
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5509

State of Washington

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By Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Zeiger, Hunt, and Kuderer; by request of Secretary of State)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to names used by candidates in elections; and
2 amending RCW 29A.24.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.24.060 and 2003 c 111 s 606 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 When filing for office, a candidate shall file using the name
7 appearing on the candidate's voter registration. A candidate may,
8 separately indicate the manner in which ~~((he or she))~~ the candidate
9 desires ~~((his or her))~~ the first, or given, name to be printed on the
10 ballot. For ~~((filing purposes))~~ the ballot, a candidate may use a
11 nickname by which ~~((he or she is))~~ the candidate is commonly known
12 ~~((as his or her first name, but the last name shall be the name under~~
13 ~~which he or she is registered to vote)).~~

14 No candidate may:

15 (1) Use a nickname that denotes present or past occupation,
16 including military rank;

17 (2) Use a nickname that denotes the candidate's position on
18 issues or political affiliation;

19 (3) Use a nickname designed intentionally to mislead voters;

1 (4) Use a last name or surname that is materially different from
2 the last name or surname that appears on the candidate's voter
3 registration.

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