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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to email notification of a  
change in location of a polling place

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 4-104 of the election law is  
2     amended to read as follows:  
3     2. If the board of elections, after designating a polling place, and  
4     after sending written notice of such polling place to each registered  
5     voter, designates an alternative polling place, it must, at least five  
6     days before the next election or day for registration, send by mail AND  
7     EMAIL a written notice to each registered voter notifying him OR HER of  
8     the changed location of such polling place. If such notice is not possi-  
9     ble the board of elections must provide for an alternative form of  
10    notice to be given to voters at the location of the previous polling  
11    place.  
12    S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 4-104 of the election  
13    law, as amended by chapter 95 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
14    follows:  
15    (a) Whenever the number of voters eligible to vote in an election in  
16    any election district is less than one hundred, the polling place desig-  
17    nated for such district may be the polling place of any other district  
18    which could properly be designated as the polling place of the first  
19    mentioned district pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, except  
20    that the polling place designated for any such district may be the poll-  
21    ing place of any other district in such city or town provided that the  
22    distance from such first mentioned district to the polling place for  
23    such other district is not unreasonable pursuant to rules or regulations  
24    prescribed by the state board of elections and provided that the total  
25    number of persons eligible to vote in such other district in such  
26    election, including the persons eligible to vote in such first mentioned  
27    districts, is not more than five hundred. The inspectors of election and  
28    poll clerks, if any, of such other election district shall also act in

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

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1 all respects as the election officers for such first mentioned districts  
2 and no other inspectors shall be appointed to serve in or for such first  
3 mentioned districts. A separate poll ledger or computer generated regis-  
4 tration list, separate voting machine or ballots and separate canvass of  
5 results shall be provided for such first mentioned districts, except  
6 that if the candidates and ballot proposals to be voted on by the voters  
7 of such districts are the same, the election districts shall be combined  
8 and shall constitute a single election district for that election. If  
9 the polling place for any election district is moved for any election,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision, the board of elections  
11 shall, not later than ten nor more than fifteen days before such  
12 election, mail, by first class mail, to each voter eligible to vote in  
13 such election district at such election, a notice setting forth the  
14 location of the polling place for such election and specifying that such  
15 location is for such election only, AND EMAIL THE SAME NOTIFICATION TO  
16 ANY VOTER THAT HAS SUPPLIED THE BOARD WITH A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS.

17 S 3. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 5 of section 5-210 of the election  
18 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (xiii) to read as follows:

19 (XIII) A SPACE FOR THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO WHICH  
20 OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY BE SENT.

21 S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.