**An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 75, L.D. 109, “An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Amending the Laws Governing the Listing of Names on the Ballot'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph B-1 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "during the past 2 years" and inserting the following: '~~during the past 2 years~~'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6, 7 and 8.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

Current law provides that a candidate's name listed on the ballot must be the one approved by the Probate Court or, in the absence of an applicable court order, the name consistently used by the candidate during the past 2 years in filings with governmental agencies and in the transaction of public business. This amendment eliminates the language that provides a 2-year look-back period. It also eliminates the provisions pertaining to nicknames.

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