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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. ZELDIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing registration records of victims of sexual violence to be kept confidential in certain cases

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 5-508 of the election law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (C) "VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A VICTIM OF
4 ANY OFFENSE UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE PENAL LAW.

5 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 5-508 of the election law, as added by
6 chapter 73 of the laws of 2010, is amended and a new subdivision 3 is
7 added to read as follows:

8 2. Upon application made to the [supreme court] DISTRICT ATTORNEY, in
9 the county wherein a victim of domestic violence is registered pursuant
10 to this article, [the court may] SUCH DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL issue an
11 order requiring that any registration record kept or maintained in
12 accordance with this article with respect to such an individual be kept
13 separate and apart from other registration records and not be made
14 available for inspection or copying by the public or any other person,
15 except election officials acting within the course and scope of their
16 official duties and only as pertinent and necessary in connection there-
17 with.

18 3. UPON APPLICATION MADE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN THE COUNTY WHER-
19 EIN A VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE,
20 SUCH DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER REQUIRING THAT ANY REGISTRA-
21 TION RECORD KEPT OR MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE WITH
22 RESPECT TO SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND APART FROM OTHER

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

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1 REGISTRATION RECORDS AND NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING
2 BY THE PUBLIC OR ANY OTHER PERSON, EXCEPT ELECTION OFFICIALS ACTING
3 WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND ONLY AS PERTI-
4 NENT AND NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
6 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
7 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
8 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or
9 before such date.