



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2659

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-25 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that general election candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, and member of the General Assembly shall, not less than 60 days prior to the general election in which they are seeking office, file with the State Board of Elections federal and state tax returns for the 5 most recent taxable years in which the tax returns were filed with the federal Internal Revenue Services and Department of Revenue. Requires the State Board to post the tax returns online after redacting certain identifying information. Requires the State Board to establish by rule a procedure to challenge potential violations of these requirements and allows the State Board to adopt other rules it deems necessary. 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 1-25 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-25 new)

7 Sec. 1-25. Tax return release.

8 (a) This Section applies to any general election candidates  
9 for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
10 State, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer,  
11 and member of the General Assembly. This Section does not apply  
12 to candidates seeking nomination for an office under this  
13 subsection (a).

14 (b) In addition to any other requirements imposed by this  
15 Code, candidates subject to this Section shall, not less than  
16 60 days prior to the general election in which they are seeking  
17 office, file with the State Board of Elections federal and  
18 state tax returns for the 5 most recent taxable years in which  
19 the tax returns were filed with the federal Internal Revenue  
20 Service and Department of Revenue.

21 (c) The State Board of Elections shall, within a reasonable  
22 amount of time after filing, post any returns filed pursuant to  
23 this Section on its website, with any social security numbers,

1 taxpayer identification numbers, addresses, and other  
2 identifying information redacted. The State Board of Elections  
3 shall maintain the tax returns on its website at least through  
4 the end of the calendar year in which the general election was  
5 held.

6 (d) The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules  
7 establishing a procedure to challenge potential violations of  
8 this Section and may adopt other rules the State Board of  
9 Elections deems necessary to implement this Section.

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