

HB4531



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/30/2026, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-8

from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall exercise the powers to impose campaign disclosure penalties; to hear and adjudicate alleged violations of registration requirements; to revoke or suspend the raffle licenses of political committees that violate the Raffles and Poker Runs Act; and to inform the Attorney General or the State's Attorney of credible alleged criminal violations.

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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 1A-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

7 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise the
8 following powers and perform the following duties in addition
9 to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by law:

10 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the
11 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as
12 heretofore provided in this Code;

13 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with
14 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections
15 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State
16 and the laws of the United States;

17 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each
18 primary and general election and any other election it
19 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions
20 consistent with the provisions of this Code which shall be
21 used by election authorities in the preparation of the
22 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of
23 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,

1 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the
2 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board
3 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions
4 applicable to different election jurisdictions which
5 administer elections under different options provided by
6 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular
7 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any
8 official manual of instructions published by election
9 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any
10 election authority shall be identical with the manual of
11 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be
12 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special
13 or unusual local election problems, provided that all
14 manuals published by election authorities must be
15 consistent with the provisions of this Code in all
16 respects and must receive the approval of the State Board
17 of Elections prior to publication; provided further that
18 if the State Board does not approve or disapprove of a
19 proposed manual within 60 days of its submission, the
20 manual shall be deemed approved;

21 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform
22 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with
23 the provisions of this Code as it shall deem advisable
24 which shall be used by election authorities in the conduct
25 of elections and registrations;

26 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any

1 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
2 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the
3 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so
4 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local
5 government of the State;

6 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the
7 conduct of elections and registration from election
8 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

9 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating
10 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed
11 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to
12 the appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

13 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to
14 improve the administration of elections and registration;

15 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in
16 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules
17 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of
18 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise
19 provided by law;

20 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of
21 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the
22 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

23 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research
24 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of
25 votes by precinct for general primary elections and
26 general elections, current precinct maps, and current

1 precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions within
2 the State. The research library shall be open to the
3 public during regular business hours. Such abstracts,
4 maps, and lists shall be preserved as permanent records
5 and shall be available for examination and copying at a
6 reasonable cost;

7 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration
8 and election laws throughout the State;

9 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management
10 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of
11 Central Management Services Law, such use of electronic
12 data processing equipment as may be required to perform
13 the duties of the State Board of Elections and to provide
14 election-related information to candidates, public and
15 party officials, interested civic organizations, and the
16 general public in a timely and efficient manner;

17 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or
18 required to give effect to directions of the national
19 committee or State central committee of an established
20 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or
21 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to
22 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an
23 established political party's national nominating
24 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate
25 certification schedule contained within this Code, the
26 certification of the Presidential and Vice Presidential

1 candidate selected by the established political party's
2 national nominating convention;

3 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by
4 election authority and hours of operation on its website
5 at least 5 business days before the period for early
6 voting begins;

7 (16) To post on its website the statewide totals, and
8 totals separated by each election authority, for each of
9 the counts received pursuant to Section 1-9.2; ~~and~~

10 (17) To post on its website, in a downloadable format,
11 the information received from each election authority
12 under Section 1-17; ~~and~~

13 (18) To impose campaign disclosure penalties as set
14 forth in Article 9;

15 (19) To hear and adjudicate alleged violations of the
16 registration requirements set forth in Section 9-35;

17 (20) To revoke or suspend the raffle licenses of
18 political committees that violate Section 8.1 of the
19 Raffles and Poker Runs Act; and

20 (21) To inform the Attorney General or the State's
21 Attorney of credible alleged criminal violations.

22 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or
23 functions under this Article, except that final determinations
24 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the
25 Board.

26 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly

1 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required
2 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and
3 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report
4 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required
5 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.
6 (Source: P.A. 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)