

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 SB2651

Introduced 1/28/2010, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/7-10.2

from Ch. 46, par. 7-10.2

Amends the Election Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the names of candidates on a petition or certificate for nomination.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section 7-10.2 as follows:
- 6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10.2)

Sec. 7-10.2. In the the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of nomination the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change) " and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements

shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's 1 2 name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the 3 ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to 4 name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive 5 parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's 6 surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of 7 invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname. No other 8 designation such as a political slogan, as defined by Section 9 7-17, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying 10 possession of a title, degree or professional status, or 11 similar information may be used in connection with the 12 candidate's surname.

(Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-1090, eff. 6-1-07.) 13