

**STATE OF NEW YORK**

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Albany, New York

July 28, 2021

**CERTIFICATION**

To the Boards of Elections of the State of New York:

Notice is hereby given, that as to the General Election to be held in this State on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the following proposal will be submitted to the people for their approval: Proposal Number Five, an Amendment

**TEXT OF PROPOSAL NUMBER FIVE, AN AMENDMENT  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY**

proposing an amendment to section 15 of article VI of the constitution relating to the New York city civil court

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That subdivision b of section 15 of article VI of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

b. The court of city-wide civil jurisdiction of the city of New York shall have jurisdiction over the following classes of actions and proceedings which shall be originated in such court in the manner provided by law: actions and proceedings for the recovery of money, actions and proceedings for the recovery of chattels and actions and proceedings for the foreclosure of mechanics liens and liens on personal property where the amount sought to be recovered or the value of the property does not exceed [twenty-five] fifty thousand dollars exclusive of interest and costs, or such smaller amount as may be fixed by law; over summary proceedings to recover possession of real property and to remove tenants therefrom and over such other actions and proceedings, not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the supreme court, as may be provided by law. The court of city-wide civil jurisdiction shall further exercise such equity jurisdiction as may be provided by law and its jurisdiction to enter judgment upon a counterclaim for the recovery of money only shall be unlimited.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people for approval at the general election to be held in the year 2021 in accordance with the provisions of the election law.

## **ABSTRACT OF PROPOSAL NUMBER FIVE, AN AMENDMENT**

### **Increasing the Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court**

The purpose of this proposal is to amend Article 6, Section 15 of the New York Constitution to increase the jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court. The New York City Civil Court is currently limited to hearing and deciding claims for \$25,000 or less. The proposed amendment would allow the New York City Civil Court to hear and decide claims for \$50,000 or less.

## **FORM OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL NUMBER FIVE, AN AMENDMENT**

### **Increasing the Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court**

The proposed amendment would increase the New York City Civil Court's jurisdiction by allowing it to hear and decide claims for up to \$50,000 instead of the current jurisdictional limit of \$25,000. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

We hereby certify that the foregoing text Ballot Proposal Five, an Amendment, is a correct copy of the original as certified to be on file in the Department of State.

*Given under our hands and seal of office of the New York State Board of Elections, at the City of Albany this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year two thousand twenty-one.*

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Douglas A. Kellner  
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