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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the Commit-
  tee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to instituting additional
  ballot accountability practices

  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 7-105
2 to read as follows:
3   § 7-105. Ballot accountability. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 this chapter requiring ballots to include a numbered stub separated from
5 the ballot by a line of perforations, such numbered stubs shall not be
6 required if the board of elections implements a ballot accountability
7 process as prescribed by the New York State Board of Elections which (i)
8 accounts for the number of each ballot style received by the election
9 inspectors, (ii) retains a running count of ballots distributed and
10 spoiled which would permit an interim reconciliation at any time during
11 voting; and (iii) provides for ballot reconciliation at the close of
12 polls to verify that the number of ballots distributed to voters or
13 spoiled when added to unvoted ballots equals the number of ballots
14 received by the inspectors for the election.
15   2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter requiring that a
16 ballot consisting of two or more sheets be provided to the voter as a
17 single ballot divided by a line of perforations, such perforated ballots
18 shall not be required and such ballot may be provided to the voter as
19 separate, unconnected sheets provided: (i) the ballots clearly inform a
20 voter that the voter must receive the number of ballot sheets the voter
21 is entitled to, specifying such number, and (ii) each such ballot sheet
22 shall be prominently labeled as "ballot sheet (here insert the number of
23 the ballot sheet) of (here insert the total number of sheets comprising
24 the ballot)."

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

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1   **3. The state board of elections shall promulgate regulations for**
2   **ballot accountability consistent with this section which shall include**
3   **specific ballot accountability requirements applicable to any ballot on**
4   **demand printing process.**
5   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.