

Resolution on State Legislature Reform

Adopted unanimously on March 11th, 2015

WHEREAS it is crucial to restore the confidence of the public in the integrity of the New York State Legislature and to ensure that the New York State Legislature has the interests of the people as its first priority;

WHEREAS too many state legislators have been bribed and bought, and money can be a pernicious influence in politics, whether obtained as campaign donations or as payment for services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Three Parks Independent Democrats calls on the state legislature and the Governor to amend state law to reflect the following principles:

- Public financing of campaigns is an essential part of real reform. The New York City model that provides matching funds for small donations and sets limits on total campaign expenditures is an example of a successful model of public financing of campaigns.
- Loopholes through which individuals can give amounts well beyond the campaign finance limits for one person should be eliminated. This includes the Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) and housekeeping account loopholes.
- Outside income of legislators should be limited and full disclosure required. The salary of legislators should be suitably and significantly increased and outside income should be limited by both amount and source.