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IN SENATE

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

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 Assem-
bly, 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   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.