



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5031

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Bradley Fritts

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

60 ILCS 1/50-50 new  
65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-80 new

Amends the Township Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that write-in candidates for township offices may not enter upon their duties if the number of votes the write-in candidates received in the election is less than the number of signatures on the petition the write-in candidates would have been required to obtain to appear on the ballot.

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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 Township Code is amended by adding Section  
5 50-50 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/50-50 new)

7 Sec. 50-50. Write-in candidate limitations. Write-in  
8 candidates for township offices may not enter upon their  
9 duties if the number of votes the write-in candidates received  
10 in the election is less than the number of signatures on the  
11 petition the write-in candidates would have been required to  
12 obtain to appear on the ballot.

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15 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
16 adding Section 3.1-10-80 as follows:

17 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-80 new)

18 Sec. 3.1-10-80. Write-in candidate limitations. A write-in  
19 candidate for a municipal office may not assume the duties of  
20 the municipal office if the number of votes the write-in  
21 candidate received in the election is less than the number of

1 signatures on the petition the write-in candidate would have  
2 been required to obtain to appear on the ballot.