

STATE OF NEW YORK

4200

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:

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

4 3. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly quali-
5 fied voter of the state, the following statement signed by a notary
6 public or commissioner of deeds shall be accepted:

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

15 Date:.....

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17 (Signature and official title
18 of officer administering oath)

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

21 2. In lieu of the signed statement of a witness who is a duly quali-
22 fied voter of the state, the following statement signed by a notary
23 public or commissioner of deeds shall be accepted:

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

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

9 Date:

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 11 (Signature and official title
 12 of officer administering oath)

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

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

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

27 Date.....

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 29 (Signature and official title
 30 of officer administering oath)

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

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

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

45 Date:.....

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 47 (Signature and official title
 48 of officer administering oath)

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50 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.