STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 26, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 providing the option for candidates for office and petition witnesses not to put their address on designation petitions

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Esther Salas candidate privacy act".

§ 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 6-131 to read as follows:

§ 6-131. Designating petition; candidate and witness information. 1. Notwithstanding any other section of law, any candidate for local or state elective office, or petition witnesses for such elective offices, shall have the option to not provide their address of residence on a petition to seek elective office. If this option is taken, the candidate or petition witness shall provide proof of address and a sworn affidavit, on penalty of perjury, to the county clerk in the county where the election is to be held.

2. A fee of one hundred dollars shall be assessed by the county clerk to any candidate opting to not provide their address of residence on the petition and a two hundred dollar fee to cover the cost for the candidate and all of their petition witnesses to not provide their address of residence.

3. A fine of one thousand dollars shall be imposed on a candidate or petition witness for knowingly providing false material information to the county clerk.

§ 3. 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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