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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, BIAGGI, LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee ballot tracking

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-414 to read as follows:

§ 8-414. Absentee ballot tracking. The state board of elections shall establish a secure website or web portal through which any registered voter in the state who has submitted an application for an absentee ballot, or who otherwise has a right to receive an absentee ballot, for an upcoming election pursuant to this chapter may view the current status of their absentee application or absentee ballot. Such website shall not require users to create an account. Such website shall indicate for each such voter whether the voter's board of elections has:

1. received such voter's request for an absentee ballot, if applicable;

2. approved or rejected such request, if applicable, and, if rejected, a brief statement of the reason for rejection;

3. mailed or delivered an absentee ballot to such voter for such upcoming election;

4. received such voter's completed absentee ballot for such upcoming election; and

5. counted or rejected such voter's completed absentee ballot for such upcoming election, and, if rejected, a brief statement of the reason for rejection.

§ 2. The state board of elections is authorized to request applicable data from each county board of elections and the New York city board of elections in order to provide tracking information required in section

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

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8-414 of the election law, as added by section one of this act as timely and accurately as possible.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the state board of elections shall be authorized to implement necessary rules and regulations and to take steps required to implement this act.