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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, BAILEY, FELDER, FERNANDEZ, SEPULVEDA --
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 including a statement
on the envelopes of ballots for absentee voters and special presiden-
tial voters for signature affirmation

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 7-122 of the election law, as
amended by chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
follows:

6. On the reverse side of such inner affirmation envelope shall be
printed the following statement:

AFFIRMATION

I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that I am duly
registered in the election district shown on the reverse side of this
envelope and I am qualified to vote in such district; that I will be
unable to appear personally on the day of the election for which this
ballot is voted at the polling place of the election district in which I
am a qualified voter because of the reason given on my application here-
tofore submitted; that I have not qualified nor do I intend to vote
elsewhere, that I have not committed any act nor am I under any imped-
iment which denies me the right to vote.

I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor.

Date.....20.....
Signature or mark of voter

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

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2 Signature of Witness (required only
3 if voter does not sign [~~his or her~~]
4 their own name)

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6 Address of Witness

7 IMPORTANT TO ABSENTEE VOTER: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION ON THIS
8 ENVELOPE.

9 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 7-125 of the election law, as amended by
10 chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

11 3. On the reverse side of such envelope shall be printed the follow-
12 ing statement:

13 STATEMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER

14 I do declare I am a qualified special presidential voter of said
15 district; that I am not qualified and am not able to qualify to vote
16 elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I
17 am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the election for
18 which this ballot is voted, I will be at least eighteen years of age;
19 and that I have not committed any act, nor am I under any impediment,
20 which denies me the right to vote.

21 I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of
22 my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material
23 false statement in the foregoing statement, I shall be guilty of a
24 misdemeanor.

25 Date.....20.....
26 Signature or mark of voter

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28 Signature of Witness (required only
29 if voter does not sign [~~his or her~~]
30 their own name)

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32 Address of Witness

33 IMPORTANT TO SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL VOTER: YOU MUST SIGN THE AFFIRMATION
34 ON THIS ENVELOPE.

35 § 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
36 law.