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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 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:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph and paragraph (1) of subdivision 5 of
2 section 5-210 of the election law, the opening paragraph as amended by
3 chapter 179 of the laws of 2005 and paragraph (1) as amended by chapter
4 536 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

28 § 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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