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Introduced by Sens. GRIFFO, BORRELLLO -- 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 the joint nomination of
candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 5 of section 6-104 of the election
2 law are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Party designation of a candidate for nomination for any office to
4 be filled by the voters of the entire state shall be made by the state
5 committee. Candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant gover-
6 nor shall be designated jointly by a single vote of such committee.

7 2. The state committee shall make a decision by majority vote. The
8 person or persons receiving the majority vote shall be the party's
9 designated candidate or pair of candidates for nomination, and all other
10 persons or pairs of persons who shall have received twenty-five percent
11 or more of the vote cast on any ballot shall have the right to make
12 written demand, duly acknowledged, to the state board of elections that
13 their names appear on the primary ballot as candidates for such nomi-
14 nation. Such demand shall be made not later than seven days after such
15 meeting and may be withdrawn in the same manner within fourteen days
16 after such meeting.

17 5. Enrolled members of the party may make other designations by peti-
18 tion for [~~a member~~] members of the same party. A petition designating a
19 candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor shall be
20 valid only if such petition jointly designates candidates for both such
21 offices on such petition.

22 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 7-114 of the election law is amended by
23 adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

24 (d) With respect to candidates for the offices of governor and lieu-
25 tenant governor, ballots shall be printed so that the names of candi-

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

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- 1 dates for both offices who were designated jointly shall appear in the
- 2 same row or column, with the name of the candidate for governor appear-
- 3 ing first and the ballot shall be so adjusted that both offices are
- 4 voted for jointly and have but one designating letter or number.
- 5 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.