

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the font of polling location notices

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-117 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 3 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:  
3 1. The board of elections, between August first and August fifth of  
4 each year, shall send by mail on which is endorsed such language designated by the state board of elections to ensure postal authorities do  
5 not forward such mail but return it to the board of elections with  
6 forwarding information, when it cannot be delivered as addressed and  
7 which contains a request that any such mail received for persons not  
8 residing at the address be dropped back in the mail, a communication, in  
9 a form approved by the state board of elections, to every registered  
10 voter who has been registered without a change of address since the  
11 beginning of such year, except that the board of elections shall not be  
12 required to send such communications to voters in inactive status. The  
13 communication shall notify the voter of the days and hours of the ensuing primary and general elections, the place where he appears by his  
14 registration records to be entitled to vote, the fact that voters who  
15 have moved or will have moved from the address where they were last  
16 registered must re-register or, that if such move was to another address  
17 in the same county or city, that such voter may either notify the board  
18 of elections of his new address or vote by paper ballot at the polling  
19 place for his new address even if such voter has not re-registered, or  
20 otherwise notified the board of elections of the change of address. If  
21 the primary will not be held on the first Tuesday after the second  
22 Monday in September, the communication shall contain a conspicuous  
23 notice in all capital letters and bold font notifying the voter of the  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 primary date. If the location of the polling place for the voter's  
2 election district has been moved, the communication shall contain the  
3 following legend in bold ~~type~~ print of at least sixteen point font:  
4 "YOUR POLLING PLACE HAS BEEN CHANGED. YOU NOW VOTE AT.....". The  
5 communication shall also indicate whether the polling place is accessi-  
6 ble to physically disabled voters, that a voter who will be out of the  
7 city or county on the day of the primary or general election or a voter  
8 who is ill or physically disabled may obtain an absentee ballot, that a  
9 physically disabled voter whose polling place is not accessible may  
10 request that his registration record be moved to an election district  
11 which has a polling place which is accessible, the phone number to call  
12 for applications to move a registration record or for absentee ballot  
13 applications, the phone number to call for the location of registration  
14 and polling places, the phone number to call to indicate that the voter  
15 is willing to serve on election day as an election inspector, poll  
16 clerk, interpreter or in other capacities, the phone number to call to  
17 obtain an application for registration by mail, and such other informa-  
18 tion concerning the elections or registration as the board may include.  
19 In lieu of sending such communication to every registered voter, the  
20 board of elections may send a single communication to a household  
21 containing more than one registered voter, provided that the names of  
22 all such voters appear as part of the address on such communication.  
23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.