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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to withdrawal from a runoff election after a primary

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

1 Section 1. Section 6-162 of the election law, as amended by chapter 2 418 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

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- S 6-162. Primary; New York City, run-off. 1. In the city of New York, when no candidate for the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller receives forty percent or more of the votes cast by the members of a political party for such office in a city-wide primary election, the board of elections of such city shall conduct a run-off primary election between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the same office.
- 10 ANY JURISDICTION THAT AUTHORIZES A RUN-OFF ELECTION AFTER A 11 PRIMARY ELECTION, IF ONE OF THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE GREATEST SAME OFFICE FILES WITH THE LOCAL BOARD OF 12 NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE ELECTIONS A CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL WITHIN THREE DAYS FOLLOWING SUCH 13 PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ACCEPT AND CERTIFY THE WITHDRAWAL AND 14 DECLARE THE REMAINING CANDIDATE THE WINNER AND NO SUCH RUN-OFF 15 16 ELECTION SHALL BE HELD. SUCH CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL SHALL BE IN AFFIDAVIT OR AFFIRMATION FORM AS DETERMINED BY 17 THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. 18
- 19 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall 20 have become a law.

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

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