

CHAPTER NO. 494

HOUSE BILL NO. 596

INTRODUCED BY METCALF

IN THE HOUSE

February 6, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 20, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 21, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 22, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 15, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 17, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
March 19, 1979	Second reading, pass consideration.
March 20, 1979	Second reading, concurred in as amended.
March 23, 1979	Third reading, concurred in as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 24, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in as amended.
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March 26, 1979

On motion, consideration
passed until the 71st
Legislative Day.

March 29, 1979

Second reading, amendments
adopted.

March 30, 1979

Third reading, amendments
adopted. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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14 place of a name written on the registry card or using a name
15 or the initial letter of a name that is not on the registry
16 card, the signature may nevertheless be counted so long as
17 the signature, taken as a whole, bears sufficient similarity
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18 ~~MIDDLE NAME, BUT NOT BOTH NAMES, NEED NOT DISQUALIFY THE~~
19 ~~SIGNATURE; the signature may nevertheless be counted so long~~
20 ~~as the signature, taken as a whole, bears sufficient~~
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22 ~~provide reasonable certainty of its authenticity."~~

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REFERENCE BILL

March 20, 1979

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Bill No. 596, third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 13 through line 16.

Following: "elector"

Strike: remainder of line 13 through "card" on line 16

Insert: "If the elector is registered with a first and middle name,
the use of an initial instead of either the first or middle name,
but not both names, need not disqualify the signature,"

2. Page 1, line 16.

Following: "may"

Strike: "nevertheless"