STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 12, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- 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 prohibiting candidates from authorizing more than one political committee for any one election

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

Section 1. Section 14-112 of the election law, as amended by section 8 of part A of chapter 286 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 14-112. [~~Political~~] **Authorized committee; political** committee authorization statement. **1.** Any political committee aiding or taking part in the election or nomination of any candidate, other than a political action committee, shall file, in the office in which the statements of such committee are to be filed pursuant to this article, either a sworn verified statement by the treasurer of such committee **and the candidate** that [~~the~~] **such** candidate has authorized the political committee to aid or take part in his **or her** election or **a sworn verified statement by the treasurer of such committee** that the candidate has not authorized the committee to aid or take part in his **or her** election.

2. No candidate may authorize more than one political committee for any one election. Any candidate who, on December first, two thousand twenty-four, has authorized more than one political committee for any one election shall, not later than thirty days after said date, disavow all but one of such committees, in writing, to the state board of elections. This subdivision shall not apply to the authorization of an exploratory committee by an elected public official. A multi-candidate committee may not be an authorized committee.

3. Campaign funds remaining in any disavowed committee shall be disposed of pursuant to this article.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the state board of elections shall notify all candidates and political committees of the applicable provisions of this act within thirty days after this act shall have become a law.