



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB0114

Introduced 1/24/2023, by Sen. Ann Gillespie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 130/9-2.5

Amends the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Provides that newsletters and other materials printed by the Legislative Printing Unit and intended for distribution to constituents may deal with such matters as (i) reports on public and official actions taken by the General Assembly and the members requesting the newsletters; (ii) discussions of proposed or pending legislation or governmental actions; and (iii) the position of the members requesting the newsletter and the arguments for or against such matters. Provides that newsletters and other materials may contain fair comment on the positions taken by a constitutional officer, legislative leader, or legislative caucus but shall not include past or future campaign activities or campaign positions. Provides that newsletters and other materials may refer to each caucus, members thereof, and voting records, with specified limitations. Provides that newsletters and other materials shall not contain appeals for campaign contributions or other funds and shall not be used to announce or advertise campaign activities. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Legislative Commission Reorganization Act
5 of 1984 is amended by changing Section 9-2.5 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 130/9-2.5)

7 Sec. 9-2.5. Newsletters and brochures.

8 (a) The Legislative Printing Unit may not print for any
9 member of the General Assembly any newsletters or brochures
10 during the period beginning February 1 of the year of a general
11 primary election, except that in 2022 the period shall begin
12 on May 15, 2022, and ending the day after the general primary
13 election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year
14 of a general election and ending the day after the general
15 election. A member of the General Assembly may not mail,
16 during a period beginning February 1 of the year of a general
17 primary election, except that in 2022 the period shall begin
18 on May 15, 2022, and ending the day after the general primary
19 election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year
20 of a general election and ending the day after the general
21 election, any newsletters or brochures that were printed, at
22 any time, by the Legislative Printing Unit, except that such a
23 newsletter or brochure may be mailed during those times if it

1 is mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's
2 inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions
3 raised by that constituent.

4 (b) Newsletters and other materials printed by the
5 Legislative Printing Unit and intended for distribution to
6 constituents may deal with such matters as: (i) reports on
7 public and official actions taken by the General Assembly and
8 the members requesting the newsletters; (ii) discussions of
9 proposed or pending legislation or governmental actions; and
10 (iii) the position of the members requesting the newsletter
11 and the arguments for or against such matters.

12 (c) Newsletters and other materials printed by the
13 Legislative Printing Unit may contain fair comment on the
14 positions taken by a constitutional officer, legislative
15 leader, or legislative caucus, but such commentary shall not
16 include past or future campaign activities or campaign
17 positions.

18 (d) Newsletters and other materials printed by the
19 Legislative Printing Unit may refer to each caucus as a group,
20 whether as "majority" or "minority" or by party name. No ad
21 hominem or personal criticisms are permitted. Individual names
22 of any other member of the General Assembly, or any language
23 that can be used to specifically identify any member, except
24 as listed as a cosponsor of a bill with the member requesting
25 the newsletter, are prohibited unless written permission has
26 been obtained from the other member or members before

1 printing. The voting record of other individual members of the
2 General Assembly may be included only with the prior written
3 consent of the other member or members.

4 (e) Newsletters and other materials printed by the
5 Legislative Printing Unit shall not contain appeals, direct or
6 indirect, for campaign contributions or other funds and shall
7 not be used to announce or advertise campaign activities.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21; 102-692, eff. 1-7-22.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.