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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 21, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN, JACOBSON, WALKER, GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT relating to permitting video-conferencing of, and proxy voting at, political party meetings, conventions and caucuses; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law or a party committee's rules to the contrary:

(a) any party caucus, party meeting or party convention held pursuant to the election law in the year 2021 may be held by means of video conferencing in whole or in part, at the discretion of the chairperson calling such meeting; provided, however, that any required notice shall include instructions to participants as to how to access such video conference;

(b) proxy voting at any party caucus, party meeting or party convention held pursuant to the election law in the year 2021 shall be permitted. Except where a greater number is permitted by a party committee's rules, any person eligible to attend and vote at such a caucus, meeting or convention may hold up to ten proxies or a number of proxies equaling the number of members or delegates contained in the member's or delegate's assembly district, whichever is less. A proxy statement may be in the form prescribed by the party committee's rules or as accepted in the past by the party entity or may be substantially as follows: "I, a member or eligible voter of (insert party caucus, party meeting or party convention), do hereby give my proxy authorization to (insert name of proxy holder) who shall be authorized to vote in my stead at the (insert party caucus, party meeting or party convention) to be held on (insert date) and any adjourned date thereof." Any proxy granted hereunder shall be revocable in a writing provided to the secretary or chair of the

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

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party entity or by the attendance of the proxy grantor at the caucus, meeting or convention stated; and

(c) a delegate to a judicial convention may give his or her proxy to any delegate or alternate delegate in the same judicial district.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2021.