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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing a "None of the Above" option on ballots in certain uncontested elections

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

1     Section 1. Section 7-116 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:  
3     2-A. IN EVERY UNCONTESTED STATEWIDE, SENATE OR ASSEMBLY ELECTION, THE  
4     OFFICER OR BOARD WHO OR WHICH PREPARES THE BALLOT SHALL PLACE BELOW THE  
5     CANDIDATE LISTED FOR ELECTION AN OPTION WHICH A VOTER MAY SELECT THAT  
6     SHALL READ: NONE OF THE ABOVE. ONLY VOTES CAST FOR THE NAMED CANDIDATE  
7     SHALL BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO ANY STATEWIDE,  
8     SENATE OR ASSEMBLY OFFICE, BUT FOR EACH OFFICE THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS ON  
9     WHICH THE "NONE OF THE ABOVE" OPTION WAS CHOSEN SHALL BE LISTED FOLLOW-  
10    ING THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE AND THE NUMBER OF VOTES IN EVERY POSTING,  
11    ABSTRACT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.  
12    S 2. 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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