

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 30, 2024

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- (at request of the State Board of Elections) -- 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 special ballots for a voter having medical exigency on election day

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

1 Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 11-310
2 to read as follows:

3 § 11-310. Special ballot on account of medical exigency on election
4 day. A person who by reason of medical exigency, including hospitaliza-
5 tion, that manifests no earlier than the day before an election, may
6 deliver on the day of the election an application that attests that such
7 person cannot attend the polls due to such medical exigency. The board
8 of elections shall, upon the approval of such application, provide to
9 such voter's designated agent any time prior to the close of polls on
10 election day a ballot; provided, however, that the distribution of such
11 ballot to such voter shall afford such voter sufficient time to return
12 such ballot prior to the close of polls. Such ballot shall be valid if
13 timely postmarked. Such ballots shall be canvassed pursuant to the
14 provisions of section 9-209 of this chapter.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
16 ing the date on which 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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