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Introduced by M. of A. SEAWRIGHT, HARRIS, ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by --  
M. of A. CARROLL, DE LA ROSA, SIMON -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Election Law -- advanced to a third reading, passed by  
Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote  
reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on  
the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to publishing certain  
candidate website information

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 4-123  
to read as follows:

§ 4-123. Publication of candidate websites. 1. The state board of  
elections shall publish on its website the campaign website address  
designated by any candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney  
general, state comptroller, member of the state senate and member of the  
state assembly on the ballot at the next primary, special or general  
election, except as provided in subdivision two of this section. Such  
candidate may notify the state board of elections of his or her website  
address on such candidate's petition cover sheet or in a separate writ-  
ing signed by the candidate. Any candidate who does not provide a  
website address shall be listed as having not provided a website address  
for publication.

2. The state board of elections shall not publish any website address  
found to be unrelated to a candidacy for public office. Such denial to  
publish a website address shall be reviewed only in a special proceeding  
brought by the candidate pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil  
practice law and rules.

3. The state board of elections shall prominently display the follow-  
ing disclaimer with relation to the list of candidate website addresses:  
"The website addresses published here are designated by the candidate.

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

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1 The state board of elections is not responsible for and expresses no  
2 opinion as to the content of candidate websites."

3 § 2. The state board of elections shall, within six months of the  
4 effective date of this act, promulgate rules or regulations to implement  
5 the provisions of this act which shall include the time of publication  
6 and the format for publication of the list of website addresses and  
7 objective criteria for making a determination that a website is not  
8 related to a candidacy for public office.

9 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of December next succeed-  
10 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.