
52 by any such party and the name of each such independent body shall  
53 appear in one such row or column to be designated by the candidate in a  
54 writing filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of provid-  
55 ing ballots, or if such person shall fail to so designate, the names of

1 such independent bodies shall appear in such row or column as such offi-  
2 cer or board shall determine.

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

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

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

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

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

49 8. With respect to candidates for the offices of governor and lieuten-  
50 ant governor of a party or independent body, ballots shall be printed so  
51 that the names of such candidates for both offices shall appear in the  
52 same row or column, with the name of the candidate for governor appear-  
53 ing first and the ballot shall be so adjusted that both offices are  
54 voted for jointly and have but one designating letter or number.

55 S 4. Section 7-106 of the election law, the section heading and subdi-  
56 visions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as amended and subdivisions 8, 9, 10 and 11

1 as renumbered by chapter 165 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

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

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

20 3. ALL TYPE SHALL BE SANS SERIF. NAMES OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE IN A  
21 UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE USING STANDARD CAPITALIZATION. TITLES OF  
22 OFFICES SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. POLITICAL DESIG-  
23 NATIONS SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. THE FORM OF ALL  
24 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE.

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

30 [4.] 5. On such ballot shall be printed the following indorsement, the  
31 blanks properly filled in:

32 Official Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-  
33 ble)  
34 Election  
35 County of .....  
36 (Assembly or Legislative, as applicable) District  
37 .....  
38 (Ward and City or town ....., as applica-  
39 ble).....  
40 Election District .....

41 (Insert date of election.)  
42 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot.)

43 [5. The following ballot instructions shall be printed in heavy black  
44 type:

45 INSTRUCTIONS

46 (1) Mark only with a writing instrument provided by the board of  
47 elections.

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

51 (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot  
52 write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled "write-in" that  
53 appears (insert at the bottom of the column, the end of the row or at

1 the bottom of the candidate names, as applicable) for such office (and,  
2 if required by the voting system in use at such election, the  
3 instructions shall also include "and fill in the (insert oval or square,  
4 as applicable) corresponding with the write-in space in which you have  
5 written in a name").

6 (4) To vote yes or no on a proposal, if any, that appears on the  
7 (indicate where on the ballot the proposal may appear) fill in the  
8 (insert oval or square, as applicable) that corresponds to your vote.

9 (5) Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot  
10 outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void  
11 this entire ballot.

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

15 (7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and  
16 obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by  
17 making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all  
18 or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a  
19 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,  
20 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-  
21 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.

22 (8) After completing your ballot, insert it into the ballot scanner  
23 and wait for the notice that your ballot has been successfully scanned.  
24 If no such notice appears, seek the assistance of an election inspector.

25 6. The instructions in subdivision five of this section may be printed  
26 on the front or back of the ballot or on a separate sheet or card. If  
27 such instructions are not printed on the front of the ballot, there  
28 shall be printed on the ballot, in the largest size type for which there  
29 is room, the following legend: "See instructions on the other side" or  
30 "See enclosed instructions", whichever is appropriate.

31 7. Each such ballot shall be printed in sections in which the candi-  
32 dates' names and political designations, the ballot proposals and other  
33 requisite matter shall each be boxed in by heavy black perpendicular  
34 lines of equal width. In each such section shall be voting ovals or  
35 squares which voters may fill in. If applicable, ovals or squares shall  
36 be provided next to the blank spaces provided for a voter to write in a  
37 name.

38 8. The space for the title of an office shall be three-eighths of an  
39 inch, and the name of a candidate or for writing in a name, one-fourth  
40 of an inch, in depth. At the left of the name of each designated candi-  
41 date shall be an enclosed voting space, three-eighths of an inch in  
42 width and approximately one-fourth of an inch in depth, bounded above,  
43 below and to the right by black lines, heavier than those which separate  
44 the spaces containing the names of candidates. To the left of voting  
45 spaces which do not adjoin a vertical line dividing two parts, there  
46 shall be a heavy black vertical line approximately one-eighth of an inch  
47 in width. No voting space shall be provided in the space for writing in  
48 names. In such case, the space corresponding to a voting space shall be  
49 all black.

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

54 10. In case the sections shall be so numerous as to make the ballot  
55 unwieldy if they are printed in one column, they may be printed in as

1 many columns as shall be necessary, and in that case, in order to  
2 produce a rectangular ballot, blank sections may be used.]

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

7 INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

23 8. WHEN A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, INSTRUCTIONS  
24 SUBSTANTIALLY LIKE THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT NEAR  
25 THE FIRST QUESTION OR PROPOSAL:

26 INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING FOR QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS

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

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

33 10. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE BALLOT SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE  
34 FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

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

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

40 C. THE VOTING OVAL OR SQUARE SHALL BE TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE  
41 CANDIDATE;

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

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

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

50 G. THE BALLOT SHALL HAVE A CLEAR DELINEATION BETWEEN THE BALLOT  
51 INSTRUCTIONS AND THE FIRST OFFICE OR BALLOT QUESTION OR PROPOSAL THROUGH  
52 THE USE OF WHITE SPACE, ILLUSTRATION, SHADING, COLOR, FONT SIZE, OR BOLD  
53 TYPE;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Ballots; form for GENERAL elections; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

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

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

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

47 S 7. Section 7-114 of the election law, as amended by chapter 234 of  
48 the laws of 1976, paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter  
49 433 of the laws of 1984 and paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 as amended by  
50 chapter 461 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

51 S 7-114. Ballots; form for primary election; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.  
52 1. (a) [The] ON THE face of the official ballot for a primary election  
53 [shall be divided into parts. Descriptive words to indicate the purpose  
54 of each part shall be printed at its head. Beginning at the left or top,  
55 the first part shall be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] CONTESTS  
56 AND CANDIDATES for nomination for public office["]. The second part shall

1 be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] SHALL APPEAR FIRST, FOLLOWED  
2 BY CONTESTS AND CANDIDATES for party positions.[" When necessary, a part  
3 may be divided into two or more columns or rows, but the] THE names of  
4 all persons designated for the same office or party position shall be in  
5 the same column or row.

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

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

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

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

22 (b) [On the back of the paper ballot, on the stub, immediately below  
23 the number, shall be the name of the party. On the back of the ballot  
24 and below the stub, and immediately to the left of the center of the  
25 ballot, and on the front of the ballot, below the perforated line, shall  
26 be printed, in addition to the other information required for paper  
27 ballots, the name and emblem of the party and the words "Official prima-  
28 ry ballot."

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

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

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

47 (f) The] EXCEPT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE number of a candidate  
48 shall be printed on the paper ballot between the voting space and the  
49 name of the candidate. Each group shall have a bracket embracing the  
50 names in the group. IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES  
51 RUNNING TO BE ELECTED TO A PARTY POSITION AS A GROUP MAY BE REFERRED TO  
52 COLLECTIVELY ON THE BALLOT AS A "GROUP."

53 [(g)] (C) Spaces containing names of candidates and for writing in  
54 names, and intervening spaces on the paper ballot, shall be separated by  
55 light horizontal lines. [Names of candidates shall be printed [in capi-



1 tal letters not less than one-eighth nor more than three-sixteenths of  
2 an inch in height.]

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

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

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

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

1 the purposes of this subdivision, be treated as one group. However, the  
2 notice to a committee of the drawing need not be mailed to more than  
3 five members, if there be that many, and as to offices or party posi-  
4 tions for which designating petitions are filed with the board of  
5 elections of the city of New York the notice shall be given to the  
6 committees only.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 S 11. Section 7-122 of the election law, subdivision 1 as amended by  
49 chapter 234 of the laws of 1976, the schedule in paragraph (b) of subdi-  
50 vision 1 as added by chapter 381 of the laws of 1979, paragraphs (c) and  
51 (d) of subdivision 1 and subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as amended  
52 by chapter 165 of the laws of 2010, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter  
53 9 of the laws of 1978, and subdivisions 6 and 7 as renumbered by chapter  
54 352 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

55 S 7-122. Ballots; absentee voters. 1. (a) Ballots for absentee voters  
56 shall be, as nearly as practicable, in the same form as those to be

1 voted in the district on election day, if any, except that ballots for  
2 primary elections shall omit the party position of ward, town, city or  
3 county committee and except further that such ballots need not have a  
4 stub, and shall have the words "Absentee Ballot", endorsed thereon.

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

11 (Form in chap. 381/79)

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

13 Official Absentee Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-  
14 ble)

15 Election

16 County of.....

17 (Assembly or Legislative, as applicable) District.....

18 (Ward and City or town, as applicable).....

19 (Insert date of election)

20 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot)

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

25 INSTRUCTIONS

26 [1. Mark in pen or pencil.

27 2. To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, make  
28 a single cross X mark or a single check, V mark in the voting square  
29 above the name of the candidate.

30 3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write  
31 or stamp his or her name in the space that appears at the bottom of the  
32 column or the end of the row (indicate where on the ballot the write-in  
33 space appears) containing the title of the office.

34 4. To vote on a proposal make a cross X mark or a check V mark in one  
35 of the squares contained in the box setting forth such proposal.

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

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

42 7. If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, call the board  
43 of elections at (insert phone number here) for instructions on how to  
44 obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by  
45 making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all  
46 or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a  
47 mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices,  
48 you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replace-  
49 ment ballot upon return of the original ballot.] MARK THE (INSERT "OVAL"  
50 OR "SQUARE") TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF YOUR CHOICE. (PROVIDE ILLUS-  
51 TRATION HERE.) TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS NOT PRINTED ON THE  
52 BALLOT, (INSERT "MARK THE OVAL (OR SQUARE) TO THE LEFT OF 'WRITE-IN' AND  
53 PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY" OR "PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY IN THE BOX LABELED  
54 'WRITE-IN'"), STAYING WITHIN THE BOX. ANY MARK, WRITING, OR ERASURE  
55 OUTSIDE THE SPACES PROVIDED FOR VOTING WILL VOID THE ENTIRE BALLOT. IF

1 YOU MAKE A MISTAKE OR WANT TO CHANGE YOUR VOTE, CALL THE BOARD OF  
2 ELECTIONS AT (INSERT PHONE NUMBER HERE) FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO  
3 OBTAIN A NEW BALLOT. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A REPLACEMENT BALLOT UPON  
4 RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL BALLOT. THE NUMBER OF CHOICES IS LISTED FOR EACH  
5 CONTEST. DO NOT MARK THE BALLOT FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED. IF YOU  
6 DO, YOUR VOTE IN THAT CONTEST WILL NOT COUNT.

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

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

12 2. [The following provisions shall apply to all absentee ballots  
13 prepared for counting by a ballot scanner and all other] ALL provisions  
14 of this chapter not inconsistent with this subdivision shall be applica-  
15 ble to [such] ABSENTEE ballots PREPARED FOR COUNTING BY BALLOT SCANNER[:  
16

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

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

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

22 INSTRUCTIONS

23 1. Mark only with a pen or pencil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 (d) Such instructions may be printed on the front or back of the  
52 ballot or on a separate sheet or card. If such instructions are not  
53 printed on the front of the ballot, there shall be printed on the  
54 ballot, in the largest size type for which there is room, the following  
55 legend: "See instructions on other side" or "See enclosed instructions",  
56 whichever is appropriate.

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

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

19 [5.] 4. THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH ABSENTEE BALLOT ISSUED  
20 BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER PLACES HIS OR  
21 HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
22 ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO THE COUN-  
23 TY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall furnish with each  
24 absentee ballot an inner affirmation envelope. On one side of the envel-  
25 ope shall be printed:

26 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
27 for  
28 GENERAL (OR PRIMARY OR SPECIAL) ELECTION,

- 29 ..... , 20.....  
30 Name of voter.....  
31 Residence (street and number if any).....  
32 City/or town of.....(village, if any).....  
33 County of.....  
34 Assembly district .....  
35 Legislative District (as applicable) .....  
36 Ward (as applicable) .....  
37 Election District.....  
38 Party Enrollment (in case of primary election).....

39 [6] 5. The date of the election, name of the county, and name of a  
40 city, if there be a separate ballot for city voters, shall be printed,  
41 and the name of the voter, residence, number of the assembly district,  
42 if any, name of town, number of ward, if any, election district and  
43 party enrollment, if required, shall be either printed or written or  
44 stamped in by the board.

45 [7.] 6. There shall also be a place for two BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF  
46 MEMBERS OR inspectors of opposite political parties to indicate, by  
47 placing their initials thereon, that they have checked and marked the  
48 voter's poll record.

49 [8.] 7. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall  
50 be printed the following statement:

51 AFFIRMATION

52 I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly  
53 registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this

1 envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be  
 2 unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this  
 3 ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I  
 4 am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-  
 5 tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote  
 6 elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-  
 7 iment 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 of absentee voter, I shall be  
 11 guilty of a misdemeanor.

12 Date.....20.....  
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 Signature or mark of voter  
 .....  
 Signature of Witness (required only  
 if voter does not sign his OR HER own  
 name)  
 .....  
 Address of Witness

20 [9.] 8. The inner affirmation envelope shall be gummed, ready for  
 21 sealing, and shall have printed thereon, on the side opposite the state-  
 22 ment, instructions as to the duties of the voter after the marking of  
 23 the ballot, which instructions shall include a specific direction stat-  
 24 ing when such ballot must be postmarked and when such ballot must reach  
 25 the office of the board of elections in order to be canvassed.

26 [10.] 9. Each INNER AFFIRMATION ballot envelope shall be enclosed in  
 27 an outer envelope addressed to the appropriate board of elections and  
 28 bearing on it a specific direction that if an original application for  
 29 an absentee ballot is received with the ballot, such application must be  
 30 completed by the voter and returned in the outer envelope together with  
 31 the sealed inner affirmation envelope containing the absentee ballot  
 32 within the time limits for receipt of the absentee ballot itself. Such  
 33 inner affirmation envelope and outer envelope shall be enclosed in [a]  
 34 THE third envelope addressed to the absentee voter. The outer and third  
 35 envelopes shall have printed on the face thereof the words "Election  
 36 Material--Please Expedite".

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

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

48 S 13. The opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 2 of section  
 49 7-124 of the election law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of  
 50 2010, are amended to read as follows:

51 THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH SPECIAL FEDERAL ABSENTEE  
 52 BALLOT ISSUED BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER

1 PLACES HIS OR HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE  
2 ADDRESSED TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS  
3 ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall  
4 furnish an inner affirmation envelope with each special federal ballot  
5 upon which envelope shall be printed:

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

8 Date.....20.....  
9 Signature or mark of voter

10  
11 Signature of Witness (required only  
12 if voter does not sign his OR HER own  
13 name)

14  
15 Address of Witness

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

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

26 OFFICIAL BALLOT, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTERS,  
27 FOR GENERAL ELECTION,  
28 NOVEMBER....., [19] 20....

29 Name of voter .....  
30 Residence from which vote is being cast:  
31 Street and number .....  
32 City or town .....  
33 County .....  
34 Assembly District or Ward .....  
35 Election District .....

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

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

42 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

43 I do declare I am a qualified special presidential voter of said  
44 district; that I am not qualified and am not able to qualify to vote  
45 elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I  
46 am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the election for

1 which this ballot is voted, I will be at least eighteen years of age;  
2 and that I have not committed any act, nor am I under any impediment,  
3 which denies me the right to vote.

4 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of  
5 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material  
6 false statement in the foregoing statement, I shall be guilty of a  
7 misdemeanor.

8 Date.....20.....  
9 Signature or mark of voter

10 .....  
11 Signature of Witness (required only  
12 if voter does not sign his OR HER own  
13 name)

14 .....  
15 Address of Witness

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

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

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

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

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

46 3. EACH OFFICER OR BOARD CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF PREPARING BALLOTS  
47 TO BE USED WITH VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS IN ANY ELECTION SHALL GIVE  
48 WRITTEN NOTICE, BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, TO ALL CANDIDATES, EXCEPT CANDI-  
49 DATES FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE, WHO ARE LAWFULLY ENTITLED TO  
50 HAVE THEIR NAMES APPEAR THEREON, OF THE TIME WHEN, AND THE PLACE WHERE,  
51 THEY MAY INSPECT THE VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS TO BE USED FOR SUCH  
52 ELECTION. THE CANDIDATES OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES MAY APPEAR



1 AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE TO VIEW THE CONDUCT OF  
2 THE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED ON SUCH VOTING  
3 MACHINES OR SYSTEMS, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME SO SPECIFIED SHALL  
4 BE NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

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

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

20 S 18. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to  
21 ballots to be used for elections occurring on or after the first day of  
22 July next succeeding the year in which it shall have become a law,  
23 except that paragraph a of subdivision 10 of section 7-106 of the  
24 election law, as added by section four of this act, shall apply to  
25 ballots to be used in jurisdictions other than the counties of Albany,  
26 Erie, Nassau, Rockland, and Schenectady or the city of New York counties  
27 on or after the last day of December next succeeding the year in which  
28 it shall have become a law.