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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to removing the requirement for candidates to include their home address on petition forms

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 6-132 of the election law, as
2 amended by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025, is
3 amended and a new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

4 1. Each sheet of a designating petition shall be signed in ink and
5 shall contain the following information and shall be in substantially
6 the following form:

7 I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a duly enrolled voter of
8 the..... party and entitled to vote at the next primary
9 election of such party, to be held on....., 20...; that my
10 place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto, and I
11 do hereby designate the following named person (or persons) as a candi-
12 date (or candidates) for the nomination of such party for public office
13 or for election to a party position of such party.

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15 ****(JOINTLY DESIGNATED CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)****

16	Name of	Governor	Residence <u>and/or political</u>
17	Candidate		<u>subdivision</u> of Candidate
18	for Governor		for Governor
19
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21 Name of

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

1 Candidate for
 2 Lieutenant Governor Lieutenant Governor Residence and/or political
 3 Governor subdivision of Candidate
 4 for Lieutenant Governor
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8 Public Office Place of Residence and/or
 9 or party position political subdivision
 10 Names of (include district number, (also post office address,
 11 candidates if applicable) if not identical)
 12
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14 I do hereby appoint (insert the names
 15 and addresses of at least three persons, all of whom shall be enrolled
 16 voters of said party) as a committee to fill vacancies in accordance
 17 with the provisions of the election law.

18 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year
 19 placed opposite my signature.

20 Date Name of Signer Residence
 21
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 23 Town or city (except
 24 in the city of New
 25 York, the county)
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28 1-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a candidate shall not
 29 be required to list their full home address on the cover sheet or any
 30 page of a designating petition or independent nominating petition. In
 31 lieu thereof, the candidate may list the political subdivision in which
 32 they reside, such as the city, town, or village, and the county of resi-
 33 dence.

34 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 6-140 of the election
 35 law, as amended by section 5 of part QQ of chapter 55 of the laws of
 36 2025, is amended and a new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

37 a. Each sheet of an independent nominating petition shall be signed in
 38 ink, shall contain the following information and shall be in substan-
 39 tially the following form:

40 I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of
 41 the political unit for which a nomination for public office is hereby
 42 being made, that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite
 43 my signature hereto, and that I do hereby nominate the following named
 44 person (or persons) as a candidate (or as candidates) for election to
 45 public office (or public offices) to be voted for at the election to be
 46 held on the day of, 20...., and that I
 47 select the name (fill in name) as the name
 48 of the independent body making the nomination (or nominations) and
 49 (fill in emblem) as the emblem of such body.

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2 ****(JOINTLY DESIGNATED CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)****

3	Name of	Governor	Residence <u>and/or political</u>
4	Candidate		<u>subdivision</u> of Candidate
5	for Governor		for Governor
6	.....		.....
7	.....		.....

8	Name of		
9	Candidate for		
10	Lieutenant	Lieutenant Governor	Residence <u>and/or political</u>
11	Governor		subdivision
12			of Candidate for Lieutenant
13			Governor
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17		Public	Place of residence <u>and/or</u>
18		Office	<u>political subdivision</u>
19	Name of	(include district	(also post office
20	Candidate	number, if applicable)	address
21			if not identical)
22	.....	.....	.....
23	.....	.....	.....

24 I do hereby appoint (here insert the
25 names and addresses of at least three persons, all of whom shall be
26 registered voters within such political unit), as a committee to fill
27 vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the election law.

28 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year
29 placed opposite my signature.

30	Date	Name of Signer	Residence
31	.....	.....	.....
32	.....	.....	.....
33			Town or city (except
34			in the city of New
35			York, the county)
36			.....
37			.....

38 1-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a candidate shall not
39 be required to list their full home address on the cover sheet or any
40 page of a designating petition or independent nominating petition. In
41 lieu thereof, the candidate may list the political subdivision in which
42 they reside, such as the city, town, or village, and the county of resi-
43 dence.

44 § 3. Section 6-144 of the election law, as amended by chapter 635 of
45 the laws of 1990, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 150 of the
46 laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

47 § 6-144. Nominating and designating petitions and certificates; place
48 for filing. Petitions, certificates and minutes specified in this arti-
49 cle shall be filed in the office of the Board of Elections of the coun-

1 ty, except as follows: for an office or position to be voted for wholly
 2 within the city of New York, in the office of the Board of Elections of
 3 that city; for an office or position to be voted for in a district
 4 greater than one county, or portions of two or more counties, in the
 5 office of the state board of elections; for a village office to be
 6 filled in a village election not conducted by the board of elections, in
 7 the office of the village clerk. All such petitions and certificates
 8 shall at the time of filing thereof be endorsed by such officer or board
 9 with the day, hour and minute of such filing. Such officer or board
 10 shall keep a book, which shall be open to public inspection in which
 11 shall be entered the times of filing all such petitions and certifi-
 12 cates; the names, political subdivisions, and residences, if disclosed,
 13 of all candidates named therein; the names, political subdivisions, and
 14 residences, if disclosed, of all candidates certified to such officer or
 15 board; the title of the office or party position; the name of the party
 16 or independent body to which the petition or certificate relates and a
 17 memorandum of any objections to such petition or certificate. Forthwith
 18 upon the filing of a petition or certificate designating or nominating a
 19 person or persons for public office, such officer or board shall mail
 20 notice thereof to each such person. Such notice shall also state the
 21 last day to decline such designation or nomination, and include a state-
 22 ment that the candidate's name shall appear on the ballot as it appears
 23 in such notice.

24 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 6-204 of the election law, as separately
 25 amended by chapters 106 and 176 of the laws of 2017, is amended and a
 26 new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

27 1. Party designations for elective village offices shall be made on a
 28 designating petition containing the signatures in ink of residents of
 29 the village who are registered to vote with the appropriate county board
 30 of elections at the time of signing and who are enrolled in such poli-
 31 tical party. The sheets of such a petition shall be numbered. A signer
 32 need not [~~himself or herself~~] fill in the date or residence themselves.
 33 Each sheet of such petition [~~must~~] shall be in substantially the follow-
 34 ing form and shall contain all the information required therein:

35 PARTY DESIGNATING PETITION

36 I, the undersigned do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the
 37 Village of and a duly enrolled voter of the
 38 party and entitled to vote at the next primary election of such party,
 39 that my place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto,
 40 and I hereby designate the following named person (or persons) as a
 41 candidate or (candidates) for nomination of such party for the public
 42 office or (public offices) to be voted for at the primary election to be
 43 held on the day of 20.... as hereinafter specified.

44		Public Office		
45		(include district		
46		number, if		
47	Name of Candidate	applicable)	Term	Residence
48				<u>and/or</u>
49				<u>political</u>
50				<u>subdivision</u>
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1 I do hereby appoint (insert names and addresses of at least three
2 persons, all of whom shall be enrolled voters of said party) as a
3 committee to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the
4 election law.

5 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year
6 placed opposite my signature.

7	Date	Name	Residence
8
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10 STATEMENT OF WITNESS

11 I (name of witness) state: I am a duly qualified voter
12 of the State of New York; and an enrolled voter of the party.
13 I now reside at (residence address). Each of the persons whose
14 names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing signa-
15 tures, subscribed [~~his or her~~] their name in my presence.

16 I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as
17 the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false
18 statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly
19 sworn.

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21	Date:	Signature of witness

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

25 On the dates above indicated before me personally came each of the
26 voters whose signatures appear on this petition sheet containing
27 (fill in number) signatures, who signed same in my pres-
28 ence and who, being by me duly sworn, each for [~~himself or herself~~]
29 themselves, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by
30 [~~him or her~~] such person, was true.

31 Date.....

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33	(Signature and official title
34	of officer administering oath)

35 Page No.....

36 1-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a candidate shall not
37 be required to list their full home address on the cover sheet or any
38 page of a designating petition or independent nominating petition. In
39 lieu thereof, the candidate may list the political subdivision in which
40 they reside, such as the city, town, or village, and the county of resi-
41 dence.

42 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 6-206 of the election law, as separately
43 amended by chapters 106 and 176 of the laws of 2017, is amended and a
44 new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

45 1. Independent nominations for elective village offices shall be made
46 by a petition containing the signatures in ink of residents of the
47 village who are registered with the appropriate county board of

1 elections at the time of signing. The sheets of such a petition shall be
2 numbered. A signer need not [~~himself or herself~~] fill in the date or
3 residence themselves. Each sheet of such petition [~~must~~] shall be in
4 substantially the following form and shall contain all the information
5 required therein:

6 VILLAGE INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITION

7 I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of
8 the Village of....., that my present place of residence is truly stat-
9 ed opposite my signature, and I do hereby nominate the following named
10 person (or persons) as a candidate (or as candidates) for election to
11 public office (or public offices) to be voted for at the election to be
12 held on the....day of....., 20...., and that I select the
13 name..... (fill in name) as the name of the independent body
14 making the nomination (or nominations) and....(fill in emblem) as the
15 emblem of such body.

16	Name of			
17	Candidate	Public Office	Term	Residence <u>and/or</u>
18		(include district		<u>political</u>
19		number, if applicable)		<u>subdivision</u>
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22 I do hereby appoint (insert names and addresses of at least three
23 persons, all of whom shall be registered voters within such village) as
24 a committee to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the
25 election law.

26 In witness whereof, I have signed this petition on the day and year
27 stated before my signature.

28	Date	Signature	Residence
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31 STATEMENT OF WITNESS

32 I, state that I am a duly qualified voter of the
33 State of New York. I now reside at (residence address).
34 Each of the voters whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet
35 containing (fill in number) signatures, subscribed [~~his~~
36 ~~or her~~] their name in my presence.

37 I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as
38 the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false
39 statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly
40 sworn.

41	.....	.....
42	Date	Signature of witness

43 1-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a candidate shall not
44 be required to list their full home address on the cover sheet or any
45 page of a designating petition or independent nominating petition. In
46 lieu thereof, the candidate may list the political subdivision in which
47 they reside, such as the city, town, or village, and the county of resi-
48 dence.

1 § 6. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 15-108 of the election
2 law, as separately amended by chapters 106 and 176 of the laws of 2017,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 a. (1) Party designations for elective village offices shall be made
5 on a designating petition containing the signatures in ink of residents
6 of the village who are registered to vote with the appropriate county
7 board of elections at the time of signing and who are enrolled in such
8 political party. The sheets of such a petition shall be numbered. Such
9 petition [~~must~~] shall set forth in each instance the correct date of
10 signing, the name of the signer, and [~~his or her~~] such signer's present
11 address, and may set forth a committee to fill vacancies consisting of
12 at least three qualified voters of the village enrolled in such party
13 and their residence within the village. A signer need not [~~himself or~~
14 herself] fill in the date or residence themselves. Each sheet of such
15 petition [~~must~~] shall be in substantially the following form and shall
16 contain all the information required therein:

17 PARTY DESIGNATING PETITION

18 I, the undersigned do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the
19 Village of and a duly enrolled voter of the party and
20 entitled to vote at the next primary election of such party, that my
21 place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto, and I
22 hereby designate the following named person (or persons) as a candidate
23 (or candidates) for nomination of such party for the public office (or
24 public offices) to be voted for at the primary election to be held on
25 the day of 20.... as hereinafter specified.

	Public Office		
	(include district		
	number, if		
Name of Candidate	applicable)	Term	Residence <u>and/or</u>
			<u>political</u>
			<u>subdivision</u>
.....
.....

34 I do hereby appoint (insert names and addresses of at least three
35 persons, all of whom shall be enrolled voters of said party) as a
36 committee to fill vacancies in accordance with the provisions of the
37 election law.

38 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year
39 placed opposite my signature.

Date	Name	Residence <u>and/or</u>
		<u>political subdivision</u>
.....
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44 STATEMENT OF WITNESS

45 I (name of witness) state: I am a duly qualified voter
46 of the State of New York; and an enrolled voter of the party.
47 I now reside at(residence address). Each of the persons

1 whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet
2 containing signatures, subscribed [~~his or her~~] their name in
3 my presence.

4 I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as
5 the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false
6 statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly
7 sworn.

8 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a candidate shall not
9 be required to list their full home address on the cover sheet or any
10 page of a designating petition or independent nominating petition. In
11 lieu thereof, the candidate may list the political subdivision in which
12 they reside, such as the city, town, or village, and the county of resi-
13 dence.

14 § 7. Subdivision 8 of section 3-220 of the election law, as added by
15 section 6 of part F of chapter 55 of the laws of 2024, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 8. Where a board of elections receives a notification pursuant to
18 paragraph (c) of subdivision two of section eight hundred fifty-nine of
19 the judiciary law, such board of elections shall comply with such
20 notification[~~, except that where the notification requires the board of~~
21 ~~elections to cease making a person's address public, such board shall~~
22 ~~not comply therewith from the date of filing of any ballot access or~~
23 ~~related document containing such address until thirty days after the~~
24 ~~last day to commence a special proceeding or action with respect to such~~
25 ~~filing].~~

26 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately.