

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

July 24, 2020

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Aubry) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to directing that the use  
of a candidate's alternate, familiar or anglicized name is permissible  
on electoral nominating petitions and ballots

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-104 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 39 to read as follows:

3 39. The term "name" for purposes of designating or nominating a candi-  
4 date for public office or party position shall mean an individual's  
5 formal name or an alternate, anglicized, or familiar form of a name or  
6 nickname, notwithstanding the candidate's proper name as it appears on  
7 his or her voter registration form, provided that such name is demon-  
8 strated to be commonly used to identify the candidate in the candidate's  
9 community, does not include a descriptive term, and further provided  
10 that the use of such name is not intended to mislead or confuse poten-  
11 tial signatories, and would not tend to confuse or mislead potential  
12 signatories, as to the candidate's identity.

13 § 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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