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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. JAFFEE  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to providing purchasers and sellers of residential real property and cooperative apartments with voter registration forms at closing

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

1     Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section  
2     262 to read as follows:  
3     S 262. VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE  
4     TERM "CLOSING" SHALL MEAN AN IN-PERSON MEETING TO COMPLETE FINAL DOCU-  
5     MENTS INCIDENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AND  
6     COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS, AND THE TERM "SETTLEMENT AGENT" SHALL MEAN THE  
7     LENDER IN A NON-CASH TRANSACTION, THE TITLE COMPANY IN A CASH TRANS-  
8     ACTION AND THE MANAGING AGENT IN A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT TRANSACTION.  
9     2. EVERY PURCHASER OR SELLER OF REAL PROPERTY IN ATTENDANCE AT A CLOS-  
10    ING HELD WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH ANY FORMS NECESSARY TO  
11    COMPLY WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE  
12    FIVE OF THE ELECTION LAW, EXCEPT FOR SELLERS WHO ARE MOVING OUT OF NEW  
13    YORK STATE. IF SUCH PURCHASER OR SELLER SHALL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT  
14    SUCH CLOSING, SUCH FORMS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH  
15    PURCHASER OR SELLER.  
16    3. THE PROVISION OF FORMS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION  
17    SHALL BE MADE BY THE SETTLEMENT AGENT WITHOUT COST OR CHARGE TO THE  
18    PURCHASER OR SELLER.  
19    4. EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO  
20    COOPERATE WITH SETTLEMENT AGENTS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
21    SECTION.  
22    S 2. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 238-a to  
23    read as follows:

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

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1 S 238-A. VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS. 1. EVERY TENANT WHO ENTERS INTO A  
2 LEASE TO RENT RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL  
3 BE PROVIDED WITH ANY FORMS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE VOTER REGISTRA-  
4 TION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE FIVE OF THE ELECTION LAW. SUCH  
5 FORMS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE LANDLORD OR THE LANDLORD'S REPRESENTATIVE  
6 AT THE TIME SUCH LEASE IS SIGNED AND DELIVERED BY THE LANDLORD OR THE  
7 LANDLORD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TENANT OR THE TENANT'S REPRESENTATIVE,  
8 WHETHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL.  
9 2. EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO  
10 MAKE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO RENT RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THIS  
11 STATE ALL FORMS NECESSARY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
12 SECTION.  
13 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
14 have become a law.