STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 9, 2017

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-116 of the election law is amended by adding a 2 new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

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 shall be counted in determining nomination or election to any statewide, 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.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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