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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing written notice of closed primary party rules to newly registered voters

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

Section 1. Section 1-104 of the election law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 38 and 39 to read as follows:

38. THE TERM "NEWLY REGISTERED VOTER" MEANS ANY PERSON IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHO HAS REGISTERED TO VOTE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

39. THE TERM "WRITTEN NOTICE" MEANS A STATEMENT FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

S 2. Section 3-102 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16-b to read as follows:

16-B. PROVIDE TO NEWLY REGISTERED VOTERS, IN A TIMELY MANNER, AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT A CLOSED PRIMARY ELECTION IS, HOW PARTY AFFILIATION IS RELATED TO SAID CLOSED PRIMARY, AND DATES FOR WHICH THEY NEED TO ENROLL IN A PARTY, IF NECESSARY.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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