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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, GALEF, SCARBOROUGH, CERETTO, ROBERTS, BUCHWALD, ROSENTHAL, SEPULVEDA, LUPARDO, FAHY, ENGLEBRIGHT, ABINANTI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, CAHILL, CLARK, GOTTFRIED, HIKIND, MILLMAN, RUSSELL, SCHIMEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to voter pre-registration

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph o of subdivision 4 of section 5-500 of the
2 election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended
3 and a new paragraph p is added to read as follows:
4 o. A space for "remarks" regarding other facts required by this chap-
5 ter to be recorded or appropriate to identify the voter[.];
6 P. A SPACE FOR PRE-REGISTERING APPLICANTS TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING
7 QUESTION: "ARE YOU AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MUST
8 BE 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO VOTE, AND THAT UNTIL YOU
9 REACH THE AGE OF 18 YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE MARKED AS 'PENDING' AND
10 YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO CAST A BALLOT IN ANY ELECTION?"
11 S 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 5-507 to read
12 as follows:
13 S 5-507. VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION ON VOTER PRE-REGISTRA-
14 TION. 1. PRE-REGISTRATION. A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF
15 AGE AND WHO IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE MAY PRE-REGISTER
16 TO VOTE, AND SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED UPON REACHING THE AGE OF
17 ELIGIBILITY, FOLLOWING VERIFICATION OF THE PERSON'S QUALIFICATIONS AND
18 ADDRESS.

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

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1 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION.
2 LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ARE REQUIRED TO ADOPT POLICIES TO PROMOTE
3 STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION. THESE POLICIES MAY
4 INCLUDE COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT VOTER
5 REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION IN HIGH SCHOOLS. COMPLETION AND
6 SUBMISSION OF VOTER REGISTRATION OR PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS SHALL NOT BE
7 A COURSE REQUIREMENT OR GRADED ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS.
8 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
9 ing the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediate-
10 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations
11 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
12 authorized to be made on or before such date.