



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB6888**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-8.7 new

Amends the Election Code. Prohibits campaign contributions to the Cook County Assessor, a Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, or a declared candidate for either of those offices from a property owner with a tax assessment appeal currently or previously before the Assessor or the Board or from a person or entity representing the property owner in the appeal. Makes the prohibition effective from the initiation of the appeal through the longer of (i) 2 years after the assessment year in which the appeal was disposed of or (ii) the conclusion of the term of office of the Assessor or Commissioner during which the appeal was disposed of. Requires the Assessor and the Board to report to the State Board of Elections the names of property owners with pending appeals and their representatives. Requires payment to the State Board of Elections of contributions received in violation of the prohibition. 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 adding Section  
5 9-8.7 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.7 new)

7 Sec. 9-8.7. Contributions to Cook County Assessor and Board  
8 of Review Commissioners; prohibition.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "declared candidate" means a  
10 person who has filed a statement of candidacy and a nomination  
11 petition, nomination papers, or a declaration of intent to be a  
12 write-in candidate with the county clerk of Cook County.

13 (b) Any property owner whose appeal of the tax assessment  
14 of that property is or was pending before the Cook County  
15 Assessor or the Cook County Board of Review, or any person or  
16 entity representing the property owner in that appeal, is  
17 prohibited from making any contribution to any political  
18 committee established to promote the candidacy of (i) the Cook  
19 County Assessor, (ii) a Commissioner of the Cook County Board  
20 of Review, or (iii) any declared candidate for the office of  
21 Cook County Assessor or Commissioner of the Cook County Board  
22 of Review. This prohibition shall be effective beginning on the  
23 date the appeal is initiated and through a period ending 2 tax

1 assessment years after the conclusion of the tax assessment  
2 year in which the appeal was disposed of or a period ending  
3 upon the conclusion of the term of office of the Cook County  
4 Assessor or Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Review, as  
5 appropriate, during which the appeal was disposed of, whichever  
6 period is longer.

7 (c) The Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of  
8 Review each shall report semi-monthly to the State Board of  
9 Elections the names of property owners with pending tax  
10 assessment appeals, the names of the persons or entities  
11 representing those owners in their appeals, and, except in the  
12 initial report, the names of property owners whose tax  
13 assessment appeals were disposed of since the last reporting  
14 date, the dates of the dispositions, and the names of persons  
15 or entities who represented those property owners in their  
16 appeals. The State Board of Elections by rule shall establish  
17 the reporting dates and forms. The State Board of Elections  
18 promptly shall post the names reported under this subsection on  
19 its official website in a manner searchable by the political  
20 committees subject to this Section.

21 (d) Any political committee that receives a contribution in  
22 violation of subsection (b) shall pay to the State Board of  
23 Elections an amount equal to the value of the contribution  
24 within 30 days after the contribution is received. Payments  
25 received by the State Board of Elections pursuant to this  
26 subsection shall be deposited into the State's general revenue

1 fund.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.