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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE, FITZPATRICK, JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

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:

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 1-108 to read as follows:

§ 1-108. Expenses related to local mandatory and permissive referendum. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no private individual, partnership, corporation, industry, association, organization, firm, trust, estate or other legal entity not associated with the state or a municipality shall directly or indirectly pay or use or offer, consent to or agree to pay or use any money or property for or in aid of the payment of any expense incurred or expected to be incurred by the state or any county, city, town, village or special district, which expense is associated with the conduct of a mandatory or permissive referendum conducted for the purpose of deciding any ballot question submitted to all the voters of any county, city, town, village or special district. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to the costs associated with equipment, materials and personnel utilized to conduct the referendum.

§ 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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