



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/45 new  
110 ILCS 520/30 new  
110 ILCS 660/5-140 new  
110 ILCS 665/10-140 new  
110 ILCS 670/15-140 new  
110 ILCS 675/20-145 new  
110 ILCS 680/25-140 new  
110 ILCS 685/30-150 new  
110 ILCS 690/35-145 new  
110 ILCS 805/3-29.4 new

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois. Provides that a university or community college may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on university or community college property, provided that such display by any member of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or her motor vehicle. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning higher education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 45 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/45 new)

7 Sec. 45. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
8 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
9 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
10 University property, provided that such display by any member  
11 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
12 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
13 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
14 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
15 her motor vehicle.

16 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management  
17 Act is amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

18 (110 ILCS 520/30 new)

19 Sec. 30. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
20 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
21 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on

1 University property, provided that such display by any member  
2 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
3 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
4 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
5 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
6 her motor vehicle.

7 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by  
8 adding Section 5-140 as follows:

9 (110 ILCS 660/5-140 new)

10 Sec. 5-140. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
11 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
12 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
13 University property, provided that such display by any member  
14 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
15 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
16 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
17 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
18 her motor vehicle.

19 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended  
20 by adding Section 10-140 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 665/10-140 new)

22 Sec. 10-140. Faculty and staff political displays. The

1 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
2 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
3 University property, provided that such display by any member  
4 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
5 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
6 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
7 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
8 her motor vehicle.

9 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended  
10 by adding Section 15-140 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 670/15-140 new)

12 Sec. 15-140. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
13 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
14 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
15 University property, provided that such display by any member  
16 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
17 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
18 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
19 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
20 her motor vehicle.

21 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by  
22 adding Section 20-145 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 675/20-145 new)

2 Sec. 20-145. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
3 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
4 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
5 University property, provided that such display by any member  
6 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
7 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
8 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
9 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
10 her motor vehicle.

11 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is  
12 amended by adding Section 25-140 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 680/25-140 new)

14 Sec. 25-140. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
15 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
16 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
17 University property, provided that such display by any member  
18 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
19 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
20 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
21 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
22 her motor vehicle.

23 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended

1 by adding Section 30-150 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 685/30-150 new)

3 Sec. 30-150. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
4 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
5 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
6 University property, provided that such display by any member  
7 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
8 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
9 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
10 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
11 her motor vehicle.

12 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended  
13 by adding Section 35-145 as follows:

14 (110 ILCS 690/35-145 new)

15 Sec. 35-145. Faculty and staff political displays. The  
16 University may not prohibit any faculty or staff member from  
17 (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches while on  
18 University property, provided that such display by any member  
19 of the faculty in an instructional setting is for a purpose  
20 relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii) attending a  
21 partisan political rally, provided that the employee is not on  
22 duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper sticker on his or  
23 her motor vehicle.

1           Section 50. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
2 adding Section 3-29.4 as follows:

3           (110 ILCS 805/3-29.4 new)

4           Sec. 3-29.4. Faculty and staff political displays. A  
5 community college may not prohibit any faculty or staff member  
6 from (i) displaying political buttons, stickers, or patches  
7 while on community college property, provided that such display  
8 by any member of the faculty in an instructional setting is for  
9 a purpose relevant to the subject of instruction; (ii)  
10 attending a partisan political rally, provided that the  
11 employee is not on duty; or (iii) displaying a partisan bumper  
12 sticker on his or her motor vehicle.

13           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.