STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 19, 2021

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 voting in nursing homes and senior citizen residences

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 8-407 of the election law, as added by chapter 296 of the laws of 1988, is amended and a new subdivision 10-a is added to read as follows:

5. The board of elections shall deliver to each board of inspectors all the absentee ballots in the custody of such board of elections which are addressed to residents of the facilities which such board of inspectors is assigned to attend, together with **an additional supply of the appropriate absentee ballots for the election district in which the facility is located, absentee ballot envelopes, applications for absentee ballots,** one or more portable voting booths of a type approved by the state board of elections and such other supplies as such board of inspectors will require to discharge its duties properly.

10-a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8-402 of this title, the board of inspectors shall deliver an application for an absentee ballot to any resident of such facility for whom it does not have an absentee ballot and who requests such an application. The board of inspectors shall assist any such resident who requests assistance to complete such application. Upon receiving a completed application from any resident who is registered to vote at the facility, the board of inspectors shall forthwith deliver an absentee ballot and ballot envelope to such voter in the manner prescribed by this section. With respect to the application of any resident of the facility who is registered to vote from an election district other than the one in which the facility is located, the board of inspectors, if it does not have a supply of the appropriate ballot, shall forthwith obtain the appropriate

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

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ballot from the board of elections and deliver such ballot and envelope to such voter in the manner prescribed by this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.