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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to providing notice of voting rights to persons released from local jails

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

Section 1. Section 510 of the correction law, as added by chapter 103 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 510. Voting upon release. **1.** Prior to the release from a local correctional facility of any person convicted of a felony the chief administrative officer shall notify such person verbally and in writing that his or her voting rights will be restored upon release and provide such person with a form of application for voter registration and a declination form, offer such person assistance in filling out the appropriate form, and provide such person written information distributed by the board of elections on the importance and the mechanics of voting. Upon release, such person may choose to either submit his or her completed application to the state board or county board where such person resides or have the department transmit it on his or her behalf. Where such person chooses to have the department transmit the application, the chief administrative officer shall transmit the completed application upon such person's release to the state board or county board where such person resides.

2. Upon discharge from a local correctional facility of any person eighteen years of age or over, the chief administrative officer shall notify such person of his or her right to vote and provide such person with a form of application for voter registration together with written information distributed by the board of elections on the importance and the mechanics of voting.

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

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

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