

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SQUADRON -- 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 notifying voters that New York practices a closed primary system

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 5-210 of the election law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (n) to read as follows:

3 (n) Notice in bold font, at least twice the size of all other font,  
4 stating: "The state of New York practices a closed party system, mean-  
5 ing, only registered members of a particular party are allowed to vote  
6 in that party's primary election. Thus, for example, if you wish to vote  
7 in the Democratic primary, you must register as a Democrat. Likewise,  
8 if you wish to vote in the Republican primary, you must register as a  
9 Republican. Regardless of how you register, you can vote for any party  
10 in the general election."

11 § 2. 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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