

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 5, 2020

Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- 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 prohibiting private individuals or entities to pay for the administrative expenses associated with the conduct of a referendum

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

- 1 Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 1-108  
2 to read as follows:  
3 § 1-108. Expenses related to local mandatory and permissive referen-  
4 dum. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no  
5 private individual, partnership, corporation, industry, association,  
6 organization, firm, trust, estate or other legal entity not associated  
7 with the state or a municipality shall directly or indirectly pay or use  
8 or offer, consent to or agree to pay or use any money or property for or  
9 in aid of the payment of any expense incurred or expected to be incurred  
10 by the state or any county, city, town, village or special district,  
11 which expense is associated with the conduct of a mandatory or permis-  
12 sive referendum conducted for the purpose of deciding any ballot ques-  
13 tion submitted to all the voters of any county, city, town, village or  
14 special district. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to  
15 the costs associated with equipment, materials and personnel utilized to  
16 conduct the referendum.  
17 § 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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