ALBANY, NY--(10/30/97) The number of registered voters in New York has increased by 276,452, or 3%, since April of this year, according to statistics released today by the State Board of Elections. County boards of elections reported a total of 10,550,560 registered voters on their rolls as of October 20.

All seven of New York's parties increased their enrollment, with the largest percentage increases attributed to the newest parties. The Freedom Party gained 23%, or 2,152 new voters, and the Independence Party signed up an additional 14,685, or 16%.

Enrollment changes in the other political parties since April 1997 are as follows: Democrat, +135,160, or 3%; Republican, +40,938, or 1%; Conservative, +4,171, or 3%; Liberal, +3,056, or 3%; and Right To Life, +1,935, or 4%. The number of voters choosing not to enroll in any party increased by 74,355, or 4%.

The Board noted that only eight of the 62 counties in New York showed a decrease in registrations since April. Those counties accounted for a reduction of only 4,226 voters from the statewide count.

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