



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

**HB4624**

Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/29-4	from Ch. 46, par. 29-4
10 ILCS 5/29-18	from Ch. 46, par. 29-18

Amends the Election Code. In provisions concerning the prevention of voting or candidate support and conspiracy to prevent voting, provides that the term "deception or forgery" includes, but is not limited to the creation and distribution of a digital replica or deceptive social media content that a reasonable person would incorrectly believe is a true depiction of an individual, is made by a government official or candidate for office within the State, or is an announcement or communication made by a government agency and that is reasonably likely to dissuade a voter from registering to vote or lawfully voting, supporting, or opposing the nomination or election of any person for public office or any public question voted upon in any election. Defines additional terms. Effective immediately.

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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 Sections 29-4 and 29-18 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/29-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-4)

7 Sec. 29-4. Prevention of voting or candidate support.

8 (a) Any person who, by force, intimidation, threat,  
9 deception or forgery, knowingly prevents any other person from  
10 (a) registering to vote, or (b) lawfully voting, supporting or  
11 opposing the nomination or election of any person for public  
12 office or any public question voted upon at any election,  
13 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

14 (b) As used in this Section:

15 "Artificial intelligence" means a machine-based system  
16 that can make predictions, recommendations, or decisions  
17 influencing real or virtual environments for a given set of  
18 human-defined objectives. "Artificial intelligence" includes  
19 generative artificial intelligence.

20 "Deception or forgery" includes, but is not limited to:

21 (1) the creation and distribution of a digital replica  
22 of an individual generated by artificial intelligence that  
23 a reasonable person would incorrectly believe to be a true

1 depiction of that individual and that is reasonably likely  
2 to dissuade a voter from registering to vote or lawfully  
3 voting, supporting, or opposing the nomination or election  
4 of any person for public office or any public question  
5 voted upon in an election;

6 (2) the creation and distribution of deceptive social  
7 media content that a reasonable person would incorrectly  
8 believe is an announcement or communication made by a  
9 government agency and that is reasonably likely to  
10 dissuade a voter from registering to vote or lawfully  
11 voting, supporting, or opposing the nomination or election  
12 of any person for public office or any public question  
13 voted upon in an election; and

14 (3) the creation and distribution of deceptive social  
15 media content that a reasonable person would incorrectly  
16 believe is made by a government official or candidate for  
17 office in this State and that is reasonably likely to  
18 dissuade a voter from registering to vote or lawfully  
19 voting, supporting, or opposing the nomination or election  
20 of any person for public office or any public question  
21 voted upon in an election.

22 "Digital replica" means any audio or visual material that  
23 has been created, materially manipulated, altered, or  
24 annotated to appear to be a realistic record of an act, speech,  
25 conduct, absence, or appearance of an individual that a  
26 reasonable person would incorrectly believe to be a true

1 depiction of that individual and that falsely depicts an  
2 individual engaged in speech or conduct in which the depicted  
3 individual did not engage.

4 "Generative artificial intelligence" means an automated  
5 computing system that when prompted with human prompts,  
6 descriptions, or queries can produce outputs that simulate  
7 human-produced content, including, but not limited to, the  
8 following:

9 (1) textual outputs, such as short answers, essays,  
10 poetry, or longer compositions or answers;

11 (2) image outputs, such as fine art, photographs,  
12 conceptual art, diagrams, and other images;

13 (3) multimedia outputs, such as audio or video in the  
14 form of compositions, songs, or short-form or long-form  
15 audio or video; and

16 (4) other content that could be otherwise produced by  
17 human means.

18 (Source: P.A. 78-887.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/29-18) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-18)  
20 Sec. 29-18. Conspiracy to prevent vote - Liability).

21 (a) If 2 or more persons conspire to prevent by force,  
22 intimidation, threat, deception, forgery or bribery any person  
23 from registering to vote, or preventing any person lawfully  
24 entitled to vote from voting, or preventing any person from  
25 supporting or opposing, in a legal manner, the nomination or

1 election of any person for public or political party office,  
2 or a proposition voted upon at any election, or to injure any  
3 person or such person's property on account of such vote,  
4 support or advocacy, and if one or more persons so conspiring  
5 do, attempt or cause to be done, any act in furtherance of the  
6 object of such conspiracy, whereby another is injured in his  
7 person or property or deprived of having or exercising any  
8 right, privilege or immunity secured by the Constitution or  
9 laws of the United States or the State of Illinois relating to  
10 the conduct of elections, voting, or the nomination or  
11 election of candidates for public or political party office,  
12 all persons engaged in such conspiracy shall be liable to the  
13 party injured or any person affected, in any action or  
14 proceeding for redress.

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16 (Source: P.A. 79-1363.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.