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Introduced by Sens. ADDABBO, OPPENHEIMER, PERALTA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- recommitted to the Committee on Elections in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to prohibiting candidates from authorizing more than one political committee for any one election

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

Section 1. 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] AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE; POLITICAL committee authorization statement. 1. 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.

2. NO CANDIDATE MAY AUTHORIZE MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR ANY ONE ELECTION. ANY CANDIDATE WHO, ON DECEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, HAS AUTHORIZED MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR ANY ONE ELECTION SHALL, NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SAID DATE, DISAVOW ALL BUT ONE OF SUCH COMMITTEES, IN WRITING, TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE BY AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL. A MULTI-CANDIDATE COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE.

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

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3. CAMPAIGN FUNDS REMAINING IN ANY DISAVOWED COMMITTEE SHALL BE DISPOSED OF PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the state board of elections shall notify all candidates and political committees of the applicable provisions of this act within thirty days after this act shall have become a law.