

Senate looking into Santiago residence

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The Senate has begun a "preliminary investigation" into allegations challenging the residence of first-year Sen. Nellie Santiago.

A Senate majority spokesman said no formal action has been taken.

Bill Stevens said that at the moment, "all we have are a group of allegations printed in a newspaper."

However, Stevens said counsels for the

Senate majority are exploring the charges reported in the New York Post.

The Post story claims Santiago does not live in the East New York address she claimed during last year's election. The article said she actually divides her residence between a Manhattan co-op and an Albany brownstone.

State Election Board spokesman David Flanagan said the board has not received a formal complaint and is not conducting an investigation.

Flanagan said that under the Public Officers Act it falls to the Senate Ethics Committee to investigate any challenges of residency.

Knowingly falsifying information on election documents is a felony offense punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

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