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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. CARLUCCI, ADDABBO, BAILEY, BENJAMIN, BIAGGI, BRESLIN, BROOKS, COMRIE, GAUGHRAN, GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, HARCKHAM, HOYLMAN, JACKSON, KAMINSKY, KAPLAN, KAVANAGH, KENNEDY, KRUEGER, LIU, MARTINEZ, MAY, MAYER, METZGER, MONTGOMERY, MYRIE, PARKER, PERSAUD, RAMOS, RIVERA, SALAZAR, SANDERS, SAVINO, SEPULVEDA, SERRANO, SKOUFIS, STAVISKY, STEWART-COUSINS, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE, GALEF, BUCHWALD, LUPARDO, L. ROSENTHAL, FAHY, ENGLEBRIGHT, ABINANTI, STIRPE, LIFTON, DINOWITZ, BLAKE, ZEBROWSKI, SIMON, JAFFEE, COLTON, WALKER, ORTIZ, EPSTEIN, BURKE, CARROLL, CRUZ, EICHENSTEIN, FALL, FRONTUS, GLICK, GRIFFIN, HEASTIE, JACOBSON, McMAHON, OTIS, RAYNOR, REYES, WEINSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LENTOL, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to voter pre-registration

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

Section 1. Paragraph o of subdivision 4 of section 5-500 of the election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended and a new paragraph p is added to read as follows:

o. A space for "remarks" regarding other facts required by this chapter to be recorded or appropriate to identify the voter[~~.~~]*;*

p. A space for pre-registering applicants to respond to the following question: "Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote, and that until you will be eighteen years of age at the time of such election your registration will be marked 'pending' and you will be unable to cast a ballot in any election?".

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

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§ 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 5-507 to read as follows:

§ 5-507. Voter pre-registration and education on voter pre-registration. 1. Pre-registration. A person who is at least sixteen years of age and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote may pre-register to vote, and shall be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility as provided by this chapter.

2. Encouragement of student voter registration and pre-registration. Local boards of education are required to adopt policies to promote student voter registration and pre-registration. These policies may include collaboration with county boards of elections to conduct voter registration and pre-registration in high schools. Completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms shall not be a course requirement or graded assignment for students.

§ 3. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 5 of section 5-210 of the election law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Notice that the applicant must be a citizen of the United States, [~~is or will be at least eighteen years old not later than December thirty-first of the calendar year in which he or she registers~~] **is at least sixteen years old when he or she submits an application to register to vote which will be effective for elections occurring on or after the applicant turns eighteen years of age** and a resident of the county or city to which application is made.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.