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IN SENATE

January 9, 2025

Introduced by Sens. BORRELLO, HELMING, OBERACKER -- 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 "voter registration integrity act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "voter registration integrity act".

§ 2. Section 5-210 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

5-a. In addition to documentation of New York residency, the board of elections shall require that each first-time voter registration application include one of the following:

(a) an original or certified copy of a birth certificate establishing United States citizenship;

(b) a valid United States passport;

(c) a certificate of naturalization or citizenship; or

(d) such other documentation that the board of elections determines establishes United States citizenship.

§ 3. Clause (D) of subparagraph (viii) of paragraph (k) of subdivision 5 of section 5-210 of the election law, as amended by chapter 113 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(D) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter**; and**

(E) in addition to documentation of New York residency, a copy of one of the following:

(1) an original or certified copy of a birth certificate establishing United States citizenship;

(2) a valid United States passport;

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

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(3) a certificate of naturalization or citizenship; or

(4) such other documentation that the board of elections determines establishes United States citizenship.

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