STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

July 16, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting the naming of state buildings after public officers

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 "Prohibiting Elevation of Notorious Names (PENN) Act".

§ 2. Article 50 and sections 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1003 of the executive law, as renumbered by chapter 770 of the laws of 1978, are renumbered article 60 and sections 1500, 1501, 1502 and 1503.

§ 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 50 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 50

NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

Section 1000. Naming of public facilities.

§ 1000. Naming of public facilities. 1. As used in this section:

(a) "public facility" means a building or other real property owned by the state or a political subdivision of the state; and

(b) "public officer" means a person elected to public office or any person appointed or employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

2. A public facility shall not be named for a public officer during the period in which that person is a public officer.

3. A public facility shall not be named for a public officer who has been convicted of a felony. The state shall remove the name from a public facility named for such person immediately upon conviction, whether or not another name has been offered or approved for substitution and renaming.

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

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4. A public facility that has been named for a person who was not a public officer at the time of the naming may continue to bear that name if the person subsequently becomes a public officer.

5. Except as provided in subdivision three of this section, a public facility named for a public officer prior to the effective date of this section may continue to bear the name of that public officer.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.