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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 absentee ballot track-
    ing

    The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
    bly, do enact as follows:

 1   Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-414
 2 to read as follows:
 3   *§ 8-414. Absentee ballot tracking. The state board of elections shall*
 4 *assist county boards and the New York city board of elections to provide*
 5 *a secure website through which any registered voter who has submitted an*
 6 *application for an absentee ballot, or who otherwise has a right to*
 7 *receive an absentee ballot, for an upcoming election pursuant to this*
 8 *chapter may view the current status of their absentee application and*
 9 *absentee ballot. Such website shall not require users to create an*
10 *account. Such website shall indicate for each such voter whether the*
11 *county or New York city board of elections has:*
12   *1. received such voter's request for an absentee ballot, if applica-*
13 *ble;*
14   *2. approved or rejected such request, if applicable, and, if rejected,*
15 *a brief statement of the reason for rejection;*
16   *3. mailed or delivered an absentee ballot to such voter for such*
17 *upcoming election;*
18   *4. received such voter's completed absentee ballot for such upcoming*
19 *election; and*
20   *5. counted or rejected such voter's completed absentee ballot for such*
21 *upcoming election, and, if rejected, a brief statement of the reason for*
22 *rejection.*
23   § 2. This act shall be subject to appropriations required to cover the
24 costs to develop and maintain the website.
25   § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
26 it shall have become a law.

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

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