STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON, SEAWRIGHT, JACKSON, LUNSFORD, TAYLOR, RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to providing for a separate line at polling places for persons with disabilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 8-104 of the election law, as amended by chapter 232 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

1. **(a)** The American flag shall be kept displayed at each polling place throughout the election.

(b) Facsimile ballots, voter information posting and distance markers shall not be taken down, torn or defaced during the election.

(c) While the polls are open no person shall do any electioneering within the polling place, or in any public street, within a one hundred foot radial measured from the entrances designated by the inspectors of election, to such polling place or within such distance in any place in a public manner; and no political banner, button, poster or placard shall be allowed in or upon the polling place or within such one hundred foot radial.

(d) While the polls are open no person shall consume any alcoholic beverages within the polling place.

(e) While the polls are open no person shall make any change, alteration or modification to any entrance to or exit from the polling place unless such change, alteration or modification allows for increased access for persons with disabilities or is necessary to maintain public safety due to the occurrence of an emergency. Any such change, alteration or modification shall be clearly marked on signage placed adjacent to the former entrance or exit.

(f) While the polls are open, there shall be a separate line for entrance to the polling place for use by persons with disabilities.

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

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Seating shall be provided for each person on this line. Admission to the polling place shall alternate between voters on this line and voters on the general admission line.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.