STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

October 7, 2020
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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rozic) --
    read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the confidentiality of
    registration records for victims of domestic violence

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

1   Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 5-508 of the election law, as
2   amended by chapter 396 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as
3   follows:
4   2. **(a) A victim of domestic violence may deliver to the board of
5   elections, in the county wherein such victim of domestic violence is
6   registered or intends to be registered pursuant to this article, in
7   person or by mail, a signed written statement swearing or affirming:**
8   **(i) that such person is the victim of domestic violence; and**
9   **(ii) that because of the threat of physical or emotional harm to them-
10   self or to family or household members, such person wishes for their
11   registration record to be kept confidential.**
12   **(b)** Upon application made to the [~~supreme court, county court, or
13   family court, in the county wherein a victim of domestic violence is
14   registered pursuant to this article, the court may issue an order
15   requiring~~] **board of elections pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-
16   sion, the board of elections shall ensure** that any registration record
17   kept or maintained in accordance with this article and any other records
18   with respect to such [~~an individual~~] **victim of domestic violence** be kept
19   separate and apart from other such records and not be made available for
20   inspection or copying by the public or any other person, except election
21   officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties
22   and only as pertinent and necessary in connection therewith.
23   § 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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