

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  
5 Section 29-19.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/29-19.5 new)

7 Sec. 29-19.5. False designation of incumbency. Any  
8 person who uses in any campaign material, including, but not  
9 limited to, radio advertisements, telephone advertisements,  
10 newspaper advertisements, circulars, cards, stationary, or  
11 electronic media, the words "incumbent," "re-elect," or  
12 "re-election" or otherwise indicates that the candidate for  
13 public office is the incumbent officeholder when the person  
14 knows that the candidate is not the incumbent officeholder is  
15 guilty of a petty offense. The penalty is a fine of not more  
16 than \$500.

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