



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4052

by Rep. Harry Benton

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-2

from Ch. 46, par. 9-2

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory Act, a political committee shall not bear the same name as, nor include the name of any established political committee. Effective immediately.

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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 9-2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-2)

7 Sec. 9-2. Political committee designations.

8 (a) Every political committee shall be designated as a (i)  
9 candidate political committee, (ii) political party committee,  
10 (iii) political action committee, (iv) ballot initiative  
11 committee, or (v) independent expenditure committee.

12 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, no public official or  
13 candidate for public office may maintain or establish more  
14 than one candidate political committee for each office that  
15 public official or candidate holds or is seeking. The name of  
16 each candidate political committee shall identify the name of  
17 the public official or candidate supported by the candidate  
18 political committee. If a candidate establishes separate  
19 candidate political committees for each public office, the  
20 name of each candidate political committee shall also include  
21 the public office to which the candidate seeks nomination for  
22 election, election, or retention. If a candidate establishes  
23 one candidate political committee for multiple offices elected

1 at different elections, then the candidate shall designate an  
2 election cycle, as defined in Section 9-1.9, for purposes of  
3 contribution limitations and reporting requirements set forth  
4 in this Article. No political committee, other than a  
5 candidate political committee, may include the name of a  
6 candidate in its name.

7 (c) Beginning January 1, 2011, no State central committee  
8 of a political party, county central committee of a political  
9 party, committee formed by a ward or township committeeperson,  
10 or committee established for the purpose of electing  
11 candidates to the General Assembly may maintain or establish  
12 more than one political party committee. The name of the  
13 committee must include the name of the political party.

14 (d) Beginning January 1, 2011, no natural person, trust,  
15 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other  
16 organization or group of persons forming a political action  
17 committee shall maintain or establish more than one political  
18 action committee. The name of a political action committee  
19 must include the name of the entity forming the committee.  
20 This subsection does not apply to independent expenditure  
21 committees.

22 (e) Beginning January 1, 2011, the name of a ballot  
23 initiative committee must include words describing the  
24 question of public policy and whether the group supports or  
25 opposes the question.

26 (e-5) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of the 104th General Assembly, the political committee  
2 shall not bear the same name as, nor include the name of any  
3 established political committee.

4 (f) Every political committee shall designate a chair and  
5 a treasurer. The same person may serve as both chair and  
6 treasurer of any political committee. A candidate who  
7 administers his own campaign contributions and expenditures  
8 shall be deemed a political committee for purposes of this  
9 Article and shall designate himself as chair, treasurer, or  
10 both chair and treasurer of such political committee. The  
11 treasurer of a political committee shall be responsible for  
12 keeping the records and filing the statements and reports  
13 required by this Article.

14 (g) No contribution and no expenditure shall be accepted  
15 or made by or on behalf of a political committee at a time when  
16 there is a vacancy in the office of chair or treasurer thereof.  
17 No expenditure shall be made for or on behalf of a political  
18 committee without the authorization of its chair or treasurer,  
19 or their designated agents.

20 (h) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this  
21 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political  
22 committee in existence on the effective date of this  
23 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall make the  
24 designation required by this Section by December 31, 2010.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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1 becoming law.