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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, BUCHWALD, GALEF, ABINANTI, DICKENS, GOTTFRIED, PICHARDO, REYES, RIVERA, SAYEGH, MONTESANO, MOSLEY, D'URSO, SIMON, COOK, DeSTEFANO, BLAKE, EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- recommitted to the Committee on Election Law in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to construction of voting machines and systems

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

Section 1. Paragraphs s and t of subdivision 1 of section 7-202 of the election law, as added by chapter 181 of the laws of 2005, are amended and a new paragraph u is added to read as follows:

s. permit alternative language accessibility pursuant to the requirements of section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a) such that it must have the capacity to display the full ballot in the alternative languages required by the federal Voting Rights Act if such voting machine or system is to be used where such alternative languages are required or where the local board deems such feature necessary; [~~and~~]

t. not include any device or functionality potentially capable of externally transmitting or receiving data via the internet or via radio waves or via other wireless means[~~.~~]*; and*

u. be constructed so that, after the paper ballot is cast by the voter, the voting machine or system never passes the cast ballot under a printer that can print votes onto the ballot, including as a result of unauthorized, malicious and/or faulty software and/or firmware.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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