STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 21, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. MONTESANO, GIGLIO, DiPIETRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH -- 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:

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

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

§ 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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