STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 7, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law and the election law, in relation to prohibiting foreign agents from holding public office and political party positions

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

Section 1. Section 3 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-b to read as follows:

1-b. No person shall be capable of holding a civil office who shall be or who has ever been a foreign agent. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "foreign agent" means a person who acts at the order, request, or under the direction or control of a foreign government, organization or person outside of the United States or persons who are controlled or subsidized in major part by a foreign government, organization or person outside of the United States.

§ 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 2-126 to read as follows:

§ 2-126. Party positions; prohibited persons. No person who is or has ever been a foreign agent shall hold a party position. For the purposes of this section, the term "foreign agent" means a person who acts at the order, request, or under the direction or control of a foreign government, organization or person outside of the United States or persons who are controlled or subsidized in major part by a foreign government, organization or person outside of the United States.

§ 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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