STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 7, 2021

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1-104 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 39 to read as follows:

39. The term "name" for purposes of designating or nominating a candidate for public office or party position shall mean an individual's formal name or an alternate, anglicized, or familiar form of a name or nickname, notwithstanding the candidate's proper name as it appears on his or her voter registration form, provided that such name is demonstrated to be commonly used to identify the candidate in the candidate's community, does not include a descriptive term, and further provided that the use of such name is not intended to mislead or confuse potential signatories, and would not tend to confuse or mislead potential signatories, as to the candidate's identity.

§ 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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