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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to Buffalo city school district petitions for nomination of school board members

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs f and g of subdivision 10 of section 2553 of the education law, as added by chapter 242 of the laws of 1974, are amended to read as follows:

f. Petitions for the nomination of members of such school board shall be on white paper containing the required signatures of qualified voters of the city of Buffalo. The sheets of such petition shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one, at the foot of each sheet. Such a petition must set forth in every instance the correct date of signing, the full name of the signer[,] AND his [present] OR HER residence[, the residence from which he was registered at the time of the last preceding general election, if he was registered at that time, the city school subdistrict of such residence at such time and the election district thereof at such time. A signer need not himself fill in the date, residence or residences, city school subdistrict or election district. The election district of the signer to be filed in the petition shall be the election district in effect at the time of the last preceding general election. If the residence from which the signer was registered at the time of the last preceding general election is the same as his present residence, the word "same" may be written, instead of repeating the place of residence. If the signer was not registered at the time of the last general election, he shall write "not registered at that time."]. A SIGNER NEED ONLY PLACE HIS OR HER SIGNATURE UPON THE PETITION, AND NEED NOT HIMSELF OR HERSELF FILL IN THE OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION.

g. Each sheet of such a petition shall be signed in ink and shall be substantially in the following form:

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a duly qualified voter of the city of Buffalo, that my [present] place of residence [and my

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

place of residence at the time of the last preceding general election if I was registered at such time are] IS truly stated opposite my signature hereto, [I intend to support at the ensuing election] and I do hereby nominate the following named person as a candidate for nomination (for the public office of member of the board of education of the city of Buffalo at large.....day of....., [19] 20.....,) (for the city school subdistrict.....day of....., [19] 20.....)

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and year placed opposite my signature.

Date	Name of Signer	Present Residence
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[At the Time of the Last Preceding General Election.

Residence	City School Subdistrict	Election District
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The petition shall be authenticated by witnesses. Such statement shall be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if false shall subject the witness to the same penalties as if he OR SHE had been duly sworn. The form of such statement shall be substantially as follows:

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I,....., (name of witness), state: I am a duly qualified voter of the state of New York, and now reside in the city, town or village of....., in such state, at .....(fill in street and house number and post office) therein. I know each of the voters whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing (fill in number).....signatures and each of them subscribed the same in my presence and upon so subscribing declared to me that the foregoing statement, made and subscribed by him, was true.

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Signature of witness

Date.....

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.