STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 16, 2021

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, BIAGGI, KRUEGER, LIU, MAYER, 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 prohibition of state party names; and to repeal subdivision 4 of section 2-124 of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2-124 of the election law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

2. The name of a party shall be in the English language and shall not include the words "American", "United States", "National", "New York State", **"Independence" or "Independent", or** "Empire State", or any abbreviation **or plural** thereof, nor the name or part of the name, or an abbreviation of the name, of an existing party. The emblem chosen may be a star, an animal, an anchor, or any other proper symbol, but may not be the same as or similar to any emblem, insignia, symbol or flag used by any political or governmental body, agency or entity nor any religious emblem, insignia, symbol or flag, nor the portrait of any person, nor the representation of a coin or of the currency of the United States. The name and emblem chosen shall not be similar to or likely to create confusion with the name or emblem of any other existing party or independent body.

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2-124 of the election law is REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to political parties in existence on and after January 1, 2022.

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

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