

The New York City Council

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Legislation Text

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Res. No. 329

Resolution calling upon the New York State legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.7404 in relation to requiring a new party to file a certificate following the election at which the party obtains party status.

By Council Members Cabrera and Kallos

Whereas, After each New York State gubernatorial election, the state Board of Election is required to publish a new voter registration form; and

Whereas, The voter registration form must include the parties on the ballot for the next four years; and Whereas, Under current law, there is no deadline provided for the filing of a new party's name and emblem; and

Whereas, Without a deadline, new registration forms are not issued in a timely manner; and

Whereas, New York State Assembly Member Galef introduced A.7404, which would set the new party filing deadline to the last day in February after a gubernatorial election; and

Whereas, Under the proposed legislation, any late applications would take effect on the last day of January after the next gubernatorial election; and

Whereas, The proposed legislation gives new parties four months from the general election to file a new party name and emblem; and

Whereas, Requiring a deadline for new party enrollments would allow voter registration forms to be finalized and issued more quickly and regularly, improving access to voter registration forms, thereby increasing the number of potential voters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council of The City of New York calls upon the New York State legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.7404 in relation to requiring a new party to file a certificate following the election

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