STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing an offense for fraud relating to voter registration forms

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

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 190.90 to read as follows:

§ 190.90 Fraud relating to voter registration forms.

1. A person shall be guilty of fraud relating to voter registration forms if they knowingly distribute a voter registration form, by mail, electronically, or by any other means to a voter or applicant, with knowledge that the boxes or circles for party enrollment on such form have been marked by a person other than such voter or applicant before such form is distributed.

2. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this article or of any other law, any person convicted under this section shall be punished by a fine of one thousand dollars for each such offense in addition to any other applicable penalties.

3. For the purposes of this section, the term "person" includes a natural person, a party organization, an association, board, any corporation, whether municipal, stock or non-stock, court, governmental agency, authority or subdivision, partnership or other firm and the state.

Fraud relating to voter registration forms is a class B misdemeanor.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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