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Introduced by M. of A. SCHIMMINGER, GALEF, DeMONTE, LATIMER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, CAHILL, GOTTFRIED, HOOPER, JOHN, MAGEE, PHEFFER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the joint nomination of candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 5 of section 6-104 of the election
2 law are amended to read as follows:
3 1. Party designation of a candidate for nomination for any office to
4 be filled by the voters of the entire state shall be made by the state
5 committee. CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVER-
6 NOR SHALL BE DESIGNATED JOINTLY BY A SINGLE VOTE.
7 2. The state committee shall make a decision by majority vote. The
8 person OR PERSONS receiving the majority vote shall be the party's
9 designated candidate OR GROUP OF CANDIDATES for nomination, and all
10 other persons OR GROUPS OF PERSONS who shall have received twenty-five
11 percent or more of the vote cast on any ballot shall have the right to
12 make written demand, duly acknowledged, to the state board of elections
13 that their names appear on the primary ballot as candidates for such
14 nomination. Such demand shall be made not later than seven days after
15 such meeting and may be withdrawn in the same manner within fourteen
16 days after such meeting.
17 5. Enrolled members of the party may make other designations by peti-
18 tion for [a member] MEMBERS of the same party. A PETITION DESIGNATING A
19 CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE
20 VALID ONLY IF IT JOINTLY DESIGNATES CANDIDATES FOR BOTH SUCH OFFICES ON
21 SUCH PETITION.
22 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 7-114 of the election law is amended by
23 adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

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

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1 (E) WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEU-
2 TENANT GOVERNOR, BALLOTS SHALL BE PRINTED SO THAT THE NAMES OF CANDI-
3 DATES FOR BOTH OFFICES WHO WERE DESIGNATED JOINTLY SHALL APPEAR IN THE
4 SAME ROW OR COLUMN, WITH THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR APPEAR-
5 ING FIRST AND THE MACHINE SHALL BE SO ADJUSTED THAT BOTH OFFICES ARE
6 VOTED FOR JOINTLY AND HAVE BUT ONE DESIGNATING LETTER OR NUMBER.

7 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.