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Introduced by M. of A. CHRISTENSEN, PHEFFER, GALEF, JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DINOWITZ, JOHN, MAGEE, MORELLE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to limiting a candidate to one authorized committee per election, per office

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

Section 1. Section 14-100 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-A. "MULTI-CANDIDATE COMMITTEE" MEANS A POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, HAS RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY FROM MORE THAN FIFTY PERSONS, HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY TO AT LEAST FIVE CANDIDATES IN NEW YORK STATE, MAKES ONLY MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND IS NOT AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR ANY CANDIDATE.

S 2. Section 14-112 of the election law, as amended by chapter 930 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

S 14-112. Political committee authorization statement. Any political committee aiding or taking part in the election or nomination of any candidate, other than by making contributions, shall file, in the office in which the statements of such committee are to be filed pursuant to this article, either a sworn verified statement by the treasurer of such committee AND THE CANDIDATE that [the] SUCH candidate has authorized the political committee to aid or take part in his OR HER election or A SWORN VERIFIED STATEMENT BY THE TREASURER OF SUCH COMMITTEE that the candidate has not authorized the committee to aid or take part in his OR HER election. NO CANDIDATE MAY AUTHORIZE MORE THAN ONE COMMITTEE FOR ANY ONE ELECTION. A MULTI-CANDIDATE COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE.

S 3. 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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