



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB0395

Introduced 2/3/2009, by Rep. Dan Brady

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/29-12.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Prohibits county clerks and members of boards of election commissioners from making public endorsements of candidates and public questions when the candidates' names and the questions appear on ballots solely of political subdivisions within their election jurisdiction. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning election officials.

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 29-12.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/29-12.5 new)

7 Sec. 29-12.5. Political endorsements by election  
8 officials. No county clerk or member of a board of election  
9 commissioners may publicly endorse any candidate for a public  
10 office or any public question when the candidate's name or the  
11 question appears on ballots solely in political subdivisions  
12 within the jurisdiction of that election authority and not  
13 elsewhere in the State. This prohibition includes but is not  
14 limited to print and broadcast endorsements.

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