STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 2, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rosenthal) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing notice of polling place location changes

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 4-104 of the election law, as amended by chapter 603 of the laws of 2025, is amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

(a) If the board of elections, after designating a polling place, and after sending written notice of such polling place to each registered voter, designates an alternative polling place, it must, at least [~~five~~] ***sixty*** days before the next election or day for registration, send by mail a written notice to each registered voter notifying such voter of the changed location of such polling place. If such notice is not possible the board of elections must provide for an alternative form of notice to be given to voters at the location of the previous polling place. ***The board of elections shall publish such notice of the changed location on its website no later than thirty days prior to the next election or day for registration, as applicable; provided that, in the event of an unforeseen situation occurring on or after such thirty-day period and rendering the whole or a substantial portion of a polling or registration place inoperable for election purposes on the next election day or registration deadline, as applicable, the board of elections shall publish notice of the changed location of the polling or registration location on its website no later than the date after the day the changed location is determined.***

(c) The board of elections shall also transmit the notice made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision by electronic mail, if such information is available to the board of elections in the voter's registration information. Notice by electronic mail pursuant to this paragraph shall not be deemed a substitute for written notice by mail.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 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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