

# HB3299



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**HB3299**

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/10-8

from Ch. 46, par. 10-8

10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that election authorities may authorize service of objections to candidate nominations through electronic mail in lieu of personal service under specified circumstances. Makes conforming changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 10-8 and by adding Section 10-8.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

7 Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
8 certificates of nomination and nomination papers, and  
9 petitions to submit public questions to a referendum, being  
10 filed as required by this Code, and being in apparent  
11 conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to  
12 be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in writing  
13 within 5 business days after the last day for filing the  
14 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition for  
15 a public question, with the following exceptions:

16 A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
17 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
18 period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
19 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

20 B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
21 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
22 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
23 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which

1 objections can be filed.

2 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
3 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
4 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
5 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
6 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
7 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
8 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's  
9 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
10 office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
11 Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
12 election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
13 nomination papers or petitions are on file. Objection  
14 petitions that do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be  
15 accepted. In the case of nomination papers or certificates of  
16 nomination, the State Board of Elections, election authority  
17 or local election official shall note the day and hour upon  
18 which such objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later  
19 than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the  
20 petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal  
21 delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, the  
22 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
23 original objector's petition to the chair of the proper  
24 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his  
25 authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail  
26 or receipted personal delivery, or by electronic delivery

1 under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's petition, to the  
2 candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers  
3 are objected to, addressed to the place of residence  
4 designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination  
5 papers. In the case of objections to a petition for a proposed  
6 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or for an advisory  
7 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
8 State, the State Board of Elections shall note the day and hour  
9 upon which such objector's petition is filed and shall  
10 transmit a copy of the objector's petition by registered mail  
11 or receipted personal delivery, or by electronic delivery  
12 under Section 10-8.5, to the person designated on a  
13 certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
14 proponent of such proposed amendment or public question, or as  
15 the proponents' attorney, for the purpose of receiving notice  
16 of objections. In the case of objections to a petition for a  
17 public question, to be submitted to the voters of a political  
18 subdivision, or district thereof, the election authority or  
19 local election official with whom such petition is filed shall  
20 note the day and hour upon which such objector's petition was  
21 filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the second  
22 business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by  
23 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
24 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, the petition for the  
25 public question and the original objector's petition to the  
26 chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9

1 hereof, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by  
2 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
3 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's  
4 petition to the person designated on a certificate attached to  
5 the petition as the principal proponent of the public  
6 question, or as the proponent's attorney, for the purposes of  
7 receiving notice of objections.

8 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
9 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
10 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination  
11 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest  
12 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
13 electoral board.

14 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10  
15 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to  
16 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,  
17 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
18 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
19 for the submission of public questions under Article 28.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new)

22 Sec. 10-8.5. Electronic service of objections. Election  
23 authorities may authorize service of objections to candidate  
24 nominations through electronic mail in lieu of personal  
25 service if the election authority responsible for convening

1 the electoral board: (1) requires candidates to provide an  
2 electronic mail address where notices of objections and  
3 electoral board proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu  
4 of personal service; (2) requires objectors to provide an  
5 electronic mail address where notices and electoral board  
6 proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal  
7 service; and (3) publishes notice of its decision to use this  
8 Section on its website within 5 business days of the effective  
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.