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## IN SENATE

January 15, 2019

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, BIAGGI -- 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 prohibition of state  
party names; and to repeal subdivision 4 of section 2-124 of such law  
relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2-124 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:  
3 2. The name of a party shall be in the English language and shall not  
4 include the words "American", "United States", "National", "New York  
5 State", "Independence" or "Independent", or "Empire State", or any  
6 abbreviation or plural thereof, nor the name or part of the name, or an  
7 abbreviation of the name, of an existing party. The emblem chosen may  
8 be a star, an animal, an anchor, or any other proper symbol, but may not  
9 be the same as or similar to any emblem, insignia, symbol or flag used  
10 by any political or governmental body, agency or entity nor any reli-  
11 gious emblem, insignia, symbol or flag, nor the portrait of any person,  
12 nor the representation of a coin or of the currency of the United  
13 States. The name and emblem chosen shall not be similar to or likely to  
14 create confusion with the name or emblem of any other existing party or  
15 independent body.  
16 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2-124 of the election law is REPEALED.  
17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to poli-  
18 tical parties in existence on and after January 1, 2020.

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

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