STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 13, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to removing the requirement of a sworn statement administered by a notary public for purposes of petitions

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 6-132 of the election law, as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state, the following statement signed by a notary public or commissioner of deeds shall be accepted:

On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my presence [~~and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her, was true~~] **after inquiry as to whether the person is the same person that is listed at that address on information provided by the board of elections to the notary public or commissioner of deeds**.

Date:.....

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(Signature and official title
of officer administering oath)

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 6-140 of the election law, as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

2. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state, the following statement signed by a notary public or commissioner of deeds shall be accepted:

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

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On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my presence [~~and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her, was true~~] **after inquiry as to whether the person is the same person that is listed at that address on information provided by the board of elections to the notary public or commissioner of deeds**.

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§ 3. The closing paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 6-204 of the election law, as separately amended by chapters 106 and 176 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state qualified to sign the petition, the following statement signed by a notary public shall be accepted:

On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my presence [~~and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her, was true~~] **after inquiry as to whether the person is the same person that is listed at that address on information provided by the board of elections to the notary public or commissioner of deeds**.

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§ 4. Subdivision 2 of section 6-206 of the election law, as amended by chapter 447 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

2. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly qualified voter of the state qualified to sign the petition, the following statement signed by a notary public shall be accepted:

On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing ..... (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my presence [~~and who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself or herself, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him or her, was true~~] **after inquiry as to whether the person is the same person that is listed at that address on information provided by the board of elections to the notary public or commissioner of deeds**.

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§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.