STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 19, 2021

Introduced by Sen. JORDAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT proposing an amendment to article 2 of the constitution, in relation to residents of the state of New York's rights to form and maintain political parties

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

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 2 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 10 to read as follows:

§ 10. The people of New York shall have a right to form, maintain and join a political party. The term "political party" shall mean any political organization, which at any of the last three preceding elections for governor, polled at least fifty thousand votes for its candidate for governor. Any candidate for election to public office may receive the nomination of any political party. A candidate for election to public office nominated by a political party may also receive a nomination of any other political party. The name of a candidate for election to public office shall appear on the ballot as many times as there are parties or independent bodies nominating him or her, and there shall be a separate voting and registering device at each location in which such name shall appear. A candidate for public office nominated by more than one political party shall be deemed to have received all votes cast under such candidate's name under all the political parties or independent bodies nominating him or her.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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