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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the representation of newly formed political parties

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 7-116 of the election law is amended to read as follows:

1. In printing the names of candidates on the ballot, the candidate or candidates of the party which polled [~~for its candidate for the office of governor at the last preceding election for such office~~] the highest number of votes for its candidate for governor or for its slate of president electors at the most recent general election in an even numbered year, shall be [~~row or~~] column A or one and the candidates of the other parties shall be placed on such ballot in descending order of such votes.

§ 2. Section 6-124 of the election law, as amended by chapter 876 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6-124. Conventions; judicial. A judicial district convention shall be constituted by the election at the preceding primary of delegates and alternate delegates, if any, from each assembly district or, if an assembly district shall contain all or part of two or more counties and if the rules of the party shall so provide, separately from the part of such assembly district contained within each such county. The number of delegates and alternates, if any, shall be determined by party rules, but the number of delegates shall be substantially in accordance with the ratio, which the number of votes cast for the party candidate for the office of governor, on the line or column of the party at the last preceding election for such office, in any unit of representation, bears to the total vote cast at such election for such candidate on such line

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

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1 or column in the entire state; provided, however, for a new party formed
2 at a presidential election, for such party's judicial district conven-
3 tion held in the second year after the presidential election, such ratio
4 shall be based on such party's vote for presidential electors, as other-
5 wise as provided by this section, and thereafter based on such party's
6 vote for the office of governor. The number of alternates from any
7 district shall not exceed the number of delegates therefrom. The deleg-
8 ates certified to have been elected as such, in the manner provided in
9 this chapter, shall be conclusively entitled to their seats, rights and
10 votes as delegates to such convention. When a duly elected delegate does
11 not attend the convention, his place shall be taken by one of the alter-
12 nates, if any, to be substituted in his place, in the order of the vote
13 received by each such alternate as such vote appears upon the certified
14 list and if an equal number of votes were cast for two or more such
15 alternates; the order in which such alternates shall be substituted
16 shall be determined by lot forthwith upon the convening of the conven-
17 tion. If there shall have been no contested election for alternate,
18 substitution shall be in the order in which the name of such alternate
19 appears upon the certified list, and if no alternates shall have been
20 elected or if no alternates appear at such convention, then the deleg-
21 ates present from the same district shall elect a person to fill the
22 vacancy.

23 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2-104 of the election law, as amended by
24 chapter 260 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

25 1. The county committee of each party shall be constituted by the
26 election in each election district within such county of at least two
27 members and of such additional members as the rules of the county
28 committee of the party within the county or the statement filed pursuant
29 hereto may provide for such district, proportional to the party vote in
30 the district for governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election,
31 or in the case of a new party formed at a presidential election when
32 first electing members of a county committee, proportional to the party
33 vote in the district for presidential electors at the last preceding
34 presidential election, or in case the boundaries of such district have
35 been changed or a new district has been created since the last preceding
36 gubernatorial election used to apportion members, proportional to the
37 party vote cast for member of assembly or in the event there was no
38 election for member of assembly, then proportional to the number of
39 enrolled voters of such party in such district on the list of enrolled
40 voters last published by the board of elections, excluding voters in
41 inactive status. In a county in which no additional members are provided
42 for by the rules of the county committee or the statement filed pursuant
43 hereto the voting power of each member shall be in proportion to such
44 party vote or, if the election district which such member represents was
45 created or changed since the last election for member of assembly,
46 proportional to such party enrollment. In a county in which additional
47 members are so provided for, on the basis of the party vote or enroll-
48 ment in election districts within such county, each member shall have
49 one vote. Each member of a county committee shall be an enrolled voter
50 of the party residing in the county and the assembly district from which
51 or in the assembly district containing the election district in which
52 such member is elected except that a member of a county committee who,
53 as a result of an alteration of assembly district lines, no longer
54 resides within such assembly district may continue to serve for the
55 balance of the term to which he was elected.

1 § 4. Subdivision 5 of section 7-104 of the election law, as amended by
2 chapter 411 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision four of this section,
4 the name of a person who is nominated for the office of president of the
5 United States (electors for), governor, or state senator, or member of
6 assembly, shall appear on the ballot as many times as there are parties
7 or independent bodies nominating him or her, and there shall be a sepa-
8 rate voting position at each place in which such name shall appear.

9 § 5. Subdivision 4 of section 6-104 of the election law is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 4. Upon the vote for such designation, each member of the state
12 committee shall be entitled to cast a number of votes which shall be in
13 accordance with the ratio which the number of votes cast for the party
14 candidate for governor on the line or column of the party at the last
15 preceding general state election in the unit of representation of such
16 member bears to the total vote cast on such line or column at such
17 election for such candidate in the entire state, or in the case of a new
18 party formed at a presidential election, each member of the state
19 committee shall be entitled to cast a number of votes which shall be in
20 accordance with the ratio which the number of votes cast for the party's
21 presidential electors at the last preceding presidential election in the
22 unit of representation of such member bears to the total vote cast on
23 such line or column at such election for such electors in the entire
24 state, until such time as such new party has a party vote for its candi-
25 date for governor. The apportionment of such votes as so prescribed
26 shall be determined by the rules of the party.

27 § 6. The third undesignated paragraph of section 9-214 of the election
28 law is amended to read as follows:

29 The board of elections shall transmit to the state board, on or before
30 the tenth day of December following an election for governor or presi-
31 dential electors, a certified tabulated statement, by election
32 districts, of the official canvass of the votes cast for candidates for
33 governor or presidential electors, to include, in the case of a candi-
34 date who was nominated by two or more parties or independent bodies, a
35 separate statement of the number of votes cast for [~~him~~] such candidate
36 as the candidate of each party or independent body by which [~~he~~] such
37 candidate was nominated and if the county contains more than one assem-
38 bly district or parts of more than one assembly district, a statement of
39 the number of votes cast for governor or presidential electors by assem-
40 bly district.

41 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.