

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 8 of article 2 of the constitution, in relation to the composition of boards of elections

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 8 of arti-  
2 cle 2 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:  
3 § 8. All laws creating, regulating or affecting boards or officers  
4 charged with the duty of qualifying voters, or of distributing ballots  
5 to voters, or of receiving, recording or counting votes at elections,  
6 shall secure equal representation of the two political parties which, at  
7 the general election next preceding that for which such boards or offi-  
8 cers are to serve, cast the highest and the next highest number of  
9 votes. All such boards and officers shall be appointed or elected in  
10 such manner, and upon the nomination of such representatives of said  
11 parties respectively, as the legislature may direct and shall have such  
12 other qualifications for performing their duties as the legislature may  
13 direct. Existing laws on this subject shall continue until the legisla-  
14 ture shall otherwise provide. This section shall not apply to town, or  
15 village elections.  
16 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment  
17 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
18 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in  
19 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
20 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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