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## The Grand Cause

The Prohibition Party of New York continues to move forward. We are continuously working to advocate for positive policies and to engage New Yorkers in efforts to build a better future for our state.

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Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance; yonder palace was raised by single stones, yet you see its height and spaciousness. He that shall walk three hours a day will pass in seven years a space equal to the circumference of the globe.”  
Samuel Johnson

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## National Conference Call

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, members of the national Prohibition Party leadership held a conference call on Prohibition Party efforts going forward. The Prohibition Party is making progress on its 2020 ballot access efforts and is taking further steps to try to maximize the party's ballot access. In addition, the party is working on plans on trying to improve fundraising, messaging, recruitment, and engagement efforts.

## State Legislature Declines to Defend Against Attack on State Election System

In the last issue, we reported how a group of political elites hijacked a state commission for designing a system of public funding for state elections, and used it to rewrite the state's ballot access laws. This move was an anti-democratic attack on the political freedom of all New Yorkers. The state legislature had until December 22<sup>nd</sup>, to reject the commission's changes. The members of the state legislature, declined to take action. Whether this had been due to negligence, incompetence, or the conspiracy of major figures in the legislature, the result is the same. They failed to uphold their ethical duties to the people of this state and allowed a major blow be struck against our state's republican system of government. As a result, the requirement for a party gaining statewide ballot access recognition, have risen from 50,000 votes to either 130,000 votes or 2% of the statewide vote (which ever is larger) The requirements for an independent candidate or candidate of a minor party without statewide ballot access to get ballot for statewide office or the presidential ballot have increased from 15,000 to 45,000 signatures. If this is allowed to continue, that it will likely result in most, if not all, of the minor parties which currently hold statewide ballot access losing their statewide ballot access and having little, to now chance to regain it. It will make it for more difficult, if not practically impossible, for other minor parties to gain statewide ballot access in the foreseeable future. And it will result in the voters losing most of their options on the ballot. This cannot be allowed to stand.

While the legislature has failed to prevent this attack, there may still be the possibility of them reversing it, if they were to quickly pass a law repealing the changes to the state ballot access laws.



New Yorkers must take action to urge the members of this legislature to remedy this problem. Though our hope may lie in the courts. The New York Conservative Party and New York Working Families Party have already begun lawsuits challenging the ability of the commission to rewrite state election law. The New York Green Party and New York Libertarian Party had previously announced their intention to sue the state as well, if the legislature did not take action. Hopefully these lawsuits will succeed, and the state's old ballot access rules will be quickly restored.

Source: <https://ballot-access.org/2019/12/23/new-york-statewide-independent-petition-is-now-45000-signatures-instead-of-15000/>

## National Tobacco 21 Law

In December, Congress passed a law raising the nationwide minimum age for the sale of tobacco products (including E-cigarettes) from 18 to 21. Prior to this, various state and local governments had already passed their own laws raising the age requirements for selling tobacco, and this eventually build momentum towards a nationwide change. The law has already formally taken effect. Though it will likely take several months for the executive branch to design and implement a set of regulations for enforcing compliance with the law.

Source: [https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/19/health/cigarette-e-sales-age-21.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&fbclid=IwAR1smHHAM3oEY6gHaCP3heysrS\\_M0s\\_Nc7MNbQIVDbns\\_fHEwXEPyPyrdFU](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/19/health/cigarette-e-sales-age-21.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&fbclid=IwAR1smHHAM3oEY6gHaCP3heysrS_M0s_Nc7MNbQIVDbns_fHEwXEPyPyrdFU)

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<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/27/health/us-tobacco-age-21-trnd/index.html>

## The Lives of the Youth

Alcohol kills over 88,000 Americans a year. If a person were to turn 21 today, then over 1.8 million Americans have been killed by alcohol in their lifetime. The alcohol industry and its coconspirators aggressively promote drinking to youths, through marketing, media, and their efforts to normalize drinking culture. They constantly work to promote drinking in order to get new drinkers to replace the ones who are killed, sickened, or quit drinking, in order to maintain their profits. Their entire industry is built off harming and exploiting people, and they will continue to harm and kill people until people take sufficient action to put a stop to them.

### State Assembly Minority Leader Charged With DWI

On New Years Eve, State Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Victor, New York. Kolb issued a statement claiming to take full responsibility for actions and that there was no excuse or justification for his actions. He has since announced that he is stepping down from his position as minority leader.

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### Governor's State of the State Address Coming

Governor Cuomo will be holding his annual state of the state address on January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. In the speech, the governor will give his own portrayal of how things are going in the state and make a series of proposals of what he would like to do in the coming year. After the address, we will put out a critical analysis and response to his statements.

Sources: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-2020-state-state-will-be-held-empire-state-plaza-convention-center>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/2020-state-state-proposals>

"We cannot avoid meeting great issues. All we can determine for ourselves is whether we shall meet them well or ill." Theodore Roosevelt



### Study on Long Term Effects of Vaping

The American Journal of Preventative Medicine has released the first study on the long-term effects on vaping. The study involved 32,000 participants and tracked their health over several years. It found that those who used E-Cigarettes were 30% more likely to develop lung diseases than those who did not smoke. It found that many E-cigarette users also other non-electronic tobacco products. It found that the use of cigarettes can lead to burns and scars on the lungs, and result in residue clogging the lungs.

Source: [https://www.nbcnews.com/health/vaping/e-cigarettes-linked-lung-problems-first-long-term-study-vaping-n1101641?fbclid=IwAR0DBfmsr3bVFXtscvG\\_QJ5m0lnwzLzGkZMUn3STpTUOdZC1PilaKkLow](https://www.nbcnews.com/health/vaping/e-cigarettes-linked-lung-problems-first-long-term-study-vaping-n1101641?fbclid=IwAR0DBfmsr3bVFXtscvG_QJ5m0lnwzLzGkZMUn3STpTUOdZC1PilaKkLow)

### New York Insurance Companies Required to Cover Treatment for Quitting Vaping

New York state is implementing policies requiring insurance companies to cover the costs of treatments to help users quit vaping. This will include products such as nicotine gum, patches, lozenges and nasal spray as well as screenings and intervention programs for kids and adults.

Source: [https://mypost.com/2019/12/12/new-york-insurance-companies-now-required-to-cover-costs-of-quit-vaping/?utm\\_source=facebook\\_sitebuttons&utm\\_medium=sitebuttons&utm\\_campaign=site+buttons&fbclid=IwAR1J5vwrRPOSH\\_zw6asO6IBGdtmVwFO7ZAYzWgr2HibPvOw8pT9g71UjUpA](https://mypost.com/2019/12/12/new-york-insurance-companies-now-required-to-cover-costs-of-quit-vaping/?utm_source=facebook_sitebuttons&utm_medium=sitebuttons&utm_campaign=site+buttons&fbclid=IwAR1J5vwrRPOSH_zw6asO6IBGdtmVwFO7ZAYzWgr2HibPvOw8pT9g71UjUpA)

### Governor Makes Proposals to Address Opioid Crises

The governor is proposing that the state implement additional policy actions to address the opioid crisis. He is calling for expansion of state treatment programs. He is also calling for the legislature to pass a law banning fentanyl analogs (chemical substances which are similar to fentanyl, but due to slight differences are technically not illegal, and which may be used as a substitute to fentanyl or altered to create it).

Source: <https://www.wivb.com/news/new-york/governor-cuomo-continuing-the-fight-against-the-opioid-epidemic-with-new-proposal/?fbclid=IwAR23jzGjuQl6fjbrzoEV12d3GMFT2Ye7QlKlCApa6nn4desvLU6ixiQYnk>

## Governor Calls for Closing Intoxication Loophole in Rape Law

The governor is calling for the legislature to remove a loophole in the state rape laws. Under current state law, there is a loophole a person having sex with someone who is too drunk to consent is not automatically considered rape. As a result, it allows accused of rape in such cases to try to claim that consent when a victim is too impaired to effectively defend against attack, and thus potentially avoid being convicted of rape. Thus, the governor is calling for the legislature to pass a law removing this loophole. This change should be made. Rapists should not be able to walk free because they used alcohol (the most common date rape drug) as an instrument to help enable them to commit rape.

Source: [https://wnyt.com/news/-governor-wants-to-close-intoxication-loophole-in-ny-rape-law/5583144/?fbclid=IwAR2pi1d0qYUeXVhZKn6BK7J0sW2kydfi1wAAfwfllXTuhHaG7mow\\_dCkOUIU](https://wnyt.com/news/-governor-wants-to-close-intoxication-loophole-in-ny-rape-law/5583144/?fbclid=IwAR2pi1d0qYUeXVhZKn6BK7J0sW2kydfi1wAAfwfllXTuhHaG7mow_dCkOUIU)

### New State Laws Taking Effect in 2020

New State Laws Taking Effect in 2020 With the New Year upon us, some new state laws will be taking effect in 2020. These include the following. Workers will be legally eligible for 10 weeks of paid time off to care for a new born child, to take care of a family member, or assist loved ones during a military deployment. Large group health insurance plans are now required to cover the costs of invitro fertilization, and group health insurance plans will be required to cover fertility preservation services. Health insurance companies are no required to limit copays and coinsurance requirements for mental health treatment and addiction treatment. The state's statute of limitations for sexual harassment claims has been extended from 1 to 3 years. The state's alcohol limit from hunters has been lowered from 0.10 BAC to 0.08 BAC. New Yorkers age 16 and 17 will now be able to pre-register to vote. That is, the will be able to fill out voter registration forms which will allow them to be registered to vote when they turn 18. The minimum wage in upstate New York will increase \$11.10 to \$11.80 per hour.

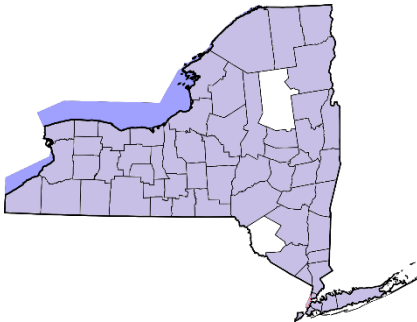
On January 15<sup>th</sup>, a law will take effect allowing adoptees to access their birth original certificate when they turn 18. On

March 1<sup>st</sup>, a ban on single use plastic bags for grocery stores, convenience stores and retail stores will take effect.

In addition, the state's new laws changing the bail system will take effect. This law eliminates cash bail for misdemeanors and various types of felony crimes. Thus generally allowing those accused of those crimes to be released without having to pay bail, unless they are ordered to be placed in jail to await their trial. These changes have attracted some controversy. Since on the one hand there are those who sought to eliminate cash bail so that people accused of crimes would be unequally held in jail based their differing levels of wealth. On the other hand there are those who are concerned that due to the specifics of the law that it will allow various accused criminals, who may pose a threat to others or pose a flight risk, and who may have previously been kept in prison by imposing a high bail requirements, to be released into the public without bail. In time we will see what the effects of these changes are, and whether the course will be changed by new legislation.

Source: [https://www.syracuse.com/state/2019/12/new-2020-laws-in-new-york-state-grocery-bags-paid-family-leave-voter-registration-more.html?fbclid=IwAR2pgJfUNvuryXKvnpLRjvZMGR3q4Gtx\\_J4roel4av2NsTk9IM2nihEo30](https://www.syracuse.com/state/2019/12/new-2020-laws-in-new-york-state-grocery-bags-paid-family-leave-voter-registration-more.html?fbclid=IwAR2pgJfUNvuryXKvnpLRjvZMGR3q4Gtx_J4roel4av2NsTk9IM2nihEo30)

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## Expanding Outreach

Our public messaging efforts continue to reach an increasing number of people in New York State and beyond. We continue to reach more people over Facebook. Our most recent data shows that content from our Facebook page has been viewed by people in at least 332 communities across the state, in 60 out of 62 counties. We also reached people in every other state, and in over 50 countries. The New York Prohibition Party twitter account has reached over 860,000 cumulative views.

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is about growing others." Jack Welch

## Efforts Heading Into 2020

As we head into the near year, the Prohibition Party of New York continues to move forward in our efforts. 2020 will provide plenty of opportunities for activism.

Last year there was an effort to pass Assembly member DenDekker's bill to expand funding for addiction prevention and treatment funding for alcohol and other drugs. The bill gained significant support, but didn't make it to a vote in the assembly. This year's presents another opportunity to try to pass the bill. Last year also saw increased support for assembly member Ortiz's bill to strengthen the state's drunk driving laws. This year may be able build additional support for it.

We enter this year with growing public support and growing legislative progress towards establishing stronger laws against tobacco. We can work to harness this energy to help make further gains in 2020.

Last year saw the State Senate once again fail to pass Britany's law. Hopefully the effort will go better in 2020.

Odds are that the pro-drug elements will once again attempt to advance a misguided effort to legalize recreational marijuana in the state. We will seek to counter their regressive agenda, and hopefully the state legislature will reject the effort like they did last year.

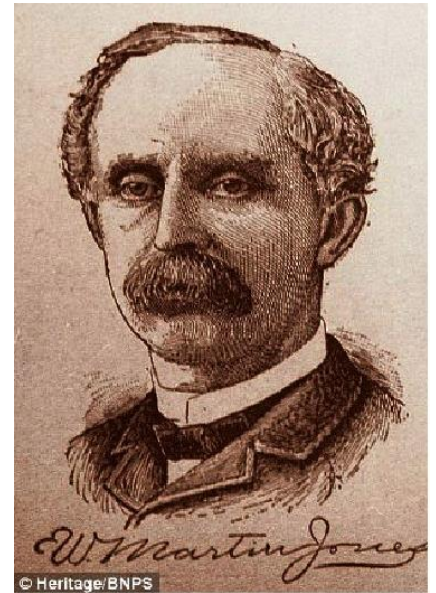
2020 is a presidential election year. We will work to gain write-in ballot certification for the Prohibition Party's presidential ticket (Phil Collins for president and Billy Joe Parker for vice-president) and we will work to run a strong write-in effort in the state.

We will work to expand our messaging efforts throughout the state, work to recruit more members to the party, and work to develop the state party organization.

In addition, there will be various other events and development in the state in the coming year to address, and various opportunities to make a positive impact.

"Courage is often contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened." Billy Graham

## New York Prohibition Party History



### William Martin Jones

William Martin Jones Sr. was a lawyer, politician, and 1888 Prohibition Party candidate for governor of New York. William Martin Jones was born on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1841, in Manilus, New York. He was the son of Thomas P. Jones, an immigrant from Wales, and Lodoiska Butler Jones, of Crown Point, New York. William Martin Jones grew up in Knowlesville, New York. He embraced the temperance movement at the age of 10. He was educated at Albion Academy.

Jones had initially intended to study at Yale College, but his path was changed when he became acquainted with Edwin D. Morgan, who was governor of New York from 1859-1862 and served in the U.S. Senate from 1863-1869. Jones spent two years as Senator Morgan's secretary. In 1864, he acted as secretary for Secretary of State William Seward and his son Frederick. He was quickly promoted to the position of chief clerk for the Consular Bureau of the State Department. He worked long and hard to help protect U.S. diplomatic interests in the midst of the Civil War.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865, Jones was present at Ford's Theatre. He was about 20 feet away from President Lincoln, when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. 10



days later, he wrote a letter Captain H. Bowen of Medina, New York, describing the assassination. It is considered to be one of the most detailed accounts of Lincoln's assassination.

In 1866, Jones left his position as chief clerk to become the United States Consul at Clifton, Canada. While working as consul, he also studied law. In 1871, he left his position as consul and became a lawyer. In 1871, Jones moved to Rochester, New York, and began practicing law in Rochester. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1871, he married Gertrude M. Nichols of Buffalo, New York. They would have two sons and a daughter: Abraham Jones, William Martin Jones Jr., and Minnie Jones.

Jones was involved in a number of organized groups. While he was living in Washington D.C., he had joined the Free Masons, and was involved with its chapter in Rochester for many years. In 1867, Jones joined the Good Templars: a major fraternal temperance organization, whose membership included many of the people who would go on to found and lead the Prohibition Party. Jones was a supporter of temperance and prohibition, though he didn't join the Party until sometime later. As a member of the Good Templars, Jones rose through the ranks. In 1879, he became the Grand Chief Templar of the State of New York. He served four years in the position, and later served as the groups state treasurer for seven years.

Jones has initially been a Republican in politics. But due to his strong his support for prohibition, he joined the Prohibition Party in 1882. In 1885, Jones was the prohibition party candidate for New York Secretary of State. He received 29,985 votes and 2.92% of the total statewide vote.

On June 26-27 1888, the Prohibition Party held its statewide convention in Syracuse. After a competitive nomination process, Jones was selected as the Prohibition Party for Governor of New York. He campaigned on a platform centered on centered on opposition to the liquor traffic and support for prohibition. Jones received 30,215 votes and 2.30% of the total statewide vote.

On June 14, 1890, Jones spoke before a joint meeting U.S. Senate committee on Education and Labor and the House of Representatives Committee on the

Alcohol Liquor Traffic in favor of national prohibition. He was part of a group of prohibitionist speakers who addressed the meetings to encourage members of congress to pass an amendment to the U.S. constitution establishing national prohibition. In 1892, Jones joined the New York State Bar Association. In his time with the association he served on its executive committee, its nominating committee, and various special committees.

Jones partisan affiliation shifted in the midst of the 1896 election. During this time, a period of infighting broke out within the national Prohibition Party. The main factions in this dispute were the Narrow Gauge and Broad Gauge factions. The Narrow Gauge factions wanted the party to hold a platform that was solely or almost exclusively focused on the issue of Prohibition. While the Broad Gauge faction wanted a broader platform which included positions on other major issues. This lead to temporary split in the party, where two rival Prohibition Party presidential tickets were nominated, and the party's overall results decreased from its 1892 results.

Jones generally believed that the Prohibition Party should hold positions on the major issues of the time. But while Jones was a strong supporter of prohibition, he was also a strong supporter of the gold standard for U.S. currency. This put him at odds with the main body of the Broad Gauge faction, which was headed by proponents of silver. At the same time, the gold verses silver debate was a major issue in the 1896 election. Jones left the Prohibition Party to campaign in favor of Republican Presidential Candidate William McKinley against the free-silver Democratic Candidate William Jennings Bryan.

Jones had also been active on advocating on international issues. He advocated in favor of international arbitration. In 1896, the U.S. became involved in a dispute between England and Venezuela. Jones served on a committee considering the possibility of trying to resolve the dispute by arbitration. Jones also advocated for the creation of an international court of arbitration to resolve disputes between countries. Jones, Edward G. Whitaker, and Judge William D. Veeder presented a proposal for such an international court to

the president on behalf of the national bar association. This proposal was also sent to various other leaders around the world and became one of the influences for the creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the 1899 Hague Peace Conference.

In 1898, Jones publicly promoted the idea of the U.S. purchasing the Philippines from Spain. He also advocated in favor of Cuba becoming an independent country.

In 1898, Jones campaigned to help get his friend Theodore Roosevelt elected governor of New York.

William Martin Jones Sr. died on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1906.

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"In all moral reforms, where two political parties are allied to and connected with any evil the people desire to be rid of, a third party is the only force that can thoroughly accomplish the work, because neither of the other parties will act in the matter until forced to do so by public opinion, and public opinion can be made more readily by ballots than in any other way." Horace Walters

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