

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sens. BENJAMIN, GAUGHRAN, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to voter notification of special elections

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4-120 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 359 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. The board of elections shall publish once in each of the two weeks  
5 preceding a general election, or a special or village election conducted  
6 by the board of elections, a notice specifying the day of the election,  
7 and the public officers to be voted for within such county, or any part  
8 thereof at such election. The board of elections shall, as soon as  
9 practicable, but not less than two weeks prior to any special election,  
10 prominently display on its website the date and hours of the election,  
11 the offices to be voted on in the county, part of a county, or the city  
12 of New York, and a link to any poll site information or poll location  
13 tools, where available. To the extent practicable, such information  
14 shall also be publicly disseminated to local governments, munici-  
15 palities, and community boards for publication on any public-facing  
16 internet website, web application, web domain or digital application,  
17 including a social network or search engine. If constitutional amend-  
18 ments, or questions are to be submitted to the voters of the state, the  
19 notice shall state that fact and that a copy of each such amendment or  
20 question may be obtained at the board of elections, by any voter. Such  
21 publication shall be in two newspapers published within the county. If

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

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1 the county contains a city or cities, at least one of such newspapers  
2 shall be published in the city, or the largest city, if there be more  
3 than one.

4 In the case of a village election, such publication shall be made in a  
5 newspaper of general circulation in such village and shall include an  
6 abstract of any proposition to be voted upon at such election.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.