

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. TANNOUSIS -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring signatures on  
a voter registration form to be notarized and providing a fail-safe  
registration method

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (viii) and (xii) of paragraph (k) of subdivi-  
2 sion 5 of section 5-210 of the election law, as amended by chapter 113  
3 of the laws of 2023, are amended and a new subparagraph (xiv) is added  
4 to read as follows:

5 (viii) A statement informing the applicant that if the form is submit-  
6 ted by mail [~~and the applicant is registering for the first time,~~  
7 certain information or documents [~~must~~] may need to be submitted with  
8 the mail-in registration form [~~in order to avoid additional identifica-~~  
9 ~~tion requirements upon voting for the first time~~]. Such information and  
10 documents [~~are~~] may include:

11 (A) [~~a driver's license or department of motor vehicles non-driver~~  
12 ~~photo ID number, or~~

13 ~~(B) the last four digits of the individual's social security number,~~  
14 ~~or~~

15 ~~(C)~~ a copy of a current and valid government issued photo identifica-  
16 tion; [~~or~~

17 ~~(D)~~] and

18 (B) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government  
19 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and  
20 address of the voter.

21 (xii) A place for the applicant to execute the form on a line which is  
22 clearly labeled "signature of applicant" preceded by the following  
23 specific form of affirmation:

24 AFFIDAVIT: I swear or affirm that:

25 \* I am a citizen of the United States.

26 \* I will have lived in the county, city, or village for at least 30  
27 days before the election.

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

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1 \* I meet all the requirements to register to vote in New York  
 2 State.  
 3 \* This is my signature or mark on the line below.  
 4 \* All the information contained on this application is true. I  
 5 understand that if it is not true I can be convicted and fined up  
 6 to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to [~~four~~ **seven**] years.  
 7 which form of affirmation shall be followed by a space for the date and  
 8 the aforementioned line for the applicant's signature.

9 (xiv) A space for an applicant's signature to be notarized, accompa-  
 10 nyed by the following statement:

11 "In order for this application to be deemed complete, either your  
 12 signature, accompanied by the last four digits of your social security  
 13 number, must be notarized, or, if your signature is not notarized, then  
 14 you must provide a copy of a current and valid government-issued photo  
 15 identification and a copy of one of the following documents that shows  
 16 your name and address:

- 17 \* a current utility bill;
- 18 \* a bank statement;
- 19 \* a government check;
- 20 \* a paycheck;
- 21 \* or other government document;

22 as prescribed by the New York State Board of Elections, regardless of  
 23 whether you are registering to vote for the first time, or changing your  
 24 current voter registration status."

25 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 17-104 of the election law is amended to  
 26 read as follows:

27 5. Knowingly permits, aids, assists, abets, procures, commands or  
 28 advises another to commit any such act, is guilty of a **class D** felony.

29 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
 30 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
 31 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
 32 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
 33 on or before such effective date.