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# 2015-2016 Regular Sessions

# IN SENATE

## January 8, 2015

Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the town law, in relation to clarifying that individuals have the ability to vote by absentee ballot where their maximum sentence of imprisonment has expired

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section education law, as amended by section 8 of part LL of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

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b. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the following statement:

#### STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER

I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, and will be at least eighteen years of age, on the date of the school district election; that I will have been a resident of this state and school district and school election district, if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said 11 election and duly registered in the school district and school election district, if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope and that I 14 or on such date will be, a qualified voter of said school district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said school district election at the polling place of the said district in which I am or will be a qualified voter because of the reason stated on my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified, or do I 18 intend to vote, elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this 19 20 envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, 21 have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or prom-22 ised to contribute to another to be paid or used, any money or other

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

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valuable thing, as a compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this school district election, and have not made any 3 promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this school district election; and that I have not been convicted of bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of 7 a citizen, without restriction as to the right of suffrage, or a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good 9 10 conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law disability to register and vote OR MY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISON-11 MENT HAS EXPIRED OR I HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE. 12

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

17 Date.....Signature of Voter ......

18 S 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 6 of section 2018-b of the education 19 law, as amended by section 9 of part LL of chapter 56 of the laws of 20 2010, is amended to read as follows:

21 b. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the following 22 statement:

#### 23 STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER

24 do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, and will be at 25 least eighteen years of age on the date of the school district election; that I will have been a resident of this state and of the school 26 district and school election district, if any, shown on the reverse side 27 28 this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said election and 29 that I am or on such date will be, a qualified voter of said school 30 district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said school district election at the polling place of the said district 31 32 which I am or will be a qualified voter because of the reason stated on 33 my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified, or do I 34 intend to vote, elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, 35 have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or prom-36 ised to contribute to another to be paid or used, any money or other 37 valuable thing, as a compensation or reward for the giving or withhold-38 39 ing of a vote at this school district election, and have not made promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this school district election; and 41 42 43 I have not been convicted of bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of 44 a citizen, without restriction as to the right of suffrage, or have received a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of 45 46 47 good conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction removing my disability to vote OR MY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT 48 HAS EXPIRED OR I HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE. 49

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

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- S 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 84-a of the town law, as amended by section 10 of part LL of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- b. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the following statement:

# STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER

do declare that I will have been a citizen of the United States for thirty days, and will be at least eighteen years of age, on the date of special town election; that I will have been a resident of this state and of the town shown on the reverse side of this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said election; that I am or on such date will be, a registered voter of said town; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said special town election at the polling place of the election district in which I am or will be a qualified voter because of the reason stated on my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified, or do I intend to vote, elsewhere set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute to another to be paid or used, any money or other valuable thing, as a compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this special town election, and have not made any promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this special town election; and that I have not been convicted bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of a citizen, without restriction as to the right of suffrage, or received a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law removing my disability to register vote OR MY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT HAS EXPIRED OR I HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE.

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

Date..... Signature of Voter.....

- S 4. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 175-b of the town law, as amended by section 11 of part LL of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- b. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the following statement:

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I do declare that I will have been a citizen of the United States for thirty days, and will be at least eighteen years of age, on the date of the district election; that I will have been a resident of this state and of the district if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said election and that I am or on such date will be, a registered voter of said district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said district election at the polling place of the said district in which I am or will be a qualified

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voter because of the reason stated on my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified, or do I intend to vote, elsewhere than set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, have not paid, offered or 5 promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute to 6 another to be paid or used, any money or other valuable thing, 7 compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this 8 district election, and have not made any promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become direct-9 10 ly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending result of this district election; and that I have not been convicted of 11 12 bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of a citizen, without restriction 13 14 to the right of suffrage, or received a certificate of relief from 15 disabilities or a certificate of good conduct pursuant to article twen-16 ty-three of the correction law removing my disability to register and 17 VOTE OR MY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT HAS EXPIRED OR I HAVE BEEN 18 DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE.

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

Date.....Signature of Voter.....

- S 5. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 213-b of the town law, as amended by section 12 of part LL of chapter 56 of the laws of amended to read as follows:
- 27 On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the follow-28 ing statement: 29

### STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER

I do declare that I will have been a citizen of the United States for thirty days, and will be at least eighteen years of age, on the date of the district election; that I will have been a resident of this and of the district if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said election and that I am or such date will be, a registered voter of said district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said district election at the polling place of the said district in which I am or will be a qualified voter because of the reason stated on my application heretofore submitthat I have not qualified, or do I intend to vote, elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute to another to be paid or used, any money or other valuable thing, as a compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this district election, and have not made any promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this district election; and that I have not been convicted of bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have pardoned or restored to all the rights of a citizen, without restriction to the right of suffrage, or received a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law removing my disability to register and vote OR MY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT HAS EXPIRED OR I HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE.

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I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Date..... Signature of Voter ...... S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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