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A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to ensuring that eligible pre-trial detainees are allowed to register to vote and vote by absentee ballot.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 1058 of chapter 46 of the charter of the city of New York is amended to add a new subdivision 8, to read as follows:

- 8. (a) The department of correction shall ensure that all pre-trial detainees incarcerated at its facilities who are eligible to vote, receive, upon request, a voter registration form.
- (b) The department of correction shall ensure that all pre-trial detainees incarcerated at its facilities who are eligible to vote are afforded the opportunity to do so through completion of an absentee ballot.
- (c) The distribution, collection and submission of voter registration forms and absentee ballots shall conform to the requirements of this section.

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§2. This local law shall take effect sixty days after its enactment.

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