STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to actions or proceedings involving section one of article nineteen of the state constitution

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

Section 1. The civil practice law and rules is amended by adding a new section 516 to read as follows:

§ 516. Actions or proceedings involving section one of article nineteen of the state constitution. 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in any action or proceeding involving section one of article nineteen of the state constitution, venue shall be proper only in one of the following designated courts in a judicial department within which at least one plaintiff is located:

(a) first judicial department: New York county;

(b) second judicial department: Westchester county;

(c) third judicial department: Albany county; or

(d) fourth judicial department: Erie county.

2. For purposes of this section, an action or proceeding involving section one of article nineteen of the state constitution shall include but not be limited to an action or proceeding involving any claim, counter-claim, cross-claim, defense, or affirmative defense raised by any party related to the process for proposing a constitutional amendment, the process by which a constitutional amendment is placed on the ballot, the manner in which a constitutional amendment appears on the ballot, an election related to a constitutional amendment, or the interpretation of an enacted constitutional amendment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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