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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 legal challenges to the constitutionality of provisions of such law

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

1 Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 16-101  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 16-101. Actions or proceedings challenging provisions of this chap-  
4 ter. 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in any action or  
5 proceeding in which any party challenges the constitutionality of a  
6 provision of this chapter, and any related statutory claims, venue shall  
7 be proper only in one of the following designated courts in a judicial  
8 department within which at least one plaintiff is located:

9 (a) first judicial department: New York county;

10 (b) second judicial department: Westchester county;

11 (c) third judicial department: Albany county; or

12 (d) fourth judicial department: Erie county.

13 2. For the purposes of this section, a challenge to the constitution-  
14 ality of a provision of this chapter shall mean a challenge in any form,  
15 including but not limited to a claim, counter-claim, cross-claim,  
16 defense, or affirmative defense. Such a claim may be raised by any  
17 party, including but not limited to a plaintiff, defendant, third-party  
18 plaintiff, third-party defendant, intervenor, or substituted party.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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