

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 adding  
5 Section 9-8.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.5 new)

7 Sec. 9-8.5. Prohibited solicitations by certain State  
8 officials, employees, and appointees. An executive or  
9 legislative branch constitutional officer, his or her  
10 employees, or a candidate in a general primary election or  
11 general election for that constitutional office may not  
12 knowingly solicit contributions from that constitutional  
13 officer's employees, regardless of the time, place, or manner  
14 of solicitation nor may the officer, employee, or candidate  
15 ask such employees to raise funds from others.

16 For the purpose of this Section: executive branch  
17 constitutional officer means the Governor, Lieutenant  
18 Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State  
19 Treasurer, and State Comptroller; legislative branch  
20 constitutional officer means a member of the General  
21 Assembly; and employee means a full-time or part-time  
22 salaried employee or a salaried appointee (i) of any office,  
23 board, commission, agency, department, authority,  
24 administrative unit, or corporate outgrowth under the  
25 jurisdiction of the applicable executive branch  
26 constitutional officer or entity or (ii) of the legislative  
27 branch.

28 Violation of this Section constitutes grounds for  
29 disciplinary action, including discharge, against the  
30 offending officer or employee to the extent permissible under  
31 the Illinois Constitution. In the case of an executive or

1 legislative branch constitutional officer, violation of this  
2 Section may constitute grounds for his or her impeachment or  
3 expulsion.

4 Nothing in this Section prevents the making or accepting  
5 of voluntary contributions otherwise in accordance with law.