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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ORTIZ --
read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the notice of the days
and hours for voting in primary and general 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 4-117 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 3 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:
3 1. The board of elections, between August first and August fifth of
4 each year, shall send by mail on which is endorsed such language desig-
5 nated by the state board of elections to ensure postal authorities do
6 not forward such mail but return it to the board of elections with
7 forwarding information, when it cannot be delivered as addressed and
8 which contains a request that any such mail received for persons not
9 residing at the address be dropped back in the mail, a communication, in
10 a form approved by the state board of elections, to every registered
11 voter who has been registered without a change of address since the
12 beginning of such year, except that the board of elections shall not be
13 required to send such communications to voters in inactive status. The
14 communication shall notify the voter in bold print of at least sixteen
15 point font contained in such notice of the days and hours of the ensuing
16 primary and general elections, the place where he appears by his regis-
17 tration records to be entitled to vote, and also in other than bold type
18 of the fact that voters who have moved or will have moved from the
19 address where they were last registered must re-register or, that if
20 such move was to another address in the same county or city, that such
21 voter may either notify the board of elections of his new address or
22 vote by paper ballot at the polling place for his new address even if
23 such voter has not re-registered, or otherwise notified the board of
24 elections of the change of address. If the primary will not be held on
25 the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September, the communi-

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

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1 cation shall contain a conspicuous notice in all capital letters and
2 bold font notifying the voter of the primary date. If the location of
3 the polling place for the voter's election district has been moved, the
4 communication shall contain the following legend in bold type: "YOUR
5 POLLING PLACE HAS BEEN CHANGED. YOU NOW VOTE AT.....". The communi-
6 cation shall also indicate whether the polling place is accessible to
7 physically disabled voters, that a voter who will be out of the city or
8 county on the day of the primary or general election or a voter who is
9 ill or physically disabled may obtain an absentee ballot, that a phys-
10 ically disabled voter whose polling place is not accessible may request
11 that his registration record be moved to an election district which has
12 a polling place which is accessible, the phone number to call for appli-
13 cations to move a registration record or for absentee ballot applica-
14 tions, the phone number to call for the location of registration and
15 polling places, the phone number to call to indicate that the voter is
16 willing to serve on election day as an election inspector, poll clerk,
17 interpreter or in other capacities, the phone number to call to obtain
18 an application for registration by mail, and such other information
19 concerning the elections or registration as the board may include. In
20 lieu of sending such communication to every registered voter, the board
21 of elections may send a single communication to a household containing
22 more than one registered voter, provided that the names of all such
23 voters appear as part of the address on such communication.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of December next succeed-
25 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.