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:

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

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

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

(e) Participants shall be certified for four years following the date of filing, unless the certification is withdrawn or cancelled before that date. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations for renewal of applications pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, requiring that written notice be provided to the participant 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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§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.