

Bill	Sponsor	Date	Synopsis as Introduced
HB0024	Harry Osterman	2/4/2009	Amends the Election Code with respect to campaign finance. Limits a candidate to the establishment of one political committee; permits a General Assembly caucus leader to establish an additional caucus committee. Requires candidates, and permits political parties and General Assembly caucus leaders, to designate a single political committee to accept campaign contributions and regulates the manner of designation. Sets limits on the amount of campaign contributions an individual, a corporation, a labor organization, and an association may make to political committees of public office candidates, established political parties, political party committee person candidates, and legislative caucuses. Regulates the solicitation by corporations, labor organizations, and associations of employees and employee families for campaign contributions.
HB0085	Lou Lang	2/4/2009	Creates the Internet Voting Commission Act. Creates a commission appointed by the legislative leaders to study and recommend to the General Assembly a system of voting via the Internet at elections in 2012 and thereafter. Abolishes the commission and repeals the Act January 1, 2011. Effective immediately.
HB0086	Lou Lang	2/4/2009	Amends the Election Code. With respect to campaign finance reports, requires disclosure of all contributions, expenditures, and transfers (now, those exceeding, in the aggregate, \$150).
HB0087	Lou Lang	2/4/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires election authorities to provide voter registration in precincts on election day. Effective immediately.
HB0267	William Davis	2/4/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that grace period registration runs through the day of the election or primary (now, runs until the 14th day before the election or primary).
HB0268	Bill Mitchell	2/4/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that an automatically generated telephone communication that (i) is directed at voters and (ii) mentions the name of a candidate at the next election or advocates for or against a public policy position must identify the person or entity paying for the communication. Makes knowing generation of a violating communication a Class A misdemeanor.
HB0290	Sidney H. Mathias	2/9/2009	Amends the Election Code. Beginning June 1, 2010, provides that when a vacancy in nomination occurs on or after the general primary but more than 90 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot, other than because no candidate's name appeared on the general primary ballot and no write-in candidate was nominated, the vacancy may be filled only at a special primary election on a date set by the State Board of Elections but at least 30 days before the date of certification. Beginning June 1, 2010, permits a vacancy in nomination occurring less than 91 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot but more than 15 days before the general election to be filled by the political party's nominating committee only if the vacancy is due to the candidate's death or incapacitating illness. Beginning June 1, 2010, adds inability to fulfill the duties of the office sought due to illness as an event creating a vacancy in nomination. (Now, a vacancy in nomination occurring on or after the general primary and before the 15th day before the general election is filled by the party's nominating committee by

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HB0299	Sidney H. Mathias	2/4/2009	Amends the General Assembly Operations Act. Provides that if a bill or other legislative measure is sponsored or co-sponsored by a majority of the members elected to the chamber in which the bill or other legislative measure then resides, then that bill or other legislative measure must be referred by the Rules Committee of that chamber to a standing committee and a vote on that bill or other legislative measure must be taken by that standing committee within 6 session days or prior to any committee action or floor action deadline that has been imposed in that chamber, whichever is sooner.
HB0365	Jack D. Franks	2/9/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator occurring 90 or more days before the general primary immediately preceding the general election at which the office is regularly scheduled to be filled. Requires a temporary gubernatorial appointment for any vacancy in the office of United States Senator until the vacancy is filled at the special election or the general election at which the office is regularly scheduled to be filled. (Now, the vacancy is filled by a temporary gubernatorial appointment until filled by election at the next general election.)
HB0368	Chapin Rose	2/9/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires a deputy registrar to return completed voter registration materials to the proper election authority within 2 business days after receipt until the last day for accepting registrations before an election (now, within 7 days until the 35th day before an election and within 48 hours between the 35th and 28th days before an election). Prohibits the State Board of Elections and the Secretary of State from adopting rules that require otherwise for Secretary of State employees serving as deputy registrars at driver's license facilities. Prohibits the unauthorized copying or dissemination of personal or other information from a voter registration application. Makes violation a Class A misdemeanor.
HB0395	Dan Brady	2/9/2009	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.
HB0502	Keith Farnham	2/9/2009	Amends the Election Code. At polling places, authorizes persons aged 75 or older to request preference over other persons in obtaining and casting ballots. Requires that election authorities give that requested preference, and sets forth steps election authorities must take to make older persons aware of that preference.
HB0567	Careen M Gordon	2/11/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that a resident of a community-integrated living arrangement, as defined by rule of the State Board of Elections, is a resident, for voting purposes, of the election jurisdiction in which the arrangement is located.
HB0717	Sidney H. Mathias	2/11/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires 2-day reporting by political committees of certain campaign contributions during the approximately 60 (now, approximately 30) days before a primary or election. Effective immediately.

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HB0723	Mike Fortner	2/11/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that when a political party committee fills a vacancy in nomination occurring because no candidate's name appeared on the consolidated primary ballot and no write-in candidate was nominated, the committee must do so within 16 days after the primary. In the case of a vacancy in nomination that occurs because the name of a political party's candidate did not appear on the general primary ballot and no write-in candidate was nominated, provides that the vacancy may be filled only by a person selected by the party committee within 60 days after the primary who circulates and files petitions for that office in the same manner as an independent candidate (now, by a person nominated by the committee within 60 days after the general primary).
HB0733	Mike Boland	2/11/2009	Creates the Illinois Clean Election Act. Establishes a voluntary method of public financing of the campaigns of candidates for Governor, State Senator, and State Representative. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Illinois Clean Election Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create an individual tax return checkoff in support of the Fund. Effective immediately.
HB0787	Robert Rita	2/9/2009	Amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. Provides for the election of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District commissioners from the same subdistricts as members of the Cook County Board of Review. Phases in the election from the subdistricts at the 2010, 2012, and 2014 general elections. Authorizes cumulative voting for commissioners. Changes the terms of commissioners from 6 years to a combination of 4-year and 2-year terms. Effective immediately.
HB0825	William B. Black	2/9/2009	Amends the Election Code. Eliminates the requirement that a voter declare party affiliation when voting at a primary election. Provides that the voter shall receive the primary ballot of each of the established political parties nominating candidates for office at the primary election but may cast a ballot of only one political party, except in certain cases involving statewide political parties and political parties established only within a political subdivision. Effective January 1, 2010.
HB0888	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Eliminates the requirement that a voter declare party affiliation when voting at a primary election. Provides that the voter shall receive the primary ballot of each of the established political parties nominating candidates for office at the primary election but may cast a ballot of only one political party, except in certain cases involving statewide political parties and political parties established only within a political subdivision. Effective January 1, 2010.
HB0890	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to develop and implement a pilot project in which one county permits voter registration up to and including the day of an election. Authorizes the State Board to select the county and the election and to spend funds to defray the local election authority's extraordinary costs. Requires the State Board to adopt implementing rules and to report to the General Assembly.
HB0915	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Authorizes the submission of public questions to voters in less than all precincts of a municipality of any size (now, more than 1,000,000 population).

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HB0916	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. With respect to local referenda authorized by the Illinois Constitution, changes the minimum petition signature requirement to at least 8% of the number of votes cast in the governmental unit for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the number of registered voters).
HB0918	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Sets the minimum number of petition signatures for a local public question at 8% of the number of votes cast by registered voters in the governmental unit in the most recent gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the registered voters in the governmental unit).
HB0922	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Makes the minimum petition signature requirement for local public questions 6% of the total votes cast for all gubernatorial candidates at the most recent gubernatorial election by the voters of the political subdivision (now, 8% of such votes with respect to questions at elections in 2008 and, with respect to questions at elections in 2009 and later, 11% of the total ballots cast by voters in the political subdivision at the most recent regular election).
HB1012	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Changes the petition signature requirement for a new political party to at least twice the minimum number required for an established party candidate for the office on the slate with the lowest signature requirement. Changes the petition signature requirement for an independent candidate to at least twice the minimum number required for an established party candidate for that office.
HB1061	Elizabeth Coulson	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires each political committee to report a campaign contribution of \$10,000 or more to the State Board of Elections within 2 business days after its receipt. Authorizes the State Board of Elections to impose a fine for failing to report.
HB1064	Mike Bost	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Eliminates in-person absentee voting. Provides that early voting extends through the Monday (now, the 5th day) before an election.
HB1111	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Beginning January 1, 2011, permits an election authority to accept in-person voter registrations on the day of the consolidated primary election and the day of the consolidated election.
HB1113	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides for the use of mail-in ballots for the general primary held in 2010 in a county selected by the State Board of Elections. Provides that the election authority shall mail ballots to each registered voter not more than 40 nor less than 5 days before the date of the election. Establishes procedures for the return of the ballots. Provides for the delivery of ballots to the judges of election. Provides for the casting of mail-in ballots. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall adopt rules and procedures for the implementation of the use of mail-in ballots within 270 days after the effective date of the bill. Requires the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the problems and successes of conducting the election by mail. Contains other provisions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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HB1323	Mike Boland	2/23/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that each election authority (i) conduct an election day audit of a random sample of 10% of votes cast and (ii) provide by contract or employment for the performance by one or more independent auditors of post-election parallel tabulations and audits. Provides for the scope of the audits and the resulting reports. Requires that optical scan technology and direct recording electronic voting systems meet certain federal and independent testing standards. With respect to early voting, requires that an election authority using only direct recording electronic voting systems have paper ballots available for voters wishing to use them.
HB1324	Mike Boland	2/23/2009	Creates the Illinois Clean Elections Act. Establishes a voluntary method of public financing of the campaigns of candidates for statewide constitutional offices and the General Assembly. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Illinois Clean Elections Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create an individual tax return checkoff in support of the Fund. Effective immediately.
HB1333	Mike Boland	2/23/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that each election authority (i) conduct an election day audit of a random sample of 10% of votes cast and (ii) provide by contract or employment for the performance by one or more independent auditors of post-election parallel tabulations and audits. Provides for the scope of the audits and the resulting reports. Requires that optical scan technology and direct recording electronic voting systems meet certain federal and independent testing standards. With respect to early voting, requires that an election authority using only direct recording electronic voting systems have paper ballots available for voters wishing to use them.
HB1334	Mike Boland	2/23/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides for the use of mail-in ballots for the consolidated election held in 2011. Provides that the election authority shall mail ballots to each registered voter not more than 40 nor less than 5 days before the date of the election. Establishes procedures for the return of the ballots. Provides for the delivery of ballots to the judges of election. Provides for the casting of mail-in ballots. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall adopt rules and procedures for the implementation of the use of mail-in ballots within 270 days after the effective date of the bill. Requires the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the problems and successes of conducting elections with mail-in ballots. Contains other provisions. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.
HB2261	William B. Black	2/23/2009	Amends the Election Code. Adds 3 members to the State Board of Elections, to be appointed from political parties other than the 2 parties whose gubernatorial nominees received the highest and second highest number of votes in the most recent general election. Effective immediately.
HB2267	Mike Boland	2/18/2009	Creates the Illinois Clean Election Act. Establishes a voluntary method of public financing of the campaigns of candidates for statewide officials. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Illinois Clean Election Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create an individual tax return checkoff in support of the Fund. Effective immediately.
HB2364	Mike Boland	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. Authorizes binding initiatives relating to ethical standards to be placed on the ballot by electors of units of local government.

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HB2366	Eddie Washington	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. Changes the number of petition signatures required by an independent candidate to the same number required by a candidate of a political party for nomination to the particular office (now, various larger percentages of numbers of voters).
HB2368	Mike Boland	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. With respect to local referenda authorized by the Illinois Constitution, changes the minimum petition signature requirement to at least 8% of the number of votes cast in the governmental unit for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the number of registered voters).
HB2416	Naomi D. Jakobsson	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that a majority of a panel of election judges be affiliated with the first leading established political party in the precinct and that the others be affiliated with other leading established political parties (now, the others must be affiliated with the second leading party).
HB2457	Dan Brady	2/23/2009	Amends the Election Code. Authorizes election authorities to use newspaper obituaries, if confirmed as accurate, to purge voter registration records.
HB2503	Tom Cross	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. When a vacancy occurs in the office of U.S. Senator, requires that: (i) the Governor make a temporary appointment, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, and the office be filled at the next general election at which that office is scheduled to be filled, if the vacancy occurs fewer than 180 days before that election, and (ii) the vacancy be filled at a special election, designated by the Governor, if the vacancy occurs 180 or more days before the next general election at which that office is scheduled to be filled. <i>Effective immediately.</i>
HB2590	Paul D. Froehlich	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that the limit of 3 public questions per election in a political subdivision does not apply when a fourth public question is non-advisory and initiated by electors if the first 3 public questions are advisory propositions initiated by resolution. <i>Effective immediately.</i>
HB2620	William B. Black	2/25/2009	Amends the Election Code. Makes the minimum petition signature requirement for a new State political party the same as that for a State office candidate of an established political party (now, the lesser of 25,000 or 1% of the number of voters voting in the most recent general election). Makes the minimum petition signature requirement for a new local political party the same as that for an established party candidate for the local office on the slate with the highest petition signature requirement (now, 5% of the number of voters in the relevant district or political subdivision who voted in the most recent election when district or subdivision officers were elected by the district or subdivision as a unit).
HB2629	Kathleen A. Ryg	2/25/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that a person who is 17 years old on the date of a primary may vote at the primary if that person is otherwise qualified and will be 18 years old on the date of the following election.
HB2631	Paul D. Froehlich	2/20/2009	Creates the Judicial Campaign Reform Act and amends the Election Code, the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, and the Clerks of Courts Act. Creates a voluntary program of public financing of election campaigns for the offices of judges of the Illinois Supreme Court and Appellate Courts, administered by the State Board of Elections. Establishes funding mechanisms and provides penalties for violations. Sets mandatory contribution limits with respect to all judicial election campaigns. <i>Makes other changes.</i>

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HB3793	Julie Hamos	2/25/2009	Amends the Election Code. When a vacancy occurs in the office of U.S. Senator, requires that: (i) the Governor make a temporary appointment and the office be filled at the next general election at which that office is scheduled to be filled, if the vacancy occurs less than one year before that election, and (ii) the vacancy be filled by the Governor by temporary appointment and at a special election, designated by the Governor, if the vacancy occurs one year or more before the next general election at which that office is scheduled to be filled. Requires the State to reimburse each election authority for costs associated with any special election held before January 1, 2011 to fill a vacancy in the office of U.S. Senator. Effective immediately.
HB4007	Paul D. Froehlich	2/26/2009	Amends the Election Code, the General Assembly Compensation Act, and the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. Changes the 2010 general primary election from the first Tuesday in February 2010 to the second Tuesday in September 2010 (September 14). Makes conforming changes with respect to (i) filing of declarations of judicial retention, (ii) filing of campaign finance reports, and (iii) printing and mailing of legislators' newsletters and brochures. Effective immediately.
HB4029	Paul D. Froehlich	2/26/2009	Amends the Election Code. Authorizes binding initiatives to be placed on the ballot by electors of units of local government.
HB4037	Emily McAsey	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires an election authority to designate at least one early voting permanent polling place. Specifies that an election authority's primary office is a permanent early voting polling place unless the authority designates another. Requires that an early voting permanent polling place be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the final Saturday and Sunday of the early voting period.
HB4116	Rosemary Mulligan	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Prohibits media communications that refer to clearly identified candidates until specified periods before a general primary and general election, with certain exceptions. Authorizes the State Board of Elections to impose civil penalties for violations.
HB4255	John E. Bradley	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that the election of commissioners of the Illinois Commerce Commission be included on general election ballots. Provides guidelines for the form and filing of petitions for nomination in the election of commissioners to the Commission. Provides that the State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for the Commission. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides for a Commission consisting of 7 members elected on a non-partisan basis. Provides that 3 members of the Commission shall be elected from the First Judicial District and one member shall be elected from each of the remaining 4 judicial districts. Provides that the members of the Commission shall elect one of the members to serve as chairperson of the Commission. Provides for the chairperson to serve a 2-year term. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.
SB0080	Terry Link	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that when an early voting polling place is located in a building owned or leased by a unit of local government, the unit of local government may apply the campaign free zone to the entire property on which the building is situated (now, applies within 100 feet from the polling place). Effective immediately.

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SB0146	Ira I. Silverstein	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor to telephone or cause to be telephoned any paid message that expressly advocates the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified State or local candidate without a specified disclosure of the message's sponsoring entity or responsible individual. Effective immediately.
SB0176	Don Harmon	1/30/2009	Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act. Changes the definition of "Board". Provides that the commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County shall be elected in a countywide election (instead of the county board of commissioners serving as the board). Provides the election procedures and terms of office for commissioners. Specifies the procedure for selecting a president of the board. Provides that the president, with the advice and consent of the board of commissioners, may appoint officers. Specifies the procedure for filling a vacancy in the position of president and commissioner. Removes the president's veto power. Amends the Election Code. Provides that, at the consolidated election in the appropriate odd-numbered years, the offices of commissioner of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County shall be filled. Effective immediately.
SB0189	Susan Garrett	2/10/2009	Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. With respect to applicants for gubernatorial appointment to boards, commissions, authorities, and task forces, requires that (i) an applicant must provide specified documents to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions, (ii) the Office must hold a public hearing before appointing or nominating an applicant, (iii) the Office must provide to the Senate specified information on any applicant nominated for Senate confirmation, and (iv) the Office must post specified information on its website about appointment requirements, applicants, and appointees. Requires all applicants and appointees, whether or not the position requires Senate confirmation, to file statements of economic interests (now, nominees for and appointees to positions requiring Senate confirmation must file statements). Effective immediately.
SB0283	Dave Syverson	2/25/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that nothing in the Code prohibits an otherwise qualified primary elector from becoming the candidate of a different established political party. Effective immediately.
SB0284	Dan Cronin	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Prohibits political committees and nonprofit organizations required to register with the State Board of Elections from making transfers of funds in an aggregate total in excess of \$1,000 to political committees and nonprofit organizations during a 2-year election cycle. Effective immediately.
SB1271	Rickey R. Hendon	2/10/2009	Amends the Election Code. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, provides that a vacancy in any elective State or local public office shall be filled at a special election if more than 6 months remain of the term of office and if the annual compensation for that office exceeds \$21,000. Requires that the election be held 2 months after the vacancy occurs and that candidate petitions be filed within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

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SB1406	Michael Noland	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code with respect to campaign finance. Limits a candidate to the establishment of one political committee; permits a General Assembly caucus leader to establish an additional caucus committee. Requires candidates, and permits political parties and General Assembly caucus leaders, to designate a single political committee to accept campaign contributions and regulates the manner of designation. Sets limits on the amount of campaign contributions an individual, a corporation, a labor organization, and an association may make to political committees of public office candidates, established political parties, political party committeeperson candidates, and legislative caucuses. Regulates the solicitation by corporations, labor organizations, and associations of employees and employee families for campaign contributions.
SB1428	Matt Murphy	2/11/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that when a vacancy in nomination occurs on or after the general primary but more than 90 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot, other than because no candidate's name appeared on the general primary ballot and no write-in candidate was nominated, the vacancy may be filled only at a special primary election on a date set by the State Board of Elections but at least 30 days before the date of certification. Permits a vacancy in nomination occurring less than 91 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot but more than 15 days before the general election to be filled by the political party's nominating committee only if the vacancy is due to the candidate's death or incapacitating illness. Adds inability to fulfill the duties of the office sought due to illness as an event creating a vacancy in nomination. (Now, a vacancy in nomination occurring on or after the general primary and before the 15th day before the general election is filled by the party's nominating committee by certain deadlines based upon when the vacancy occurs). Effective June 1, 2009.
SB1428	Matt Murphy	2/27/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that when a vacancy in nomination occurs on or after the general primary but more than 90 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot, other than because no candidate's name appeared on the general primary ballot and no write-in candidate was nominated, the vacancy may be filled only at a special primary election on a date set by the State Board of Elections but at least 30 days before the date of certification. Permits a vacancy in nomination occurring less than 91 days before certification of candidates for the general election ballot but more than 15 days before the general election to be filled by the political party's nominating committee only if the vacancy is due to the candidate's death or incapacitating illness. Adds inability to fulfill the duties of the office sought due to illness as an event creating a vacancy in nomination. (Now, a vacancy in nomination occurring on or after the general primary and before the 15th day before the general election is filled by the party's nominating committee by certain deadlines based upon when the vacancy occurs). Effective June 1, 2009
SB1466	Emil Jones	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. With respect to absentee ballots, provides that those returned by mail must be postmarked by midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots.

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SB1548	Christine Radogno	2/18/2009	Amends the Election Code. Limits a candidate for public office to one political committee, with certain exceptions. Limits annual campaign contributions to any one candidate for public office from an individual, corporation, labor union, association, or other group to an aggregate of \$10,000, adjusted annually for inflation.
SB1614	Maggie Crotty	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code. Provides that nominating and objector petitions may be filed until 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing those petitions.
SB1768	Heather Steans	2/19/2009	Amends the Election Code with respect to campaign finance. Limits a candidate to the establishment of one political committee; permits a General Assembly caucus leader to establish an additional caucus committee. Requires candidates, and permits political parties and General Assembly caucus leaders, to designate a single political committee to accept campaign contributions and regulates the manner of designation. Prohibits campaign contributions to political committees of public office candidates, established political parties, political party committeeperson candidates, and legislative caucuses except in limited amounts from individuals and political committees. Regulates the solicitation by corporations, labor organizations, and associations of employees and employee families for campaign contributions. Requires political committees to furnish the State Board of Election with reports of audits of the committees.
SB1790	Dave Syverson	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to produce a one-page information sheet for local election authorities to provide to those interested in running for public office
SB2022	Michael W. Frerichs	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Permits a person to request and vote an absentee ballot without specifying a reason for the absence from the polling place on election day. Effective immediately.
SB2063	Dale A. Righter	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Limits a candidate for public office to one political committee, with certain exceptions. Limits annual campaign contributions to any one candidate for public office from an individual, corporation, labor union, association, or other group to an aggregate of \$5,000, adjusted annually for inflation.
SB2076	Bill Brady	2/20/2009	Creates the Election Whistleblower Hotline Act. Requires the Attorney General to establish a 24-hour statewide hotline to report suspected election misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, or violations of rules, regulations, or laws. Requires the Attorney General to refer allegations to appropriate entities. Allegations may not be anonymous. Provides for promotion of the hotline. Authorizes rewards, subject to appropriation, and provides for confidentiality. Effective immediately
SB2077	Chris Lauzen	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Prohibits political committees and nonprofit organizations required to register with the State Board of Elections from making transfers of funds in an aggregate total in excess of \$1,000 to political committees and nonprofit organizations during a 2-year election cycle. Effective immediately.
SB2079	Chris Lauzen	2/20/2009	Amends the Election Code. Requires that a person seeking to vote on election day present a government-issued photo identification card to the election judge (now, required only when voting early). Effective immediately.

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SB2144	Kwame Raoul	2/20/2009	Creates the Judicial Campaign Reform Act and amends the Election Code, the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, and the Clerks of Courts Act. Creates a voluntary program of public financing of election campaigns for the offices of judges of the Illinois Supreme Court and Appellate Courts, administered by the State Board of Elections. Establishes funding mechanisms and provides penalties for violations. Sets mandatory contribution limits with respect to all judicial election campaigns. Makes other changes.