

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 permit political parties to perform certain functions without forming county committees

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 6-120 of the election law, as
2 amended by chapter 164 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 3. The members of the party committee representing the political
5 subdivision of the office for which a designation or nomination is to be
6 made, unless the rules of the party provide for another committee, in
7 which case the members of such other committee~~[, and except as herein~~
8 ~~after in this subdivision provided with respect to certain offices in~~
9 ~~the city of New York]~~, may, by a majority vote of those present at such
10 meeting provided a quorum is present, authorize the designation or nomi-
11 nation of a person as candidate for any office who is not enrolled as a
12 member of such party as provided in this section. [~~In~~] Notwithstanding
13 the foregoing, in the event that such designation or nomination is made
14 by a major party for an office to be filled by all the voters of the
15 city of New York, such authorization must be by a majority vote of those
16 present at a joint meeting of the executive committees of each of the
17 county committees of the party within the city of New York, provided a
18 quorum is present at such meeting. The certificate of authorization
19 shall be filed not later than four days after the last day to file the
20 designating petition, certificate of nomination or certificate of
21 substitution to which such authorization relates, provided, however,
22 such certificate shall be filed not later than nine days following the
23 issuance of a proclamation of a special election held pursuant to para-
24 graph b of subdivision three of section forty-two of the public officers
25 law. The certificate of authorization shall be signed and acknowledged

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

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1 by the presiding officer and the secretary of the meeting at which such
2 authorization was given.

3 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 16-110 of the election law is amended
4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

5 2. The [~~chairman~~] chairperson of the county committee of a party with
6 which a voter is enrolled in such county, or, in the absence of a county
7 committee in such county, a person elected for such purpose by a majori-
8 ty vote of the state committee of the party at a regular or special
9 meeting of the party at which a quorum is present, may, upon a written
10 complaint by an enrolled member of such party in such county and after a
11 hearing held by [~~him~~] such person or by a sub-committee appointed by
12 [~~him~~] such person upon at least two days' notice to the voter,
13 personally or by mail, determine that the voter is not in sympathy with
14 the principles of such party. The Supreme Court or a justice thereof
15 within the judicial district, in a proceeding instituted by a duly
16 enrolled voter of the party at least ten days before a primary election,
17 shall direct the enrollment of such voter to be cancelled if it appears
18 from the proceedings before such [~~chairman~~] person or sub-committee, and
19 other proofs, if any, presented, that such determination is just.

20 3. The state committee of a party may elect, by majority vote at a
21 regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, a person or
22 persons to receive complaints, hold hearings and institute proceedings
23 under this section for any county or counties in which there is no coun-
24 ty committee of such party.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.