

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 105/5 new)

7 Sec. 5. Ban on promotional materials.

8 (a) This Section applies to all units of local government,
9 local officials, school districts, and public institutions of
10 higher education, as that term is defined under Section 2 of
11 the Higher Education Cooperation Act, which includes community
12 colleges. This Section also applies to all employees of a unit
13 of local government, a local official, school district, or
14 public institution of higher education, and persons or
15 contractors working on behalf of a unit of local government, a
16 local official, school district, or public institution of
17 higher education.

18 (b) No person or entity to which this Section applies shall
19 use public moneys to send any promotional materials to
20 residents, except those directly related to course offerings,
21 programs of study, or certificate or degree programs, including
22 information regarding tuition and expenses, during the
23 following periods:

1 (1) For units of local government with offices elected
2 at the consolidated election, during a period beginning
3 January 1 through the day after the consolidated election.

4 (2) For all other units of local government, during a
5 period beginning February 1 of the year of a general
6 primary election and ending the day after the general
7 primary election and during a period beginning September 1
8 of the year of a general election and ending the day after
9 the general election.

10 (c) The restrictions imposed under this Section do not
11 apply to bills, schedules of events, or course-related
12 materials, including financial aid.

13 (d) Any person who violates this Section is subject to the
14 penalties set forth in Section 4 of this Act, including
15 termination of employment.