

HB5846



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Introduced 11/10/2020, by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/29B-10

from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly
Ch. 46, par. 1103

Amends the Election Code. Provides that at the time a candidate for President or Vice President of the United States files a statement of candidacy, the State Board of Elections shall give the candidate a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of its provisions. Effective immediately.

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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 29B-10 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/29B-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly Ch.
7 46, par. 1103)

8 Sec. 29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a
9 political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its
10 statements of organization, or at the time a candidate for
11 President or Vice President of the United States files a
12 statement of candidacy under Section 7-11 of this Code, the
13 State Board of Elections, in the case of a candidate for the
14 President or Vice President of the United States, a state
15 political committee, or a political committee acting as both a
16 state political committee and a local political committee, or
17 the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee,
18 shall give the candidate or political committee a blank form of
19 the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the
20 provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or
21 county clerk shall inform each political committee that
22 subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the Code
23 shall read as follows:

1 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

2 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair
3 play that every candidate for public office in the State of
4 Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order
5 that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted
6 campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional
7 right to a free and untrammled choice and the will of the
8 people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

9 THEREFORE:

10 (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and
11 limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his
12 record.

13 (2) I will not use or permit the use of character
14 defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or
15 scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family
16 life.

17 (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative
18 prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or
19 national origin.

20 (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that
21 misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor
22 will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at
23 creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the
24 personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.

25 (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or
26 unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our

1 American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents
2 the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

3 (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified
4 American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral
5 process.

6 (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and
7 tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to
8 use or condone. I shall take firm action against any
9 subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws
10 governing elections.

11 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office
12 in the State of Illinois or chair of a political committee in
13 support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby
14 voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself
15 to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles
16 and practices.

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18 Date

Signature

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

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.