

**Sponsor's Proposed Amendment to:**  
**LD 109, 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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**Subject:** LD 109 Amendment Proposal

To: Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and Members of Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

When I presented LD 109 I stated in my testimony, "The candidate must declare to the Secretary of State that the nickname is actually the name by which the candidate is known to others". In this sentence it is my intention that the name be the person's "known" or "common" name, not necessarily any pet name, or lesser known nickname. I am in agreement on this with the League of Women Voters of Maine, Maine Transgender Network, Maine Town and City Clerks Association, and others. Therefore I propose a committee amendment to this bill that changes the title to: An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Common Name To Appear on the Ballot. I also propose that the amendment prohibits obscenities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham