

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 7, 2021

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Introduced by Sens. LIU, BIAGGI, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

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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