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## IN SENATE

January 18, 2019

A BUDGET BILL, submitted by the Governor pursuant to article seven of the Constitution -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT intentionally omitted (Part A); intentionally omitted (Part B); to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act of 2019; in relation to establishing the electronic personal voter registration process (Part C); intentionally omitted (Part D); intentionally omitted (Part E); intentionally omitted (Part F); intentionally omitted (Part G); intentionally omitted (Part H); to amend the election law, in relation to providing uniform polling hours during primary elections (Part I); intentionally omitted (Part J); to amend the election law, in relation to prohibiting vendors engaged in procurements with the state from making campaign contributions to elected officials (Part K); intentionally omitted (Part L); to amend the election law, in relation to prohibiting certain loans to be made to candidates or political committees (Part M); to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing computer generated registration lists; in relation to the list of supplies to be delivered to poll sites (Part N); intentionally omitted (Part O); intentionally omitted (Part P); intentionally omitted (Part Q); intentionally omitted (Part R); intentionally omitted (Part S); intentionally omitted (Part T); intentionally omitted (Part U); to amend the executive law and the general municipal law, in relation to requiring the financial disclosures of certain local officials (Part V); intentionally omitted (Part W); and intentionally omitted (Part X)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2 which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2019-2020  
3 state fiscal year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part  
4 identified as Parts A through X. The effective date for each particular

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

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1 provision contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of  
2 such Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part,  
3 including the effective date of the Part, which makes reference to a  
4 section "of this act", when used in connection with that particular  
5 component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding  
6 section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets  
7 forth the general effective date of this act.

8 PART A

9 Intentionally Omitted

10 PART B

11 Intentionally Omitted

12 PART C

13 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known as and may be cited as  
14 the "Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Act of 2019 (VEMA)".

15 § 2. Declaration of Legislative Intent. The right to vote is a funda-  
16 mental right, the well-spring of all others, secured by the federal and  
17 state constitutions. On-line forms of communication and conducting tran-  
18 sactions did not exist at the time New York's paper-based voter regis-  
19 tration system was enacted. In the last twenty years, many paper-based  
20 processes have migrated to on-line processes, including filing tax  
21 returns, applying for social security benefits, routine banking trans-  
22 actions, official communications and purchase transactions of all types.  
23 This on-line migration has improved cost efficiency, increased accessi-  
24 bility and provided greater convenience to the public in many contexts.  
25 The predominantly paper-based voter registration application process in  
26 New York is antiquated and must be supplemented with on-line voter  
27 registration. To remove unnecessary burdens to the fundamental right of  
28 the people to vote, the State Board of Elections shall establish the  
29 Voter Enfranchisement Modernization Program for the purpose of increas-  
30 ing opportunities for voter registration by any person who is qualified  
31 to be a voter under Article II of the New York State Constitution. This  
32 effort modernizes voter registration and supplements the methods of  
33 voter registration provided under current law.

34 § 3. Article 5 of the election law is amended by adding a new title 8  
35 to read as follows:

36 TITLE VIII

37 ELECTRONIC PERSONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS

38 Section 5-800. Electronic voter registration transmittal system.

39 5-802. Online voter registration application.

40 5-804. Failure to provide exemplar signature not to prevent  
41 registration.

42 § 5-800. Electronic voter registration transmittal system. In addition  
43 to any other means of voter registration provided for by this chapter,  
44 the state board of elections shall establish and maintain an electronic  
45 voter registration transmittal system through which applicants may apply  
46 to register to vote online. The state board of elections shall elec-  
47 tronically transmit such applications to the applicable board of  
48 elections of each county or the city of New York for filing, processing  
49 and verification consistent with this chapter. In accordance with tech-  
50 anical specifications provided by the state board of elections, each

1 board of elections shall maintain a voter registration system capable of  
2 receiving and processing voter registration application information,  
3 including electronic signatures, from the electronic voter registration  
4 transmittal system established by the state board of elections. Notwith-  
5 standing any other inconsistent provision of this chapter, applications  
6 filed using such system shall be considered filed with the applicable  
7 board of elections on the calendar date the application is initially  
8 transmitted by the voter through the electronic voter registration tran-  
9 smittal system.

10 § 5-802. Online voter registration application. 1. A voter shall be  
11 able to apply to register to vote using a personal online voter regis-  
12 tration application submitted through the electronic voter registration  
13 transmittal system when the voter:

14 (a) completes an electronic voter registration application promulgated  
15 by the state board of elections which shall include all of the voter  
16 registration information required by section 5-210 of this article; and

17 (b) affirms, subject to penalty of perjury, by means of electronic or  
18 manual signature, that the information contained in the voter registra-  
19 tion application is true and that the applicant meets all of the quali-  
20 fications to become a registered voter; and

21 (c) consents to the use of an electronic copy of the individual's  
22 manual signature that is in the custody of the department of motor vehi-  
23 cles, the state board of elections, or other agency designated by  
24 sections 5-211 or 5-212 of this article, as the individual's voter  
25 registration exemplar signature, or provides such a signature by direct  
26 upload in a manner that complies with the New York state electronic  
27 signature and records act and the rules and regulations promulgated by  
28 the state board of elections.

29 2. The board of elections shall provide the personal online voter  
30 registration application in any language required by the federal Voting  
31 Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10503) in any county in the state.

32 3. The online voter registration application process shall provide  
33 reasonable accommodations to improve accessibility for persons with  
34 disabilities, and shall be compatible for use with standard online  
35 accessibility assistance tools for persons with visual, physical or  
36 perceptive disabilities.

37 4. The state board of elections shall promulgate rules and regulations  
38 for the creation and administration of an online voter registration  
39 system pursuant to this section.

40 § 5-804. Failure to provide exemplar signature not to prevent regis-  
41 tration. If a voter registration exemplar signature is not provided by  
42 an applicant who submits a voter registration application pursuant to  
43 this title and such signature exemplar is not otherwise available from  
44 the statewide voter registration database or a state or local agency,  
45 the local board of elections shall, absent another reason to reject the  
46 application, proceed to register and, as applicable, enroll the appli-  
47 cant. Within ten days of such action, the board of elections shall send  
48 a standard form promulgated by the state board of elections to the voter  
49 whose record lacks an exemplar signature, requiring such voter to submit  
50 a signature for identification purposes. The voter shall submit to the  
51 board of elections a voter registration exemplar signature by any one of  
52 the following methods: in person, by mail with return postage paid  
53 provided by the board of elections, by electronic mail, or by electronic  
54 upload to the board of elections through the electronic voter registra-  
55 tion transmittal system. If such voter does not provide the required  
56 exemplar signature, when the voter appears to vote the voter shall be

1 entitled to vote in the same manner as a voter with a notation indicat-  
 2 ing the voter's identity has not yet been verified in the manner  
 3 provided by section 8-302 of this chapter.

4 § 4. This act shall take effect on the earlier occurrence of: (i)  
 5 two years after it shall have become a law; provided, however, the state  
 6 board of elections shall be authorized to implement necessary rules and  
 7 regulations and to take steps required to implement this act immediate-  
 8 ly; or (ii) five days after the date of certification by the state board  
 9 of elections that the information technology infrastructure to substan-  
 10 tially implement this act is functional. Provided, further that the  
 11 state board of elections shall notify the legislative bill drafting  
 12 commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation  
 13 provided for in this act in order that the commission may maintain an  
 14 accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws  
 15 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions  
 16 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public  
 17 officers law.

18 PART D

19 Intentionally Omitted

20 PART E

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22 PART F

23 Intentionally Omitted

24 PART G

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26 PART H

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28 PART I

29 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 8-100 of the election law, as  
 30 amended by chapter 367 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as  
 31 follows:

32 2. Polls shall be open for voting during the following hours: a prima-  
 33 ry election from [~~twelve o'clock noon until nine o'clock in the evening,~~  
 34 ~~except in the city of New York and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk,~~  
 35 ~~Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess and Erie, and in such~~  
 36 ~~city or county from~~] six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock in  
 37 the evening; the general election from six o'clock in the morning until  
 38 nine o'clock in the evening; a special election called by the governor  
 39 pursuant to the public officers law, and, except as otherwise provided  
 40 by law, every other election, from six o'clock in the morning until nine  
 41 o'clock in the evening; early voting hours shall be as provided in title  
 42 six of this article.

43 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January after it shall  
 44 have become a law and shall apply to any election held 120 days after.

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## PART J

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## PART K

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-131 to read as follows:

§ 14-131. Government vendor contributions. 1. (a) It shall be unlawful during the restricted vendor contribution period for any person, organization, group of persons, or business entity that submits an application for any license or a bid, quotation, offer or response to a state governmental entity posting or solicitation for procurement to make a contribution to any officeholder of or with authority over the state governmental entity or entities responsible for issuing such procurement posting, license or solicitation, evaluating responses to the procurement posting, license or solicitation for purposes of determining an award, or approving the selection of an awardee, or awarding the final contract or license, or to any candidate for an office of such governmental entity, including to such officeholder's or candidate's authorized political committees or political committees the officeholder or candidate exerts operational control over. It shall further be unlawful, pursuant to section 14-120 of this article, to make contributions to political committees not authorized or operationally controlled by the officeholder or candidate for the purpose of transferring a contribution to the officeholder's or candidate's authorized political committees or political committees they exert operational control over.

(b) For purposes of this section the assembly and senate shall be separate and distinct governmental entities when a particular posting or solicitation for procurement is issued by only one respective house.

(c) The state governmental entity directly responsible for issuing such posting, license or solicitation for procurement shall include a notice of the prohibition established by this section and the state governmental entity responsible for evaluating responses to such posting, license or solicitation shall provide to any person, organization, group of persons, or business entity that submits an application or a proposal in response to such posting, license or solicitation a notice of the prohibition established by this section and the restricted vendor contribution period commencement date.

2. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Business entity" shall mean a business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this state or any other state or foreign jurisdiction, including any subsidiary directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, and any political organization, including but not limited to any political organization organized under section 527 of the internal revenue code, that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity.

(b) "License" shall mean any activity respecting the grant, denial, renewal, revocation, enforcement, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, recall, cancellation or amendment of a license, permit or other form of permission conferring the right or privilege to engage in any business activity regulated by a regulatory agency that in the absence of such license, permit or other form of permission would be prohibited but

1 shall not include any individual licenses for practicing a profession  
2 prescribed in title eight of the education law, or routine licenses and  
3 permits for individual privileges, including licenses for operating a  
4 motor vehicle.

5 3. The restricted vendor contribution period described in this section  
6 shall commence, with respect to a specific person, organization, group  
7 of persons, or business entity when it files a statement of registration  
8 pursuant to section one-e of the legislative law, or engages lobbying,  
9 as defined by subdivision (c) of section one-c of the legislative law,  
10 to generate a procurement opportunity or pilot program or submits an  
11 application for a license or a bid, quotation, offer or response to the  
12 state governmental entity posting or solicitation, at the earliest date  
13 of application or posting, on a state governmental entity's website, in  
14 a newspaper of general circulation or in the procurement opportunities  
15 newsletter in accordance with article four-C of the economic development  
16 law of written notice, advertisement or solicitation of a request for  
17 proposal, invitation for bids, or solicitations of proposals, or any  
18 other method provided for by law or regulation for soliciting a response  
19 from offerers intending to result in a procurement contract or license  
20 with a state governmental entity. The restricted vendor contribution  
21 period does not apply to a person, organization, group of persons or  
22 business entity that is responding to a state governmental entity's  
23 request for information or other informational exchanges occurring prior  
24 to such governmental entity's posting or solicitation for procurement  
25 provided it has not filed a statement of registration pursuant to  
26 section one-e of the legislative law or engaged in lobbying, as defined  
27 by subdivision (c) of section one-c of the legislative law, to generate  
28 a procurement opportunity or pilot program.

29 4. The restricted vendor contribution period described in this section  
30 shall end with respect to a specific person, organization, group of  
31 persons, or business entity if:

32 (a) the person, organization, group of persons, or business entity is  
33 the recipient of the final contract or license award, the restricted  
34 vendor contribution period shall end six months after the final contract  
35 or license award and approval by the state governmental entity and,  
36 where applicable, the state comptroller and if the person, organization,  
37 group of persons or business entity does not lobby on the execution of  
38 the contract or license after its award; or

39 (b) the person, organization, group of persons, or business entity is  
40 not the recipient of the final contract award, the restricted vendor  
41 contribution period shall end with the final contract or license award  
42 and approval by the state governmental entity and, where applicable, the  
43 state comptroller.

44 5. The restricted vendor contribution period shall recommence if a  
45 person, organization, group of persons or business entity engages in  
46 activity pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

47 § 2. Section 14-126 of the election law is amended by adding a new  
48 subdivision 8 to read as follows:

49 8. (a) Any person, organization, group of persons, or business entity  
50 as that term is used in section 14-131 of this article, who, under  
51 circumstances evincing an intent to violate such law, makes a contrib-  
52 ution in contravention of section 14-131 of this article shall be  
53 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the greater of ten thousand  
54 dollars or an amount equal to two hundred percent of the contribution,  
55 to be recoverable in a special proceeding or civil action to be brought  
56 by the state board of elections chief enforcement counsel.

1 (b) Any person who, acting as or on behalf of an officeholder, candi-  
2 date, or political committee, accepts a contribution or receives a  
3 transfer in contravention of section 14-131 of this article shall be  
4 required to refund such contribution.

5 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
6 it shall have become a law.

7 PART L

8 Intentionally Omitted

9 PART M

10 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 14-114 of the election law is  
11 amended by adding a new paragraph c to read as follows:

12 c. Lobbyists, as defined by subdivision (a) of section one-c of the  
13 legislative law or by subdivision (a) of section 3-211 of the adminis-  
14 trative code of the city of New York, political action committees, labor  
15 unions, and any person who has registered with the state board of  
16 elections as an independent expenditure committee pursuant to subdivi-  
17 sion three of section 14-107 of this article are prohibited from making  
18 loans to candidates or political committees; provided, however, that a  
19 lobbyist shall not be prohibited from making a loan to himself or  
20 herself or to his or her own political committee when such lobbyist is a  
21 candidate for office.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

23 PART N

24 Section 1. Section 1-104 of the election law is amended by adding a  
25 new subdivision 38 to read as follows:

26 38. "Computer generated registration list" means a printed or elec-  
27 tronic list of voters in alphabetical order for a single election  
28 district or poll site, generated from a computer registration file for  
29 each election and containing for each voter listed, a facsimile of the  
30 signature of the voter. Such a list may be in a single volume or in more  
31 than one volume. The list may be utilized in place of registration poll  
32 records, to establish a person's eligibility to vote in the polling  
33 place on election day.

34 (a) The state board of elections shall promulgate minimum security  
35 standards for any electronic device, and any network or system to which  
36 the electronic device is connected, that is used to store or otherwise  
37 access a computer generated registration list, and shall also promulgate  
38 a list of devices that are approved for use. No local board of elections  
39 shall be permitted to use such a device unless the state board of  
40 elections has previously approved the device for use and has certified  
41 that the network or system to which the electronic device is connected  
42 is compliant with the minimum security standards.

43 (b) The minimum security standards for such devices shall be commensu-  
44 rate with the level of security risk applicable to such devices and  
45 shall specifically take into account any security risk associated with  
46 voting equipment-related supply chains in addition to any other applica-  
47 ble security risk.

48 (c) The state board of elections shall promulgate minimum redundancy  
49 procedures to ensure a list of registration records is available that  
50 provides necessary information in a compressed format to ensure voting

1 continues if the electronic computer generated registration system  
2 becomes unavailable for any poll site or election district that utilizes  
3 such an electronic computer generated registration list.

4 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 4-128 of the election law, as amended by  
5 chapter 125 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

6 1. The board of elections of each county shall provide the requisite  
7 number of official and facsimile ballots, two cards of instruction to  
8 voters in the form prescribed by the state board of elections, at least  
9 one copy of the instruction booklet for inspectors, a sufficient number  
10 of maps, street finders or other descriptions of all of the polling  
11 places and election districts within the political subdivision in which  
12 the polling place is located to enable the election inspectors and poll  
13 clerks to determine the correct election district and polling place for  
14 each street address within the political subdivision in which the poll-  
15 ing place is located, distance markers, tally sheets and return blanks,  
16 pens, [~~black ink, or ball point pens with black ink,~~] pencils [~~having~~  
17 ~~black lead~~], or other appropriate marking devices, envelopes for the  
18 ballots of voters whose registration poll records are not in the ledger  
19 or whose names are not [~~on~~] in the computer generated registration list,  
20 envelopes for returns, identification buttons, badges or emblems for the  
21 inspectors and clerks in the form prescribed by the state board of  
22 elections and such other articles of stationery as may be necessary for  
23 the proper conduct of elections, except that when a town, city or  
24 village holds an election not conducted by the board of elections, the  
25 clerk of such town, city or village, shall provide such official and  
26 facsimile ballots and the necessary blanks, supplies and stationery for  
27 such election.

28 § 3. Subdivision c of section 4-132 of the election law, as amended by  
29 chapter 164 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

30 c. A booth or device in each election district for the use of voters  
31 marking ballots. Such booth or device shall be so constructed as to  
32 permit the voter to mark his or her ballot in secrecy and shall be  
33 furnished at all times with [~~a pencil having black lead only~~] an appro-  
34 priate marking device.

35 § 4. Section 4-134 of the election law, the section heading as amended  
36 by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, subdivisions 1 and 3 as amended by  
37 chapter 163 of the laws of 2010, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 425  
38 of the laws of 1986, and subdivisions 5 and 6 as amended by chapter 635  
39 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

40 § 4-134. Preparation and delivery of ballots, supplies and equipment  
41 for use at elections. 1. The board of elections shall deliver, at its  
42 office, to the clerk of each town or city in the county, except the  
43 cities of New York, Buffalo and Rochester and to the clerk of each  
44 village in the county in which elections are conducted by the board of  
45 elections, by the Saturday before the primary, general, village or other  
46 election for which they are required: the official and sample ballots;  
47 ledgers prepared for delivery in the manner provided in subdivision two  
48 of this section and containing the registration poll records of all  
49 persons entitled to vote at such election in such town, city or village,  
50 or computer generated registration lists containing the names of all  
51 persons entitled to vote at such election in such town, city or village;  
52 challenge reports prepared as directed by this chapter; sufficient  
53 applications for registration by mail; sufficient ledger seals and other  
54 supplies and equipment required by this article to be provided by the  
55 board of elections for each polling place in such town, city or village.  
56 The town, city or village clerk shall call at the office of such board



1 of elections at such time and receive such ballots, supplies and equip-  
2 ment. In the cities of New York, Buffalo and Rochester the board of  
3 elections shall cause such ballots, supplies and equipment to be deliv-  
4 ered to the board of inspectors of each election district approximately  
5 one-half hour before the opening of the polls for voting, and shall take  
6 receipts therefor.

7 2. The board of elections shall provide for each election district a  
8 ledger or ledgers containing the registration poll records or [~~printed~~]  
9 lists with computer generated facsimile signatures, of all persons enti-  
10 tled to vote in such election district at such election. Such ledgers  
11 shall be labelled, sealed, locked and transported in locked carrying  
12 cases. After leaving the board of elections no such carrying case shall  
13 be unlocked except at the time and in the manner provided in this chap-  
14 ter.

15 3. [~~Any envelope containing absentee voters' ballots on which the~~  
16 ~~blanks have not been properly filled in shall be stamped to indicate the~~  
17 ~~defect and shall be preserved by the board for at least one year after~~  
18 ~~the receipt thereof.~~

19 4.] Each kind of official ballot shall be arranged in a package in the  
20 consecutive order of the numbers printed on the stubs thereof beginning  
21 with number one. All official and sample ballots for each election  
22 district shall be in separate sealed packages, clearly marked on the  
23 outside thereof, with the number and kind of ballots contained therein  
24 and indorsed with the designation of the election district for which  
25 they were prepared. The other supplies provided for each election  
26 district also shall be [~~inclosed~~] enclosed in a sealed package, or pack-  
27 ages, with a label on the outside thereof showing the contents of each  
28 package.

29 [~~5. Each town, city and village clerk receiving such packages shall~~  
30 ~~cause all~~] 4. All such packages so received and marked for any election  
31 district [~~to~~] shall be delivered unopened and with the seals thereof  
32 unbroken to the inspectors of election of such election districts at  
33 least [~~one-half~~] one hour before the opening of the polls of such  
34 election therein, [~~and~~] who shall [~~take~~] give a receipt therefor speci-  
35 fying the number and kind of packages delivered. [~~At the same time each~~  
36 ~~such clerk shall cause to be delivered to such inspectors the equipment~~  
37 ~~described in subdivision two of this section and shall cause a receipt~~  
38 ~~to be taken therefor.~~

39 6.] 5. Town, city and village clerks required to provide official and  
40 sample ballots, registration records, seals, supplies and equipment, as  
41 described in this section, for town, city and village elections not  
42 conducted by the board of elections, shall in like manner, deliver them  
43 to the inspectors or presiding officers of the election at each polling  
44 place at which such meetings and elections are held, respectively, in  
45 like sealed packages marked on the outside in like manner, and shall  
46 take receipts therefor in like manner.

47 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 5-302 of the election law, as separately  
48 amended by chapter 164 and chapter 558 of the laws of 1985, is amended  
49 to read as follows:

50 1. Before placing the registration poll record in the poll ledger or  
51 in the computer generated registration list, the board shall enter in  
52 the space provided therefor [~~on the back of such registration poll~~  
53 ~~record~~] the name of the party designated by the voter on his application  
54 form, provided such party continues to be a party as defined in this  
55 law. If such party ceases to be a party at any time, either before or  
56 after such enrollment is so entered, the enrollment of such voter shall

1 be deemed to be blank and shall be entered as such until such voter  
2 files an application for change of enrollment pursuant to the provisions  
3 of this chapter. [~~In the city of New York the board shall also affix a~~  
4 ~~gummed sticker of a different color for each party in a place on such~~  
5 ~~registration poll record immediately adjacent to such entry.~~] The board  
6 shall enter the date of such entry and affix initials thereto in the  
7 space provided.

8 § 6. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 5-506 of the election  
9 law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 c. The computer generated registration list prepared for each election  
12 in each election district shall be [~~printed by a printer~~] prepared in a  
13 manner which meets or exceeds standards for clarity and speed of  
14 [~~reproduction~~] production established by the state board of elections,  
15 shall be in a form approved by such board, shall include the names of  
16 all voters eligible to vote in such election and shall be in alphabet-  
17 ical order, except that, at a primary election, the names of the voters  
18 enrolled in each political party may be placed in a separate part of the  
19 list or in a separate list, as the board of elections in its discretion,  
20 may determine. Such list shall contain, adjacent to each voter's name,  
21 or in a space so designated, at least the following: street address,  
22 date of birth, party enrollment, year of registration, a computer  
23 reproduced facsimile of the voter's signature or an indication that the  
24 voter is unable to sign his name, a place for the voter to sign his name  
25 at such election and a place for the inspectors to mark the voting  
26 machine number, the public counter number [~~and~~] if any, or the number of  
27 any paper ballots given the voter.

28 § 7. Subdivision 2 of section 8-202 of the election law, as amended by  
29 chapter 164 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

30 2. The exterior of any ballot scanner, ballot marking device and  
31 privacy booth and every part of the polling place shall be in plain view  
32 of the election inspectors and watchers. The ballot scanners, ballot  
33 marking devices, and privacy booths shall be placed at least four feet  
34 from the table used by the inspectors in charge of the poll [~~books~~]  
35 ledger or computer generated registration list. The guard-rail shall be  
36 at least three feet from the machine and the table used by the inspec-  
37 tors. The election inspectors shall not themselves be, or allow any  
38 other person to be, in any position or near any position, that will  
39 permit one to see or ascertain how a voter votes, or how he or she has  
40 voted nor shall they permit any other person to be less than three feet  
41 from the ballot scanner, ballot marking device, or privacy booth while  
42 occupied. The election inspectors or clerks attending the ballot scan-  
43 ner, ballot marking device, or privacy booth shall regularly inspect the  
44 face of the ballot scanner, ballot marking device, or the interior of  
45 the privacy booth to see that the ballot scanner, ballot marking device,  
46 or privacy booth has not been damaged or tampered with. During elections  
47 the door or other covering of the counter compartment of the machine  
48 shall not be unlocked or opened except by a member of the board of  
49 elections, a voting machine custodian or any other person upon the  
50 specific instructions of the board of elections.

51 § 8. Subdivisions 2, 2-a, 3, 4 and 5 of section 8-302 of the election  
52 law, subdivision 2-a as added by chapter 179 of the laws of 2005, subdi-  
53 visions 3 and 4 as amended by chapter 200 of the laws of 1996, the open-  
54 ing paragraph of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 as amended by chapter  
55 125 of the laws of 2011 and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdi-

1 vision 3 as separately amended by chapters 3 and 6 of the laws of 2019,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. The voter shall give [~~his~~] the voter's name and [~~his~~] the voter's  
4 residence address to the inspectors. An inspector shall then loudly and  
5 distinctly announce the name and residence of the voter.

6 2-a. (a) If a voter's name appears in the ledger or computer generated  
7 registration list with a notation indicating that the voter's identity  
8 was not yet verified as required by the federal Help America Vote Act,  
9 the inspector shall require that the voter produce one of the following  
10 types of identification before permitting the voter to cast his or her  
11 vote on the voting machine:

12 (i) a driver's license or department of motor vehicles non-driver  
13 photo ID card or other current and valid photo identification;

14 (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government  
15 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and  
16 address of the voter.

17 (b) If the voter produces an identification document listed in para-  
18 graph (a) of this subdivision, the inspector shall indicate so in the  
19 ledger or computer generated registration list, the voter will be deemed  
20 verified as required by the federal Help America Vote Act and the voter  
21 shall be permitted to cast his or her vote on the voting machine.

22 (c) If the voter does not produce an identification document listed in  
23 paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the voter shall only be entitled to  
24 vote by affidavit ballot unless a court order provides otherwise.

25 3. (a) If an applicant is challenged, the board, without delay, shall  
26 either enter his name in the second section of the challenge report  
27 together with the other entries required to be made in such section  
28 opposite the applicant's name or make an entry next to [~~his~~] the voter's  
29 name [~~on~~] in the computer generated registration list or in the place  
30 provided [~~at the end of~~] in the computer generated registration list.

31 (b) A person who claims to have moved to a new address within the  
32 election district in which he or she is registered to vote shall be  
33 permitted to vote in the same manner as other voters unless challenged  
34 on other grounds. The inspectors shall enter the names and new addresses  
35 of all such persons in either the first section of the challenge report  
36 or in the place provided [~~at the end of~~] in the computer generated  
37 registration list and shall also enter the new address next to such  
38 person's address on such computer generated registration list. When the  
39 registration poll records of persons who have voted from new addresses  
40 within the same election district are returned to the board of  
41 elections, such board shall change the addresses on the face of such  
42 registration poll records without completely obliterating the old  
43 addresses and shall enter such new addresses and the new addresses for  
44 any such persons whose names were [~~on~~] in computer generated registra-  
45 tion lists into its computer records for such persons.

46 (c) A person who claims a changed name shall be permitted to vote in  
47 the same manner as other voters unless challenged on other grounds. The  
48 inspectors shall either enter the names of all such persons in the first  
49 section of the challenge report or in the place provided [~~at the end of~~]  
50 in the computer generated registration list, in the form in which they  
51 are registered, followed in parentheses by the name as changed or enter  
52 the name as changed next to such voter's name on the computer generated  
53 registration list. The voter shall sign first on the registration poll  
54 record or [~~on~~] in the computer generated registration list, the name  
55 under which the voter is registered and, immediately above it, the new  
56 name, provided that [~~on~~] in such [~~a computer generated~~] registration

1 list, the new name may be signed in the place provided [~~at the end of~~  
2 ~~such list~~]. When the registration poll record of a person who has voted  
3 under a new name is returned to the board of elections, such board shall  
4 change [~~his~~] the voter's name on the face of each [~~of his~~] registration  
5 [~~records~~] record without completely obliterating the old one, and there-  
6 after such person shall vote only under his or her new name. If a voter  
7 has signed a new name [~~on~~] in a computer generated registration list,  
8 such board shall enter such voter's new name and new signature in such  
9 voter's computer record.

10 (d) If an applicant requests assistance in voting and qualifies there-  
11 for, the board shall provide assistance as directed by this chapter, and  
12 shall without delay either enter such applicant's name and the other  
13 entries required in the third section of the challenge report or make an  
14 entry next to such applicant's name [~~on~~] in the computer generated  
15 registration list or in the place provided [~~at the end of the computer~~  
16 ~~generated~~] in such registration list.

17 (e) Whenever a voter presents himself or herself and offers to cast a  
18 ballot, and he or she claims to live in the election district in which  
19 he or she seeks to vote but no registration poll record can be found for  
20 him or her in the poll ledger or his or her name does not appear [~~on~~] in  
21 the computer generated registration list or his or her signature does  
22 not appear next to his or her name [~~on~~] in such [~~computer generated~~]  
23 registration list or his or her registration poll record or the computer  
24 generated registration list does not show him or her to be enrolled in  
25 the party in which he or she claims to be enrolled, a poll clerk or  
26 election inspector shall consult a map, street finder or other  
27 description of all of the polling places and election districts within  
28 the political subdivision in which said election district is located and  
29 if necessary, contact the board of elections to obtain the relevant  
30 information and advise the voter of the correct polling place and  
31 election district for the residence address provided by the voter to  
32 such poll clerk or election inspector. Thereafter, such voter shall be  
33 permitted to vote in said election district only as hereinafter  
34 provided:

35 (i) He or she may present a court order requiring that he or she be  
36 permitted to vote. At a primary election, such a court order must speci-  
37 fy the party in which the voter is permitted to vote. [~~He~~] The voter  
38 shall be required to sign [~~his~~] their full name on top of the first page  
39 of such order, together with [~~his~~] the voter's registration serial  
40 number, if any, and [~~his~~] the voter's name and the other entries  
41 required shall then be entered without delay in the fourth section of  
42 the challenge report or in the place provided [~~at the end of~~] in the  
43 computer generated registration list, or, if such person's name appears  
44 on [~~the computer generated~~] such registration list, the board of  
45 elections may provide a place to make such entry next to his or her  
46 name on such list. The voter shall then be permitted to vote in the manner  
47 otherwise prescribed for voters whose registration poll records are  
48 found in the ledger or whose names are found on the computer generated  
49 registration list; or

50 (ii) He or she may swear to and subscribe an affidavit stating that he  
51 or she has duly registered to vote, the address in such election  
52 district from which he or she registered, that he or she remains a duly  
53 qualified voter in such election district, that his or her registration  
54 poll record appears to be lost or misplaced or that his or her name  
55 and/or his or her signature was omitted from the computer generated  
56 registration list or such record indicates the voter already voted when

1 he or she did not do so or that he or she has moved within New York  
2 state since he or she last registered, the address from which he or she  
3 was previously registered and the address at which he or she currently  
4 resides, and at a primary election, the party in which he or she is  
5 enrolled. The inspectors of election shall offer such an affidavit to  
6 each such voter whose residence address is in such election district.  
7 Each such affidavit shall be in a form prescribed by the state board of  
8 elections, shall be printed on an envelope of the size and quality used  
9 for an absentee ballot envelope, and shall contain an acknowledgment  
10 that the affiant understands that any false statement made therein is  
11 perjury punishable according to law. Such form prescribed by the state  
12 board of elections shall request information required to register such  
13 voter should the county board determine that such voter is not regis-  
14 tered and shall constitute an application to register to vote. The  
15 voter's name and the entries required shall then be entered without  
16 delay and without further inquiry in the fourth section of the challenge  
17 report or in the place provided [~~at the end of~~] in the computer gener-  
18 ated registration list, with the notation that the voter has executed  
19 the affidavit hereinabove prescribed, or, if such person's name appears  
20 [~~on the computer generated~~] in such registration list, the board of  
21 elections may provide a place to make such entry next to his or her name  
22 [~~on~~] in such list. The voter shall then, without further inquiry, be  
23 permitted to vote an affidavit ballot provided for by this chapter. Such  
24 ballot shall thereupon be placed in the envelope containing his or her  
25 affidavit, and the envelope sealed and returned to the board of  
26 elections in the manner provided by this chapter for protested official  
27 ballots, including a statement of the number of such ballots.

28 4. At a primary election, a voter whose registration poll record is in  
29 the ledger or computer generated registration list shall be permitted to  
30 vote only in the primary of the party in which such record shows [~~him~~]  
31 the voter to be enrolled unless [~~he~~] the voter shall present a court  
32 order pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (e) of  
33 subdivision three of this section requiring that [~~he~~] the voter be  
34 permitted to vote in the primary of another party, or unless [~~he~~] the  
35 voter shall present a certificate of enrollment issued by the board of  
36 elections, not earlier than one month before such primary election,  
37 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter which certifies that [~~he~~] the  
38 voter is enrolled in a party other than the one in which such record  
39 shows [~~him~~] the voter to be enrolled, or unless he or she shall  
40 subscribe an affidavit pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (ii)  
41 of paragraph (e) of subdivision three of this section.

42 5. Except for voters unable to sign their names, no person shall be  
43 permitted to vote without first identifying himself or herself as  
44 required by this chapter.

45 § 9. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 8-304 of the election law,  
46 subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 425 of the laws of 1986, are  
47 amended to read as follows:

48 1. A person before being allowed to vote shall be required, except as  
49 provided in this chapter, to sign his or her name on the back of his or  
50 her registration poll record on the first line reserved for his or her  
51 signature at the time of election which is not filled with a previous  
52 signature, or [~~on the line of~~] in the space provided in the computer  
53 generated registration list reserved for [~~his~~] the voter's signature.  
54 The two inspectors in charge shall satisfy themselves by a comparison of  
55 this signature with [~~his~~] the voter's registration signature and by  
56 comparison of [~~his~~] the voter's appearance with the descriptive material

1 on the face of the registration poll record that [~~he~~] the voter is the  
2 person registered. If they are so satisfied they shall enter the other  
3 information required for the election on the same line with the voter's  
4 latest signature, shall sign their names or initials in the spaces  
5 provided therefor, and shall permit the applicant to vote. Any inspector  
6 or inspectors not satisfied shall challenge the applicant forthwith.

7 2. If a person who alleges [~~his~~] an inability to sign his or her name  
8 presents himself or herself to vote, the board of inspectors shall  
9 permit [~~him~~] such person to vote, unless challenged on other grounds,  
10 provided [~~he~~] the voter had been permitted to register without signing  
11 [~~his~~] the voter's name. The board shall enter the words "Unable to Sign"  
12 in the space on [~~his~~] the voter's registration poll record reserved for  
13 [~~his~~] the voter's signature or on the line [~~of~~] or space the computer  
14 generated registration list reserved for [~~his~~] the voter's signature at  
15 such election. If [~~his~~] the voter's signature appears upon [~~his~~] the  
16 voter's registration record or [~~upon~~] in the computer generated regis-  
17 tration list the board shall challenge [~~him~~] the voter forthwith, except  
18 that if such a person claims that he or she is unable to sign his or her  
19 name by reason of a physical disability incurred since [~~his~~] the voter's  
20 registration, the board, if convinced of the existence of such disabili-  
21 ty, shall permit him or her to vote, shall enter the words "Unable to  
22 Sign" and a brief description of such disability in the space reserved  
23 for [~~his~~] the voter's signature at such election. At each subsequent  
24 election, if such disability still exists, [~~he~~] the voter shall be enti-  
25 tled to vote without signing [~~his~~] their name and the board of inspec-  
26 tors, without further notation, shall enter the words "Unable to Sign"  
27 in the space reserved for [~~his~~] the voter's signature at such election.

28 3. The voter's facsimile signature [~~made by him upon registration and~~  
29 ~~his signature made at subsequent elections~~] shall be effectively  
30 concealed from the voter by a blotter or [~~piece of opaque paper~~] other  
31 means until after the voter shall have completed [~~his~~] the signature.

32 § 10. Subdivision 3 of section 8-306 of the election law, as amended  
33 by chapter 154 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

34 3. Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness,  
35 disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a  
36 person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent  
37 of the employer or officer or agent of the voter's union. A voter enti-  
38 tled to assistance in voting who does not select a particular person may  
39 be assisted by two election inspectors not of the same political faith.  
40 The inspectors or person assisting a voter shall enter the voting  
41 machine or booth with [~~him~~] the voter, help [~~him~~] the voter in the prep-  
42 aration of [~~his~~] the voter's ballot and, if necessary, in the return of  
43 the voted ballot to the inspectors for deposit in the ballot box. The  
44 inspectors shall enter in the [~~remarks space on the registration poll~~  
45 ~~card of an assisted voter, or next to the name of~~] space provided for  
46 such voter [~~on~~] in the computer generated registration list, the name of  
47 each officer or person rendering such assistance.

48 § 11. Subdivision 2 of section 8-508 of the election law, as amended  
49 by chapter 200 of the laws of 1996, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter  
50 6 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

51 2. (a) The first section of such report shall be reserved for the  
52 inspectors of election to enter the name, address and registration seri-  
53 al number of each person who claims a change in name, or a change of  
54 address within the election district, together with the new name or  
55 address of each such person. In lieu of preparing section one of the  
56 challenge list, the board of elections may provide, next to the name of

1 each voter [~~en~~] in the computer generated registration list, a place for  
2 the inspectors of election to record the information required to be  
3 entered in such section one, or provide [~~at the end of such computer~~  
4 ~~generated~~] elsewhere in such registration list, a place for the inspec-  
5 tors of election to enter such information.

6 (b) The second section of such report shall be reserved for the board  
7 of inspectors to enter the name, address and registration serial number  
8 of each person who is challenged at the time of voting together with the  
9 reason for the challenge. If no voters are challenged, the board of  
10 inspectors shall enter the words "No Challenges" across the space  
11 reserved for such names. In lieu of preparing section two of the chal-  
12 lenge report, the board of elections may provide, next to the name of  
13 each voter [~~en~~] in the computer generated registration list, a place for  
14 the inspectors of election to record the information required to be  
15 entered in such section two, or provide [~~at the end of such computer~~  
16 ~~generated~~] elsewhere in such registration list, a place for the inspec-  
17 tors of election to enter such information.

18 (c) The third section of such report shall be reserved for the board  
19 of inspectors to enter the name, address and registration serial number  
20 of each voter given assistance, together with the reason the voter was  
21 allowed assistance, the name of the person giving such assistance and  
22 his address if not an inspector. If no voters are given assistance, the  
23 board of inspectors shall enter the words "No Assistance" across the  
24 space reserved for such names. In lieu of providing section three of the  
25 challenge report, the board of elections may provide, next to the name  
26 of each voter [~~en~~] in the computer generated registration list, a place  
27 for the inspectors of election to record the information required to be  
28 entered in such section three, or provide [~~at the end of such computer~~  
29 ~~generated~~] elsewhere in such registration list, a place for the inspec-  
30 tors of election to enter such information.

31 (d) The fourth section of such report shall be reserved for the board  
32 of inspectors to enter the name, address and registration serial number  
33 of each person who was permitted to vote pursuant to a court order, or  
34 to vote on a paper ballot which was inserted in an affidavit envelope.  
35 If there are no such names, such board shall enter the word "None"  
36 across the space provided for such names. In lieu of providing section  
37 four of such report, the board of elections may provide, next to the  
38 name of each voter [~~en~~] in the computer generated registration list, a  
39 place for the inspectors of election to record the information required  
40 to be entered in such section four, or provide [~~at the end of the~~  
41 ~~computer generated~~] elsewhere in such registration list, a place for the  
42 inspectors of election to enter such information.

43 (e) At the foot of such report [~~and~~] or at the end of any such comput-  
44 er generated registration list, if applicable, shall be [~~printed~~] a  
45 certificate that such report or list contains the names of all persons  
46 who were challenged on the day of election, and that each voter so  
47 reported as having been challenged took the oaths as required, that such  
48 report or list contains the names of all voters to whom such board gave  
49 or allowed assistance and lists the nature of the disability which  
50 required such assistance to be given and the names and family relation-  
51 ship, if any, to the voter of the persons by whom such assistance was  
52 rendered; that each such assisted voter informed such board under oath  
53 that he required such assistance and that each person rendering such  
54 assistance took the required oath; that such report or list contains the  
55 names of all voters who were permitted to vote although their registra-  
56 tion poll records were missing; that the entries made by such board are

1 a true and accurate record of its proceedings with respect to the  
2 persons named in such report or list.

3 (f) Upon the return of such report [~~and~~] or lists to the board of  
4 elections, it shall complete the investigation of voting qualifications  
5 of all persons named in the second section thereof or for whom entries  
6 were placed [~~on~~] in such computer generated registration lists in lieu  
7 of the preparation of the second section of the challenge report, and  
8 shall forthwith proceed to cancel the registration of any person who, as  
9 noted upon such report, or in such list, was challenged at such election  
10 and refused either to take a challenge oath or to answer any challenge  
11 question.

12 (g) The state board of elections shall prescribe a form of challenge  
13 report for use pursuant to the provisions of this section. Such form may  
14 require the insertion of such other information as the state board shall  
15 deem appropriate.

16 § 12. Section 8-510 of the election law, the section heading as  
17 amended by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, subdivision 1 as amended by  
18 chapter 200 of the laws of 1996, and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter  
19 43 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

20 § 8-510. Challenge report; completion of and [~~closing of registration~~  
21 ~~poll ledgers~~] procedure after. 1. Immediately after the close of the  
22 polls the board of inspectors of election shall verify the entries which  
23 it has made on the challenge report or [~~at the end of the~~] in the spaces  
24 provided in the computer generated registration list by comparing such  
25 entries with the information appearing on the registration poll records  
26 of the affected voters or the information appearing [~~next to the names~~  
27 ~~of such voters on~~] in the spaces provided in the computer generated  
28 registration list. If it has made no entries in section two, three or  
29 four of such report it shall write across or note in such section the  
30 words "No challenges", "No assistance" or "None", as the case may be, as  
31 directed in this chapter.

32 2. After completing such report the inspectors shall sign [~~the~~] a  
33 certificate [~~at the end of~~] in the spaces provided by the county board  
34 of elections for such report.

35 3. The inspectors shall place such completed report, and each court  
36 order, if any, directing that a person be permitted to vote, [~~inside a~~]  
37 in the secure container provided by the county board of elections for  
38 such ledger of registration records or computer generated registration  
39 lists [~~between the front cover, and the first registration record~~] and  
40 then shall close and seal each ledger of registration records or comput-  
41 er generated registration lists, [~~affix their signature to the seal,~~]  
42 lock such ledger in the carrying case furnished for that purpose and  
43 enclose the keys in a sealed package or seal such list in the envelope  
44 provided for that purpose.

45 § 13. Clauses (C) and (D) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of  
46 subdivision 2 of section 9-209 of the election law, as amended by chap-  
47 ter 308 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

48 (C) If such person is found to be registered and has not voted in  
49 person, an inspector shall compare the signature, if any, on each envel-  
50 ope with the signature, if any, on the registration poll record, the  
51 computer generated list of registered voters or the list of special  
52 presidential voters, of the person of the same name who registered from  
53 the same address. If the signatures are found to correspond, such  
54 inspector shall certify thereto by [~~signing~~] placing his or her initials  
55 in the [~~"Inspector's Initials" line on the~~] space provided in the



1 computer generated list of registered voters [~~or in the "remarks" column~~  
2 ~~as appropriate~~].

3 (D) If such person is found to be registered and has not voted in  
4 person, and if no challenge is made, or if a challenge made is not  
5 sustained, the envelope shall be opened, the ballot or ballots withdrawn  
6 without unfolding, and the ballot or ballots deposited in the proper  
7 ballot box or boxes, or envelopes, provided however that, in the case of  
8 a primary election, the ballot shall be deposited in the box only if the  
9 ballot is of the party with which the voter is enrolled according to the  
10 entry on the back of his or her registration poll record or [~~next to his~~  
11 ~~or her name on~~] in the computer generated registration list; if not, the  
12 ballot shall be rejected without inspection or unfolding and shall be  
13 returned to the envelope which shall be endorsed "not enrolled." At the  
14 time of the deposit of such ballot or ballots in the box or envelopes,  
15 the inspectors shall enter the words "absentee vote" or "military vote"  
16 in the space reserved for the voter's signature on the aforesaid list or  
17 in the "remarks" [~~column~~] space as appropriate, and shall enter the year  
18 and month of the election on the same line in the spaces provided there-  
19 for.

20 § 14. Subdivision 4 of section 11-206 of the election law, as amended  
21 by chapter 91 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

22 4. The registration poll records of special federal voters shall be  
23 filed, in alphabetical order, by election district. At each election at  
24 which [~~the ballots of~~] special federal voters are [~~delivered to the~~  
25 ~~inspectors of election in each election district~~] eligible to vote, the  
26 registration poll records of all special federal voters [~~eligible to~~  
27 ~~vote at such election~~] shall be delivered to such inspectors of election  
28 together with the other registration poll records or the names of such  
29 voters shall be included [~~on~~] in the computer generated registration  
30 list. Such records shall be delivered either in a separate poll ledger  
31 or a separate, clearly marked section, of the main poll ledger or [~~in a~~  
32 ~~separate,~~] be clearly marked[~~, section of~~] in the computer generated  
33 registration list as the board of elections shall determine.

34 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
35 the amendments to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of  
36 section 8-302 of the election law made by section eight of this act  
37 shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 3  
38 of the laws of 2019, takes effect.

39 PART O

40 Intentionally Omitted

41 PART P

42 Intentionally Omitted

43 PART Q

44 Intentionally Omitted

45 PART R

46 Intentionally Omitted

47 PART S

1 Intentionally Omitted

2 PART T

3 Intentionally Omitted

4 PART U

5 Intentionally Omitted

6 PART V

7 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 94 of the executive law, as  
8 amended by section 6 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 1. There is established within the department of state a joint commis-  
11 sion on public ethics which shall consist of fourteen members and shall  
12 have and exercise the powers and duties set forth in this section with  
13 respect to statewide elected officials, members of the legislature and  
14 employees of the legislature, and state officers and employees, as  
15 defined in sections seventy-three and seventy-three-a of the public  
16 officers law, candidates for statewide elected office and for the senate  
17 or assembly, and the political party chairman as that term is defined in  
18 section seventy-three-a of the public officers law, lobbyists and the  
19 clients of lobbyists as such terms are defined in article one-A of the  
20 legislative law, and individuals who have formerly held such positions,  
21 were lobbyists or clients of lobbyists, as such terms are defined in  
22 article one-A of the legislative law, or who have formerly been such  
23 candidates. The commission shall also have and exercise the powers set  
24 forth in this section with respect to covered municipal officers as such  
25 term is defined in section eight hundred ten of the general municipal  
26 law, provided, however, that the jurisdiction of the joint commission on  
27 public ethics with respect to such covered municipal officers shall be  
28 limited to the provisions of this section relating to the filing of  
29 accurate annual statements of financial disclosure, and provided,  
30 further, if the commission has a reasonable basis to believe that there  
31 are ethical or legal issues outside its jurisdiction, but related to the  
32 annual statement of financial disclosure, such issues shall be referred  
33 to the appropriate body as defined in section eight hundred ten of the  
34 general municipal law or the district attorney from the county where the  
35 municipal corporation is located. This section shall not be deemed to  
36 have revoked or rescinded any regulations or advisory opinions issued by  
37 the legislative ethics commission, the commission on public integrity,  
38 the state ethics commission and the temporary lobbying commission in  
39 effect upon the effective date of chapter fourteen of the laws of two  
40 thousand seven which amended this section to the extent that such regu-  
41 lations or opinions are not inconsistent with any law of the state of  
42 New York, but such regulations and opinions shall apply only to matters  
43 over which such commissions had jurisdiction at the time such regu-  
44 lations and opinions were promulgated or issued. The commission shall  
45 undertake a comprehensive review of all such regulations and opinions,  
46 which will address the consistency of such regulations and opinions  
47 among each other and with the new statutory language, and of the effec-  
48 tiveness of the existing laws, regulations, guidance and ethics enforce-  
49 ment structure to address the ethics of covered public officials and  
50 related parties. Such review shall be conducted with the legislative

1 ethics commission and, to the extent possible, the report's findings  
2 shall reflect the full input and deliberations of both commissions after  
3 joint consultation. The commission shall, before February first, two  
4 thousand fifteen, report to the governor and legislature regarding such  
5 review and shall propose any regulatory or statutory changes and issue  
6 any advisory opinions necessitated by such review.

7 § 2. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 19 of section 94  
8 of the executive law, as amended by section 6 of part A of chapter 399  
9 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) the information set forth in an annual statement of financial  
11 disclosure filed pursuant to section seventy-three-a of the public offi-  
12 cers law and pursuant to subdivision three of section eight hundred  
13 eleven and subdivision one of section eight hundred twelve of the gener-  
14 al municipal law, except information deleted pursuant to paragraph (h)  
15 of subdivision nine of this section;

16 § 3. Section 810 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a  
17 new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

18 13. "Covered municipal officer" means (a) any individual elected to  
19 serve the government of any municipal corporation who receives compen-  
20 sation of fifty thousand dollars or more annually from such municipal  
21 corporation as well as (b) any individual who is either elected or  
22 appointed to serve as county executive, county manager, or chair of the  
23 county board of supervisors.

24 § 4. Section 811 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a  
25 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

26 3. (a) Notwithstanding any local law, ordinance, or resolution provid-  
27 ing for the annual filing of an annual statement of financial disclo-  
28 sure, a covered municipal officer shall be required to file the annual  
29 statement of financial disclosure set forth in section seventy-three-a  
30 of the public officers law with the joint commission on public ethics,  
31 provided, however a covered municipal officer may satisfy the filing  
32 requirements of this subdivision by filing a copy of the statement of  
33 financial disclosure filed pursuant to paragraph (a) or (a-1) of subdivi-  
34 sion one of this section with the joint commission on public ethics on  
35 or before the filing deadline provided in section seventy-three-a of the  
36 public officers law, if such statement of financial disclosure filed  
37 pursuant to paragraph (a) or (a-1) of subdivision one of this section  
38 has been authorized by the joint commission on public ethics pursuant to  
39 paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

40 (b) The governing body of each municipal corporation may adopt a  
41 resolution to request authorization from the joint commission on public  
42 ethics for its covered municipal officers to file with the joint commis-  
43 sion on public ethics a copy of the annual statement of financial  
44 disclosure filed pursuant to paragraph (a) or (a-1) of subdivision one  
45 of this section to satisfy the filing requirements of a covered municip-  
46 al officer of paragraph (a) of this subdivision. The joint commission  
47 on public ethics shall promptly make a determination in response to each  
48 request, which shall include an explanation for its determination. If  
49 authorization is denied, the municipal corporation may amend its request  
50 and resubmit.

51 (c) The governing body of each municipal corporation may adopt a local  
52 law, ordinance, or resolution authorizing its covered municipal officers  
53 to satisfy the filing requirements of paragraph (a) or (a-1) of subdivi-  
54 sion one of this section by filing a copy of the annual statement of  
55 financial disclosure as set forth in section seventy-three-a of the

1 public officers law filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision  
2 with the appropriate body.

3 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 812 of the general municipal law is  
4 amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

5 (j) A covered municipal officer shall be required to file the annual  
6 statement of financial disclosure set forth in section seventy-three-a  
7 of the public officers law with the joint commission on public ethics. A  
8 covered municipal officer may satisfy the filing requirements of para-  
9 graph (a) of this subdivision by filing a copy of the annual statement  
10 of financial disclosure filed pursuant to this paragraph with the appro-  
11 priate body.

12 § 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

13 PART W

14 Intentionally Omitted

15 PART X

16 Intentionally Omitted

17 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
18 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
19 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
20 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
21 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
22 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
23 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
24 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
25 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
27 the applicable effective date of Parts A through X of this act shall be  
28 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.