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Introduced by Sens. MYRIE, BIAGGI, GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN, KAVANAGH, KRUEGER, LIU, RIVERA, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to authorize the city of New York to establish an electronic voter registration transmittal system for New York city residents; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, regulation or policy to the contrary, any municipal agency so authorized by local law of the city of New York may establish and maintain an electronic personal voter registration transmittal system for applicants who are New York city residents. Such system may be established before the establishment of any system otherwise authorized by law, and the existence of the system authorized by this section shall not be deemed to preclude New York city residents from utilizing any system otherwise authorized by law. Completed applications that are filed using the system authorized by this section, when transmitted to the board of elections in the city of New York not later than the twentieth day before the next ensuing primary, general or special election, shall entitle the applicant to vote in such election provided the board determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified. Applications shall be processed by such board in the manner prescribed in by section 5-210 of the election law or, if the applicant is already registered to vote from another address in New York state, in the manner prescribed by section 5-208 of the election law. Such board shall send the appropriate notice of approval or rejection as required by either subdivision 9 of section 5-210 of the election law or subdivision 5 of section 5-208 of the election law. Such system may utilize an electronic or manual signature

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

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that is in the custody of the department of motor vehicles, the state board of elections, any other agency designated by section 5-211 or 5-212 of the election law, or any agency designated as a participating agency or authorized to collect such signatures under section 1057-a or 1057-f of the New York city charter, with the consent of the individual that produced the signature. The online voter registration application utilized by such electronic personal voter registration transmittal system may contain such minor, non-substantive variations of the requirements of section 5-210 of the election law with respect to the format and content of the application as may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the electronic collection, transmission, and storage of data, provided that the application shall include all of the voter registration information required by such section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed repealed 90 days after the date that a statewide electronic voter registration transmittal system, to be established by the state board of elections pursuant to title 8 of article 5 of the election law, as added by part CCC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2019, is operational and accessible to residents of the city of New York. The state board of elections shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the date that such system is operational and accessible in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.