STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 31, 2021

Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, AKSHAR, BIAGGI, GAUGHRAN, JORDAN, KAPLAN, LIU, MARTUCCI, O'MARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- recommitted to the Committee on Elections in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to authorizing registration records of victims of sexual violence to be kept confidential in certain cases

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 5-508 of the election law, as amended by chapter 521 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A victim of domestic violence **or any person who is a victim of a crime defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law** may deliver to the board of elections, in the county wherein such victim of domestic violence **or victim of a crime defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law** is registered or intends to be registered pursuant to this article, in person or by mail, a signed written statement swearing or affirming:

(i) that such person is the victim of domestic violence **or victim of a crime defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law**; and

(ii) that because of the threat of physical or emotional harm to themself or to family or household members, such person wishes for their registration record to be kept confidential.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.

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

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