

# HB0918



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB0918**

Introduced 2/10/2009, by Rep. Mike Boland

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/28-7

from Ch. 46, par. 28-7

Amends the Election Code. Sets the minimum number of petition signatures for a local public question at 8% of the number of votes cast by registered voters in the governmental unit in the most recent gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the registered voters in the governmental unit).

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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 Section  
5 28-7 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/28-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-7)

7 Sec. 28-7. In any case in which Article VII or paragraph  
8 (a) of Section 5 of the Transition Schedule of the Constitution  
9 authorizes any action to be taken by or with respect to any  
10 unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of Article  
11 VII of the Constitution, by or subject to approval by  
12 referendum, any such public question shall be initiated in  
13 accordance with this Section.

14 Any such public question may be initiated by the governing  
15 body of the unit of local government by resolution or by the  
16 filing with the clerk or secretary of the governmental unit of  
17 a petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal to or  
18 greater than 8% ~~10%~~ of the number of registered voters in the  
19 governmental unit who voted in the most recent gubernatorial  
20 election, requesting the submission of the proposal for such  
21 action to the voters of the governmental unit at a regular  
22 election.

23 If the action to be taken requires a referendum involving 2

1 or more units of local government, the proposal shall be  
2 submitted to the voters of such governmental units by the  
3 election authorities with jurisdiction over the territory of  
4 the governmental units. Such multi-unit proposals may be  
5 initiated by appropriate resolutions by the respective  
6 governing bodies or by petitions of the voters of the several  
7 governmental units filed with the respective clerks or  
8 secretaries.

9 This Section is intended to provide a method of submission  
10 to referendum in all cases of proposals for actions which are  
11 authorized by Article VII of the Constitution by or subject to  
12 approval by referendum and supersedes any conflicting  
13 statutory provisions except those contained in the "County  
14 Executive Act".

15 Referenda provided for in this Section may not be held more  
16 than once in any 23-month period on the same proposition,  
17 provided that in any municipality a referendum to elect not to  
18 be a home rule unit may be held only once within any 47-month  
19 period.

20 (Source: P.A. 82-750.)