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**SENATE BILL 5509**

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**By** Senators Zeiger, Hunt, and Kuderer; by request of Secretary of State

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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 different from the last  
2 name or surname that appears on the candidate's voter registration.

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