

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

December 4, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to requiring electors to vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes in the state

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-106 of the election law is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 § 12-106. Electoral college; vote of the electors. 1. Immediately
4 after the organization of the electoral college, the electors shall then
5 and there vote by ballot for president and vice president, but no elec-
6 tor shall vote for more than one person who is a resident of this state.
7 They shall name in separate ballots the persons voted for as president
8 and vice president. They shall make and sign six certificates of all the
9 votes given by them, each of which certificates shall contain two
10 distinct lists, one with the votes for president and one with the votes
11 for vice president. There shall be annexed to each of the certificates
12 one of the lists of electors which shall have been furnished to them by
13 the state board of elections. They shall seal up the certificates so
14 made and certify upon each that the lists of all the votes of this state
15 given for president and vice president are contained therein.

16 2. Notwithstanding any other section of law, each elector shall cast
17 his or her ballot for president and vice president for the candidates
18 for these offices who received the highest number of votes within the
19 state. Refusal or failure to vote for the candidates for president and
20 vice president who received the highest number of votes within the state
21 shall constitute a resignation from the office of elector, and any such
22 vote by an elector shall not be recorded. The ballots used by the elec-
23 tor shall bear the name of the elector. The remaining electors shall

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

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1 forthwith fill the vacancy in accordance with section 12-104 of this
2 title.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
4 electors for all elections occurring on and after such date.