STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 1, 2025

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:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 6-120 of the election law, as amended by chapter 164 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3. The members of the party committee representing the political subdivision of the office for which a designation or nomination is to be made, unless the rules of the party provide for another committee, in which case the members of such other committee[~~, and except as hereinafter in this subdivision provided with respect to certain offices in the city of New York~~], may, by a majority vote of those present at such meeting provided a quorum is present, authorize the designation or nomination of a person as candidate for any office who is not enrolled as a member of such party as provided in this section. [~~In~~] **Notwithstanding the foregoing, in** the event that such designation or nomination is **made by a major party** for an office to be filled by all the voters of the city of New York, such authorization must be by a majority vote of those present at a joint meeting of the executive committees of each of the county committees of the party within the city of New York, provided a quorum is present at such meeting. The certificate of authorization shall be filed not later than four days after the last day to file the designating petition, certificate of nomination or certificate of substitution to which such authorization relates, provided, however, such certificate shall be filed not later than nine days following the issuance of a proclamation of a special election held pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision three of section forty-two of the public officers 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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by the presiding officer and the secretary of the meeting at which such authorization was given.

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.