



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3156

by Rep. Will Guzzardi

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/7-10.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, if a deviation from the requirements for petitions under this Code is minor or technical in nature and does not (1) defeat the thrust, purpose, and effect of the Code or affect the intent to guarantee a fair and honest election or (2) prejudice public interests, the defect in the petitions shall not render the petition invalid. 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 7-10.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10.5 new)

7 Sec. 7-10.5. Petition validity. Notwithstanding any  
8 provision of law to the contrary, if a deviation from the  
9 requirements for petitions under this Code is minor or  
10 technical in nature and does not (1) defeat the thrust,  
11 purpose, and effect of the Code or affect the intent to  
12 guarantee a fair and honest election or (2) prejudice public  
13 interest, the defect in the petitions shall not render the  
14 petition invalid.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.