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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- 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 increasing the dollar value of items that may legally be given or provided to any person, other than persons who are official representatives of the board of elections or political parties and committees and persons who are engaged as watchers, in a polling place without any identification of the person or entity supplying such provisions

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

1 Section 1. Section 17-140 of the election law, as amended by chapter
2 414 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 17-140. Furnishing money or entertainment to induce attendance at
4 polls. Any person who directly or indirectly by [~~himself~~] themselves or
5 through any other person in connection with or in respect of any
6 election during the hours of voting on a day of a general, special or
7 primary election gives or provides, or causes to be given or provided,
8 or shall pay, wholly or in part, for any [~~meat,~~] drink, [~~tobacco,~~]
9 refreshment or provision to or for any person, other than persons who
10 are official representatives of the board of elections or political
11 parties and committees and persons who are engaged as watchers, party
12 representatives or workers assisting the candidate, except any such
13 [~~meat,~~] drink, [~~tobacco,~~] refreshment or provision having a retail value
14 of less than [~~one-dollar~~] five dollars, which is given or provided to
15 any person in a polling place without any identification of the person
16 or entity supplying such provisions, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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