

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

April 26, 2021

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 electronic applications for absentee ballots; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 8-400 of the  
2 election law, as separately amended by chapters 97 and 104 of the laws  
3 of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

4 (d) The board of elections shall mail an absentee ballot to every  
5 qualified voter otherwise eligible for such a ballot, [~~who~~] when such  
6 voter requests [~~such~~] an absentee ballot from such board of elections in  
7 writing in a letter, telefax indicating the address, phone number and  
8 the telefax number from which the writing is sent or other written  
9 instrument, or an electronic application submitted by the voter by elec-  
10 tronic mail or through an electronic transmittal system or web portal  
11 established by the state board of elections or city or county board of  
12 elections, which is [~~signed by the voter and~~] received by the board of  
13 elections not earlier than the thirtieth day nor later than the seventh  
14 day before the election for which the ballot is first requested and  
15 which states the address where the voter is registered and the address  
16 to which the ballot is to be mailed; provided, however, a military voter  
17 may request a military ballot or voter registration application or an  
18 absentee ballot application in a letter as provided in subdivision three  
19 of section 10-106 of this chapter; and provided further, a special  
20 federal voter may request a special federal ballot or voter registration  
21 application or an absentee ballot application in a letter as provided in  
22 paragraph d of subdivision one of section 11-202 of this chapter. The  
23 board of elections shall enclose with such ballot a form of application

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

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1 for absentee ballot if the applicant is registered with such board of  
2 elections.  
3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
4 deemed repealed on December 31, 2021.