

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2016**

No. 138

Introduced by Council Members Wills, Barron, Mendez, Rodriguez, Miller, Menchaca, Kallos, Rosenthal, Lander, Van Bramer, Levin and Williams.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the New York city charter, in relation to the department of correction promoting absentee voting among jailed individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 1057-a of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. In addition to the other requirements of this section, the department of correction shall implement and administer a program of distribution and submission of absentee ballot applications, and subsequently received absentee ballots, for eligible inmates. Such department shall offer, to all inmates who are registered to vote, absentee ballot applications, and a means to complete them, during the period from sixty days prior to any primary, special, or general election in the city of New York until two weeks prior to any such election. Such department shall subsequently provide any absentee ballot received from the board of elections in response to any such application to the applicable inmate, as well as a means to complete it. Such department shall provide assistance to any such inmate in filling out such application or ballot upon request. Such department shall, not later than five days after receipt, transmit such completed applications and ballots from any inmate who wishes to have them transmitted to the board of elections for the city of New York. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply in any specific instance in which the department deems it unsafe to comply therewith.

§2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on October 27, 2016 and approved by the Mayor on November 16, 2016.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 138 of 2016, Council Int. No. 464-A of 2014) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel