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SCHIMEL, LUPARDO, QUART -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the voter  
friendly ballot act of 2013; 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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "voter friendly ballot act of 2013".  
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,  
20 it shall notify such candidate forthwith by first class mail. Such  
21 candidate may file revised information with such board not later than  
22 ten days after such notice was mailed. If a candidate does not make a

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

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1 filing within the times prescribed by this paragraph, the words "no  
2 information supplied" shall appear next to his OR HER name on such leaf-  
3 let.

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

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

13 2. The names of parties or independent bodies which contain more than  
14 fifteen letters may, whenever limitations of space so require, be print-  
15 ed on the ballot in an abbreviated form. In printing the names of candi-  
16 dates 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 (d) If any person shall be nominated for any office by one party and  
56 two or more independent bodies his or her name shall appear on the

1 voting machine twice; once in the row or column containing generally the  
2 names of candidates for other offices nominated by such party, and once  
3 in the row or column containing generally the names of candidates nomi-  
4 nated by the independent body designated by such person in a writing  
5 filed with the officer or board charged with the duty of providing  
6 ballots and in connection with the name of such person in such row or  
7 column shall appear the name of each independent body nominating him or  
8 her or, if such person shall fail to so designate, the name of such  
9 candidate and the names of such independent bodies shall appear in such  
10 row or column as such officer or board shall determine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 S 7-106. [Election day paper ballots; form of] BALLOTS; FORM OF, FOR  
56 BALLOT SCANNERS; GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS. 1. Paper

1 ballots which are to be counted by a ballot scanner may consist of two  
2 or more sheets which are divided into perforated sections which can be  
3 separated at the time the ballot is scanned. Such ballots shall be  
4 printed on paper of a quality, size, color, and weight approved by the  
5 state board of elections, AND SHALL BE CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM  
6 SAMPLE BALLOTS BY SIZE, COLOR, OR OTHER MEANS.

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

16 3. ALL TYPE SHALL BE SANS SERIF. NAMES OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE IN A  
17 UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE USING STANDARD CAPITALIZATION. TITLES OF  
18 OFFICES SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. POLITICAL DESIG-  
19 NATIONS SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE. THE FORM OF ALL  
20 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED SHALL BE IN A UNIFORM STYLE AND SIZE OF TYPE.

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

26 [4.] 5. On such ballot shall be printed the following indorsement, the  
27 blanks properly filled in:

28 Official Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-  
29 ble)  
30 Election  
31 County of .....  
32 (Assembly or Legislative, as applicable) District  
33 .....  
34 (Ward and City or town ....., as applica-  
35 ble).....  
36 Election District .....

37 (Insert date of election.)  
38 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot.)

39 [5. The following ballot instructions shall be printed in heavy black  
40 type:

41 INSTRUCTIONS

- 42 (1) Mark only with a writing instrument provided by the board of  
43 elections.
- 44 (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill  
45 in the (insert oval or square, as applicable) above or next to the name  
46 of the candidate.
- 47 (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot  
48 write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled "write-in" that  
49 appears (insert at the bottom of the column, the end of the row or at  
50 the bottom of the candidate names, as applicable) for such office (and,  
51 if required by the voting system in use at such election, the  
52 instructions shall also include "and fill in the (insert oval or square,

1 as applicable) corresponding with the write-in space in which you have  
2 written in a name").

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 6. EACH BALLOT SHALL CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING THE BALLOT. THE  
56 INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE PRINTED IN LINE LENGTHS NO WIDER THAN FIVE INCHES.

1 THE TEXT SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS, SO THAT IT ACCURATELY  
2 REFLECTS THE BALLOT LAYOUT:

3 INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

19 8. WHEN A QUESTION OR PROPOSAL IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, INSTRUCTIONS  
20 SUBSTANTIALLY LIKE THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT NEAR  
21 THE FIRST QUESTION OR PROPOSAL:

22 INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING FOR QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS

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

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

29 10. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE BALLOT SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE  
30 FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

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

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

36 C. THE VOTING OVAL OR SQUARE SHALL BE TO THE LEFT OF THE NAME OF THE  
37 CANDIDATE;

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

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

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

46 G. THE BALLOT SHALL HAVE A CLEAR DELINEATION BETWEEN THE BALLOT  
47 INSTRUCTIONS AND THE FIRST OFFICE OR BALLOT QUESTION OR PROPOSAL THROUGH  
48 THE USE OF WHITE SPACE, ILLUSTRATION, SHADING, COLOR, FONT SIZE, OR BOLD  
49 TYPE;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 Ballots; form for GENERAL elections; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

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

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

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

43 S 7. Section 7-114 of the election law, as amended by chapter 234 of  
44 the laws of 1976, paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter  
45 433 of the laws of 1984 and paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 as amended by  
46 chapter 461 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

47 S 7-114. Ballots; form for primary election; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.  
48 1. (a) [The] ON THE face of the official ballot for a primary election  
49 [shall be divided into parts. Descriptive words to indicate the purpose  
50 of each part shall be printed at its head. Beginning at the left or top,  
51 the first part shall be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] CONTESTS  
52 AND CANDIDATES for nomination for public office["]. The second part shall  
53 be entitled, and shall be for "Candidates] SHALL APPEAR FIRST, FOLLOWED  
54 BY CONTESTS AND CANDIDATES for party positions.[" When necessary, a part  
55 may be divided into two or more columns or rows, but the] THE names of

1 all persons designated for the same office or party position shall be in  
2 the same column or row.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 [(h)] (D) The paper ballots of no two parties shall be IDENTIFIED BY  
56 the same color OR COLOR MARKINGS, and the state board of elections



1 shall select the color for each new party[, and not later than twelve  
2 weeks before a primary election, shall transmit to each board of  
3 elections]. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE BOARD'S  
4 BALLOT CERTIFICATION a certificate stating the colors so selected.

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

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

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

1 elections of the city of New York the notice shall be given to the  
2 committees only.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (Form in chap. 381/79)

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

9 Official Absentee Ballot for (General, Primary or Special, as applica-  
10 ble)

11 Election

12 County of.....

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

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

15 (Insert date of election)

16 (Insert names of election commissioners providing the ballot)

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

21 INSTRUCTIONS

22 [1. Mark in pen or pencil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 CONTEST. DO NOT MARK THE BALLOT FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED. IF YOU  
2 DO, YOUR VOTE IN THAT CONTEST WILL NOT COUNT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 INSTRUCTIONS

19 1. Mark only with a pen or pencil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 3. The determination of the appropriate county board of elections as  
to the candidates duly designated or nominated for public office or

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

14 [5.] 4. THERE SHALL BE THREE ENVELOPES FOR EACH ABSENTEE BALLOT ISSUED  
 15 BY MAIL: THE INNER AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE INTO WHICH A VOTER PLACES HIS OR  
 16 HER VOTED BALLOT, THE OUTER ENVELOPE WHICH SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
 17 ABSENTEE VOTER, AND THE MAILING ENVELOPE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO THE COUN-  
 18 TY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. The board of elections shall furnish with each  
 19 absentee ballot an inner affirmation envelope. On one side of the envel-  
 20 ope shall be printed:

21 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
 22 for  
 23 GENERAL (OR PRIMARY OR SPECIAL) ELECTION,

- 24 ..... , 20.....  
 25 Name of voter.....  
 26 Residence (street and number if any).....  
 27 City/or town of.....(village, if any).....  
 28 County of.....  
 29 Assembly district .....  
 30 Legislative District (as applicable) .....  
 31 Ward (as applicable) .....  
 32 Election District.....  
 33 Party Enrollment (in case of primary election).....

34 [6] 5. The date of the election, name of the county, and name of a  
 35 city, if there be a separate ballot for city voters, shall be printed,  
 36 and the name of the voter, residence, number of the assembly district,  
 37 if any, name of town, number of ward, if any, election district and  
 38 party enrollment, if required, shall be either printed or written or  
 39 stamped in by the board.

40 [7.] 6. There shall also be a place for two BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF  
 41 MEMBERS OR inspectors of opposite political parties to indicate, by  
 42 placing their initials thereon, that they have checked and marked the  
 43 voter's poll record.

44 [8.] 7. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall  
 45 be printed the following statement:

46 AFFIRMATION

47 I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly  
 48 registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this  
 49 envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be  
 50 unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this  
 51 ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I  
 52 am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-  
 53 tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote

1 elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-  
2 iment which denies me the right to vote.

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

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

9  
10 Signature of Witness (required only  
11 if voter does not sign his OR HER own  
12 name)

13  
14 Address of Witness

15 [9.] 8. The inner affirmation envelope shall be gummed, ready for  
16 sealing, and shall have printed thereon, on the side opposite the state-  
17 ment, instructions as to the duties of the voter after the marking of  
18 the ballot, which instructions shall include a specific direction stat-  
19 ing when such ballot must be postmarked and when such ballot must reach  
20 the office of the board of elections in order to be canvassed.

21 [10.] 9. Each INNER AFFIRMATION ballot envelope shall be enclosed in  
22 an outer envelope addressed to the appropriate board of elections and  
23 bearing on it a specific direction that if an original application for  
24 an absentee ballot is received with the ballot, such application must be  
25 completed by the voter and returned in the outer envelope together with  
26 the sealed inner affirmation envelope containing the absentee ballot  
27 within the time limits for receipt of the absentee ballot itself. Such  
28 inner affirmation envelope and outer envelope shall be enclosed in [a]  
29 THE third envelope addressed to the absentee voter. The outer and third  
30 envelopes shall have printed on the face thereof the words "Election  
31 Material--Please Expedite".

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

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

43 S 13. The opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 2 of section  
44 7-124 of the election law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of  
45 2010, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

3 Date.....20.....  
4 Signature or mark of voter  
5  
6 Signature of Witness (required only  
7 if voter does not sign his OR HER own  
8 name)  
9  
10 Address of Witness

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

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

21 OFFICIAL BALLOT, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTERS,  
22 FOR GENERAL ELECTION,  
23 NOVEMBER....., [19] 20....

24 Name of voter .....  
25 Residence from which vote is being cast:  
26 Street and number .....  
27 City or town .....  
28 County .....  
29 Assembly District or Ward .....  
30 Election District .....

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

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

37 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

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

45 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of  
46 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material

1 false statement in the foregoing statement, I shall be guilty of a  
2 misdemeanor.

3 Date.....20.....  
4  
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6  
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10

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 3. EACH OFFICER OR BOARD CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF PREPARING BALLOTS  
42 TO BE USED WITH VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS IN ANY ELECTION SHALL GIVE  
43 WRITTEN NOTICE, BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, TO ALL CANDIDATES, EXCEPT CANDI-  
44 DATES FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE, WHO ARE LAWFULLY ENTITLED TO  
45 HAVE THEIR NAMES APPEAR THEREON, OF THE TIME WHEN, AND THE PLACE WHERE,  
46 THEY MAY INSPECT THE VOTING MACHINES OR SYSTEMS TO BE USED FOR SUCH  
47 ELECTION. THE CANDIDATES OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES MAY APPEAR  
48 AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE TO VIEW THE CONDUCT OF  
49 THE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED ON SUCH VOTING  
50 MACHINES OR SYSTEMS, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME SO SPECIFIED SHALL  
51 BE NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

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



1 S 7-130. Ballots; examination by voters and instruction in use of  
2 voting machines. One or more voting machines which shall contain the  
3 ballot labels, showing the [party emblems and] title of officers to be  
4 voted for, and which shall so far as practicable contain the names of  
5 the candidates to be voted for, shall be placed on public exhibition in  
6 some suitable place by the board of elections, in charge of competent  
7 instructors, for at least three days during the thirty days next preced-  
8 ing an election. No voting machine which is to be assigned for use in an  
9 election shall be used for such purpose after having been prepared and  
10 sealed for the election. During such public exhibition, the counting  
11 mechanism of the machine shall be concealed from view and the doors may  
12 be temporarily opened only when authorized by the board or official  
13 having charge and control of the election. Any voter shall be allowed to  
14 examine such machine, and upon request shall be instructed in its use.  
15 S 18. This act shall take effect immediately and shall only apply to  
16 ballots to be used for elections occurring after January 1, 2015.