

# HB3857



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/10-4

from Ch. 46, par. 10-4

Amends the Election Code. Provides that no image, symbol, or slogan shall appear in the heading of a petition for nomination other than the required information. Provides that any emblem or label indicating that the petition for nomination was printed by a union printer shall not be considered an image, symbol, or slogan.

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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 10-4 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/10-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-4)

7 Sec. 10-4. Form of petition for nomination. All petitions  
8 for nomination under this Article 10 for candidates for public  
9 office in this State, shall in addition to other requirements  
10 provided by law, be as follows: Such petitions shall consist  
11 of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall contain, above  
12 the space for signature, an appropriate heading, giving only  
13 the information as to name of candidate or candidates in whose  
14 behalf such petition is signed; the office; the party; place  
15 of residence; and such other information or wording as  
16 required to make same valid, and the heading of each sheet  
17 shall be the same. No image, symbol, or slogan shall appear in  
18 the heading of a petition for nomination other than the  
19 information required under this Section. Any emblem or label  
20 indicating that the petition for nomination was printed by a  
21 union printer shall not be considered an image, symbol, or  
22 slogan. Such petition shall be signed by the qualified voters  
23 in their own proper persons only, and opposite the signature

1 of each signer his residence address shall be written or  
2 printed. The residence address required to be written or  
3 printed opposite each qualified primary elector's name shall  
4 include the street address or rural route number of the  
5 signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county, and  
6 city, village or town, and state. However, the county or city,  
7 village or town, and state of residence of such electors may be  
8 printed on the petition forms where all of the electors  
9 signing the petition reside in the same county or city,  
10 village or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used  
11 in writing the residence address, including street number, if  
12 any. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, no signature  
13 shall be valid or be counted in considering the validity or  
14 sufficiency of such petition unless the requirements of this  
15 Section are complied with. At the bottom of each sheet of such  
16 petition shall be added a circulator's statement, signed by a  
17 person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the United  
18 States; stating the street address or rural route number, as  
19 the case may be, as well as the county, city, village or town,  
20 and state; certifying that the signatures on that sheet of the  
21 petition were signed in his or her presence; certifying that  
22 the signatures are genuine; and either (1) indicating the  
23 dates on which that sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating  
24 the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or  
25 (3) certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet were  
26 signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing

1 of the petition; and certifying that to the best of his  
2 knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of  
3 signing the petition duly registered voters under Article 4,  
4 5, or 6 of this Code of the political subdivision or district  
5 for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, and  
6 certifying that their respective residences are correctly  
7 stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn to before some  
8 officer authorized to administer oaths in this State. Except  
9 as otherwise provided in this Code, no petition sheet shall be  
10 circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided  
11 in Section 10-6 for the filing of such petition. Such sheets,  
12 before being presented to the electoral board or filed with  
13 the proper officer of the electoral district or division of  
14 the state or municipality, as the case may be, shall be neatly  
15 fastened together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile  
16 and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and  
17 suitable manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered  
18 consecutively. The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting  
19 them together end to end, so as to form a continuous strip or  
20 roll. All petition sheets which are filed with the proper  
21 local election officials, election authorities or the State  
22 Board of Elections shall be the original sheets which have  
23 been signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not  
24 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when  
25 presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added  
26 to, and no signature shall be revoked except by revocation in

1 writing presented or filed with the officers or officer with  
2 whom the petition is required to be presented or filed, and  
3 before the presentment or filing of such petition. Whoever  
4 forges any name of a signer upon any petition shall be deemed  
5 guilty of a forgery, and on conviction thereof, shall be  
6 punished accordingly. The word "petition" or "petition for  
7 nomination", as used herein, shall mean what is sometimes  
8 known as nomination papers, in distinction to what is known as  
9 a certificate of nomination. The words "political division for  
10 which the candidate is nominated", or its equivalent, shall  
11 mean the largest political division in which all qualified  
12 voters may vote upon such candidate or candidates, as the  
13 state in the case of state officers; the township in the case  
14 of township officers et cetera. Provided, further, that no  
15 person shall circulate or certify petitions for candidates of  
16 more than one political party, or for an independent candidate  
17 or candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted  
18 upon at the next primary or general election, or for such  
19 candidates and parties with respect to the same political  
20 subdivision at the next consolidated election.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)