



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB4160

Introduced 2/27/2009, by Rep. Jack D. Franks

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
5 ILCS 430/5-20

Creates the Local Official's Sign Act. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor for the proper name of an elected officer of a unit of local government or school district to appear on a sign paid for with public funds. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Adds any type of sign to the prohibition against the proper name or image of an executive branch constitutional officer or General Assembly member from appearing on a commercial billboard designed, prepared, paid for, or distributed using public dollars.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. This Act may be cited as the Local Official's
5 Sign Act.

6 Section 5. Name on sign prohibited. The proper name of an
7 incumbent elected officer of a unit of local government or
8 school district may not appear on a sign paid for in whole or
9 in part with public funds.

10 Section 10. Violation. Violation of this Act is a Class A
11 misdemeanor.

12 Section 95. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is
13 amended by changing Section 5-20 as follows:

14 (5 ILCS 430/5-20)

15 Sec. 5-20. Public service announcements; other promotional
16 material.

17 (a) Beginning January 1, 2004, no public service
18 announcement or advertisement that is on behalf of any State
19 administered program and contains the proper name, image, or
20 voice of any executive branch constitutional officer or member

1 of the General Assembly shall be broadcast or aired on radio or
2 television or printed in a commercial newspaper or a commercial
3 magazine at any time.

4 (b) The proper name or image of any executive branch
5 constitutional officer or member of the General Assembly may
6 not appear on any (i) bumper stickers, (ii) commercial
7 billboards or other types of signs, (iii) lapel pins or
8 buttons, (iv) magnets, (v) stickers, and (vi) other similar
9 promotional items, that are not in furtherance of the person's
10 official State duties or governmental and public service
11 functions, if designed, paid for, prepared, or distributed
12 using public dollars. This subsection does not apply to stocks
13 of items existing on the effective date of this amendatory Act
14 of the 93rd General Assembly.

15 (c) This Section does not apply to communications funded
16 through expenditures required to be reported under Article 9 of
17 the Election Code.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-615, eff. 11-19-03; 93-617, eff. 12-9-03;
19 93-685, eff. 7-8-04.)