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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to including individuals who do not identify exclusively as a binary gender in eligibility for party positions

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 2-102 of the election law, as amended by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

4. ~~[The state committee may provide by rule for equal representation of the sexes on said committee.]~~ When any ~~[such]~~ rule of the state committee provides for ~~[equal]~~ representation ~~[of the sexes]~~ by gender, the designating petitions and primary ballots shall list candidates for such party positions separately by ~~[sexes]~~ gender marker. In providing for such representation, the state committee shall establish rules that provide for the ability of individuals who do not exclusively identify as a binary gender to run for those positions and which respect individuals' gender identity.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 2-104 of the election law, as amended by chapter 234 of the laws of 1976, is amended to read as follows:

2. If ~~[, pursuant to section one of article thirteen of the constitution,~~ such committee or a state convention of the party shall provide by rule for ~~[equal]~~ representation ~~[of the sexes]~~ by gender on such

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

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committee, the rules of such committee relative to additional members, either from election districts or at large, shall be formulated and applied in such manner that the whole membership shall ~~[consist of an even number, equally]~~ be divided [between the sexes] among genders as provided by the rules of such committee. When any such rule provides for ~~[equal]~~ such representation ~~[of the sexes]~~, the designating petitions and primary ballots shall list candidates for such party positions separately by ~~[sexes]~~ gender marker. In providing for such representation, such committee shall establish rules that provide for the ability of individuals who do not exclusively identify as a binary gender to serve as members and which respect individuals' gender identity.

§ 3. Subdivision 2 of section 2-110 of the election law, as amended by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

2. In the city of New York there shall be the party positions of assembly district leaders or, if the rules of the county committee shall so provide, one assembly district leader and one associate assembly district leader. Outside the city of New York there shall be such positions when the rules of the county committee shall so provide. Such leaders shall be elected at primary elections as herein provided, within every county in such city for each assembly district, or for each part of an assembly district within such county as may be designated for the purpose in the rules of the county committee, and in every county of the state outside of such city where the rules so provide, for such assembly district or part thereof within such county as may be designated in such rules for the purpose. Such assembly district leaders or such assembly district leader and associate assembly district leader shall be of ~~[opposite sexes]~~ different genders, if the rules of the county committee shall so provide, and shall be enrolled voters of the party residing within the assembly district and, if the rules of the county committee shall so provide, within the part of the assembly district for which they are to be elected, and shall be elected at the same primary election and for the same term as members of the county committee. When any such rule provides for ~~[equal]~~ representation ~~[of sexes]~~ by gender, the designating petitions and primary ballots shall list candidates for such party positions separately by ~~[sexes]~~ gender marker. In providing for such representation, the county committee shall establish rules that provide for the ability of individuals who do not exclusively identify as a binary gender to serve as district leader and which respect individuals' gender identity. Each shall perform such duties, powers and functions as the rules of the county committee may prescribe. Vacancies in such positions shall be filled by the members of the county committee within the assembly district or part thereof, as the case may be, until the first primary election following the creation of such vacancy or vacancies for which the period for circulating designating petitions ends at least seven days after the creation of such vacancy or vacancies, at which time the successor or successors shall be directly elected as herein provided. Assembly district leaders and associate assembly district leaders shall automatically be members and shall have the right to participate and vote in meetings of the county committee or any subcommittee thereof. The county committee may provide by its rules that the members of the state committee, elected in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall possess the duties, powers and functions of an assembly district leader or an associate assembly district leader. In such event the provisions of this section shall not apply to the members of the state committee but upon ~~[his]~~ their election as a member of the state committee, such person shall be deemed to have also

1 been elected as an assembly district leader or an associate assembly
2 district leader.

3 § 4. Section 2-122 of the election law, as amended by chapter 177 of
4 the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 2-122. National party conventions; delegates, election. Delegates
6 and alternates to a national convention of a party shall be elected from
7 congressional districts, or partly from the state at large and partly
8 from congressional districts, as the rules of the state committee may
9 provide. Such delegates and alternates from the state at large shall be
10 elected by the state committee or by a state convention of the party, as
11 the rules of the state committee shall prescribe. If the rules of a
12 national party provide for ~~[equal]~~ representation ~~[of the sexes]~~ by
13 gender among delegates elected from districts, such district delegates
14 shall be elected separately by ~~[sex]~~ gender. District delegates and
15 alternates to national party conventions and delegates, and alternates,
16 if any, to such a state convention shall be elected at a primary. All
17 delegates and alternates to a national party convention shall be
18 enrolled members of such party. When any such rule provides for ~~[equal]~~
19 representation ~~[of the sexes]~~ by gender, the designating petitions and
20 primary ballots shall list candidates for such party positions separate-
21 ly by ~~[sex]~~ gender marker. In providing for such representation, the
22 party shall establish rules that provide for the ability of individuals
23 who do not exclusively identify as a binary gender to serve as delegates
24 and which respect individuals' gender identity.

25 § 5. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 5-504 of the election
26 law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 c. The board of elections maintains, as a public record, at the appro-
29 priate office of the board, a complete and current alphabetized list of
30 all registered voters, including voters in inactive status, which
31 contains next to each voter's name at least the following information:
32 address, town or city, assembly district where appropriate, election
33 district, registration serial number, party enrollment, date of regis-
34 tration, ~~[sex]~~ gender, date of birth and, if the voter is in inactive
35 status, an indication of that fact.

36 § 6. Subdivision 7 of section 7-116 of the election law, as added by
37 chapter 173 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

38 7. Whenever a county board of elections or the board of elections in
39 the city of New York must conduct a primary election in the respective
40 county or the city of New York in which separate contests for ~~[both male~~
41 ~~and female]~~ candidates of different genders for the same party position
42 are to be printed upon the ballots, and when rules require these posi-
43 tions be listed separately on the ballot, the respective county board of
44 elections or the board of elections in the city of New York shall deter-
45 mine by lot ~~[whether to first print the contest for the male candidates~~
46 ~~or the contest for the female candidates. After such determination, the~~
47 ~~same order shall be used for all ballots printed by the board of~~
48 ~~elections for the entire county or city of New York and for all contests~~
49 ~~where there are elections separated by male and female candidates for~~
50 ~~the same party position.]~~ the order of the various gendered contests.
51 This lottery will be conducted separately for each election that is
52 separated by gender.

53 § 7. Section 3-102 of the election law is amended by adding a new
54 subdivision 18 to read as follows:

55 18. promulgate rules and regulations to provide for the ability of
56 individuals who do not exclusively identify as a binary gender to run

1 for positions elected in gendered contests which respect the individ-
2 uals' gender identity. In no case shall the board of elections promul-
3 gate rules that are inconsistent with a system that requires individuals
4 filing for candidacy to self-indentify their gender marker as "M", "F",
5 or "X", requires all candidates to run a single race, and maintains
6 requirements for gender diversity.

7 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately.