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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 4

Bill #: AL-30

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3 **An Act To**

4 Amend § 5-210 subdivision 5 of the New York State Election Law to require all  
5 eligible New York State residents to be automatically registered to vote.

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

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9 **Purpose**

10 To automatically register all eligible New York residents to vote when acquiring or  
11 renewing a New York State identification and state license.

12 **Summary of Provisions**

13 **Section 1: Definitions**

14 **State Identification Card:** a state issued card for people who do not own a driver's  
15 license that gives identifying data about a person, as full name, address, age, and  
16 the color of his/her hair and eyes.

17 **Section 2:**

18 § 5-210. Registration and enrollment and change of enrollment upon application.

19 5.) Statewide application forms shall be designed by the state board of  
20 elections, which shall conform to the requirements for the national voter  
21 registration form in the rules and regulations promulgated by the federal election  
22 commission and the federal Help America Vote Act, and shall elicit the information  
23 required for the registration poll record. All residents of New York State that are  
24 acquiring or renewing a state issued identification card or a state license who meet  
25 the requirements of being a U.S. Citizen, being 18 years old by the end of the year,  
26 living at their present address at least 30 days before an election, not being in  
27 prison or on parole for a felony conviction, not being adjudged mentally  
28 incompetent by a court and not claiming the right to vote elsewhere will be  
29 automatically registered to vote.

30 **Justification**

31 By automatically being registered to vote, New Yorkers will not have to disrupt their  
32 busy day to acquire a registration form to fill out and wait for their form to be  
33 processed. Being registered to vote does not enforce residents to vote but enables  
34 New Yorkers to act upon the right given to them as an American citizen. The extra  
35 step to fill out the paper form will be out of the way, and will increase the number  
36 of registered voters from ten million, which is only half of New York's population.  
37 This will also help New Yorkers vote in local, statewide and national elections,  
38 where the state's voter turnout has been very low.

39 **Fiscal Implications**

40 This bill will have minor and absorbable costs to the DMV within the state budget.

41 **Effective Date**

42 This bill will go in effect six months after its passage.