

STATE OF NEW YORK

7188

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 3, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 absentee voter applications

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-400 of the election law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

3 11. Prior to any village election, primary election, special election,
4 or general election, the board of elections shall send an absentee
5 ballot application to all voters who filed an absentee ballot applica-
6 tion pursuant to this section for the previous village election, primary
7 election, special election, or general election.

8 § 2. Section 8-400 of the election law is amended by adding a new
9 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

10 12. The board of elections shall establish a permanent absentee ballot
11 application list which shall indicate all voters who wish to receive an
12 absentee ballot application prior to any village election, primary
13 election, special election, or general election. A voter may request to
14 be placed on such list at any time by making an application to the
15 applicable board of elections electronically or by mail. A voter may
16 request to be removed from such list at any time by making a request to
17 the applicable board of elections in writing, electronically or by mail.

18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
19 section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the
20 same manner as a "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY
21 proposing an amendment to section 2 of article 2 of the constitution, in
22 relation to authorizing ballot by mail by removing cause for absentee
23 ballot voting" takes effect, in accordance with section 1 of article 19
24 of the constitution. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
25 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
26 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
27 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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