97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4040

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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AN ACT concerning election officials.

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

Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section
29-12.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/29-12.5 new)

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

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