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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. MONTESANO, J. M. GIGLIO, DiPIETRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to prohibiting the deliberate misrepresentation of the character or fitness of a candidate to hold public office

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3-106 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 8 of the laws of 1978 and redesignated by chapter 9  
3 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. In addition to the powers and duties elsewhere enumerated in this  
5 article, the state board of elections, after public hearings, shall  
6 adopt a "fair campaign code" setting forth ethical standards of conduct  
7 for persons, political parties and committees engaged in election  
8 campaigns including, but not limited to, specific prohibitions against  
9 practices of political espionage and other political practices involving  
10 subversion of the political parties and process and specific prohibi-  
11 tions against deliberate misrepresentation of the character or fitness  
12 of a candidate to hold public office, including the use of a candidate's  
13 image, name, or likeness in a manner which is misleading.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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