

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 9-1.14 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.14)

7 Sec. 9-1.14. Electioneering communication defined.

8 (a) "Electioneering communication" means, for the purposes
9 of this Article, any form of communication, in whatever medium,
10 including but not limited to a newspaper, radio, television, or
11 Internet communication, that (1) refers to a clearly identified
12 candidate or candidates who will appear on the ballot, refers
13 to a clearly identified political party, or refers to a clearly
14 identified question of public policy that will appear on the
15 ballot and (2) is made within (i) 60 days before a general
16 election or consolidated election or (ii) 30 days before a
17 primary election.

18 (b) "Electioneering communication" does not include:

19 (1) A communication, other than an advertisement,
20 appearing in a news story, commentary, or editorial
21 distributed through the facilities of any legitimate news
22 organization, unless the facilities are owned or
23 controlled by any political party, political committee, or
24 candidate.

25 (2) A communication made solely to promote a candidate
26 debate or forum that is made by or on behalf of the person
27 sponsoring the debate or forum.

28 (3) A communication made as part of a non-partisan
29 activity designed to encourage individuals to vote or to
30 register to vote.

31 (4) A communication by an organization operating and
32 remaining in good standing under Section 501(c)(3) of the

1 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

2 (5) A communication exclusively between a labor
3 organization, as defined under federal or State law, and
4 its members.

5 (6) A communication exclusively between an
6 organization formed under Section 501(c)(6) of the
7 Internal Revenue Code and its members.

8 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-615, eff. 11-19-03;
9 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

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