

STATE OF NEW YORK

8465--A

IN SENATE

June 3, 2020

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

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 Assembly, 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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