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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. JORDAN, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, HELMING, LANZA, O'MARA, ORTT -- 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 requiring the disclosure of the applicant's social security number when registering to vote on an application for a motor vehicle driver's license

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 5-212 of the election law, as added by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

3. The voter registration portion of such forms:

(a) shall not require any information that duplicates the information required on the application for the driver license portion and shall require only such additional information, including the applicant's signature, as will enable election officials to assess the applicant's eligibility to register to vote, prevent duplicate registration and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process.

(b) shall include a statement of the eligibility requirements for voter registration and shall require the applicant to attest by his **or her** signature that he **or she** meets those requirements under penalty of perjury.

(c) shall inform the applicant, in print identical to that used in the attestation section of the following:

(i) voter eligibility requirements;

(ii) penalties for submission of false registration application;

(iii) that the office where applicant registers shall remain confidential and the information be used only for voter registration purposes;

(iv) if the applicant declines to register, his **or her** declination shall remain confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes[~~;~~]**.**

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

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(d) notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, shall require the applicant to provide his or her social security number.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth 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 effective date.