**Democratic State Committeeman Report**

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On May 22nd, the Democratic State Committee unanimously passed a resolution supporting voting reform for 2020, leading up to the April 28th New York State Democratic Presidential Primary next year. The State legislature has to act on this resolution, but considering the overwhelming support in the State Party, they should approve it. It would allow Independent voters (as in, not registered with ANY party) to register as a Democrat up to 25 days before a primary election. Voters registered with other parties will be allowed to register as Democrats up to 60 days before the primary. The Democratic National Committee rewards state with delegates in the Presidential Primary if the State Party improves voter access, so this action helps New York by awarding it the second most number of delegates at the Democratic convention, after California. This represents an improvement for New York State, practically dead last in the Nation with its current voter registration laws. The legislature may add a rule after one registers as a Democrat before a Presidential Primary, one cannot change their registration for a period of time, to discourage people from switching parties to impact the choice of Democratic candidate for President.