STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 1, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 enacting the "voting integrity and verification act of New York (VIVA NY)"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "voting integrity and verification act of New York (VIVA NY)".

§ 2. Section 1-104 of the election law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 40 and 41 to read as follows:

40. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term "nontabulating ballot marking device" means a voting machine that cannot and does not count or transmit votes and does not retain any official record of the voters' selections, but can mark or print voters' selections and have those selections printed on an individual, voter verifiable paper ballot.

41. The term "human readable paper ballot" means a paper ballot where all the candidates, ballot proposals and selections that could be tabulated are readable without assistance, other than eyeglasses or other standard personal vision enhancing devices.

§ 3. Subdivision 26 of section 7-104 of the election law, as added by chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

26. All paper ballots of the same kind for the same [~~polling place~~] **election district** shall be identical. **Each voter voting in a polling place is entitled to the use of an individual, voter verifiable paper ballot of the voter's vote and the opportunity to mark it privately and independently. For the purposes of this title, the term "individual, voter verifiable paper ballot" means a human readable paper ballot that is either (a) marked by the voter by hand; or (b) marked through the use of a nontabulating ballot marking device. Voters shall have both options**

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

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in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision available in every polling place.

§ 4. Subdivision 3 of section 7-106 of the election law, as amended by chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3. All paper ballots of the same kind for the same [~~polling place~~] **election district** shall be identical.

§ 5. Voting machines and systems purchased prior to the effective date of this act may continue to be used and maintained if they are designed and constructed to utilize individual, voter-verifiable paper ballots.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.