

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 nied 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.