STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

August 17, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring the state board of elections to fit registration forms to standard paper size

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph and paragraph (l) of subdivision 5 of section 5-210 of the election law, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2005 and paragraph (l) as amended by chapter 536 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

Statewide application forms shall be designed by the state board of elections, which shall conform to the requirements for the national voter registration form in the rules and regulations promulgated by the federal election commission and the federal Help America Vote Act, and shall elicit the information required for the registration poll record. The form **must be sized to standard 8.5 x 11 inches paper and** shall include such other information as the state board of elections may reasonably require to enable the board of elections to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process and shall also include the following information:

(l) The mail voter registration application form developed by the federal election commission pursuant to the provisions of section nine of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 42 USC 1973gg-7 shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this section **so long as it is sized to standard 8.5 x 11 inches paper**. Any application for registration received on such an application form shall be accepted if the applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote pursuant to the provisions of this article. A voter whose registration is accepted pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be permitted to furnish an e-mail address to the board of elections, which furnishing shall carry the same notice and have the same effect as provided by subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (k) of this subdivision.

§ 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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