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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUCHWALD, ORTIZ, SANTABARBARA, D'URSO, ZEBROWSKI, NIOU, VANEL, JEAN-PIERRE, GALEF, SEAWRIGHT, BLAKE, GUNTHER, RIVERA, LAWRENCE, CAHILL, DAVILA, CARROLL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, LUPARDO, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to testimony related to voter's signature on a petition

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 6-134 of the election law, as  
2 added by chapter 709 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:  
3 5. The use of titles, initials or customary abbreviations of given  
4 names by the signers of, or witnesses to, designating petitions or the  
5 use of customary abbreviations of addresses of such signers or  
6 witnesses, shall not invalidate such signatures or witness statement  
7 provided that the identity of the signer or witness as a registered  
8 voter can be established by reference to the signature on the petition  
9 and that of a person whose name appears in the registration poll  
10 ledgers, provided, however, nothing in this section shall prevent a  
11 court from receiving sworn testimony or other admissible evidence as to  
12 the authenticity of a signature when such signature would otherwise be  
13 invalidated for not matching the signature on file with the board of  
14 elections.  
15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the fifteenth of December next  
16 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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