

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law and the executive law, in relation to providing notice to individuals when their address confidentiality time period is expiring

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 5-508 of the
2 election law, as amended by chapter 521 of the laws of 2021, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) Upon application made to the board of elections pursuant to para-
5 graph (a) of this subdivision, the board of elections shall ensure that
6 any registration record kept or maintained in accordance with this arti-
7 cle and any other records with respect to such victim of domestic
8 violence be kept separate and apart from other such records and not be
9 made available for inspection or copying by the public or any other
10 person, except election officials acting within the course and scope of
11 their official duties and only as pertinent and necessary in connection
12 therewith. The confidentiality of such registration records shall begin
13 upon the board's acceptance of such sworn statement and continue for
14 four years from such date. A new application may be made prior to the
15 expiration of such [~~four-year~~ four-year] period. The board of elections
16 shall provide written notice to such victim no later than six months
17 prior to the expiration of such four-year period to inform them of the
18 upcoming expiration and the opportunity to reapply.

19 § 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 108 of the executive
20 law, as added by chapter 502 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (e) Participants shall be certified for four years following the date
23 of filing, unless the certification is withdrawn or cancelled before
24 that date. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations for
25 renewal of applications pursuant to this section, including, but not
26 limited to, requiring that written notice be provided to the participant
27 no later than six months prior to the expiration of such four-year peri-

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

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1 od to inform the participant of the upcoming expiration and the opportu-
2 nity to reapply.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.