STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing for electronic administration of examinations of election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 3-412 of the election law, as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as follows:

1. Each board of elections shall, at least once every year, conduct a mandatory school for the instruction of election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators. [~~They~~] **Except as described in subdivision three of this section, they** shall be given written notice stating the time and place at which such school or schools shall be held.

3. Election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators as required by this section shall, upon their original designation[~~, and every year thereafter,~~] complete a course of instruction[~~, and, before certification, pass an examination thereon~~] **which shall be offered both electronically and in person. Before certification for their original designation and every year thereafter election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators shall pass an examination thereon which may be administered electronically or in person**. The state board of elections shall supply each board of elections with instructional material to be used in the preparation for such examinations and shall give each such board of elections uniform directions for the conduct of such examinations **and notice requirements for electronic instruction and examinations**, which, it shall be the duty of the board to follow. Every such board may utilize additional materials selected by it in the course of instruction. No person taking such examination shall be permitted to know the questions or answers in advance or be given access to the

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

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answers during the examination. If such inspectors or clerks pass such examination, the board of elections shall certify the designated election inspector or poll clerk.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.