

HB1860 • Illinois

ELEC CD-DECEPTIVE MATERIAL

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Oct 01, 2023 | Last Action (Mar 27, 2026): Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

Summary

HB1860 prohibits distributing materially deceptive media within 90 days before an election, with exceptions for clear disclaimers or bona fide news coverage. Penalties include unspecified fines and other consequences.

Business Impact

If you distribute media near elections, ensure it is not deceptive or face legal penalties immediately.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits distribution of materially deceptive media that falsely represents individuals within 90 days before an election
- Requires intent to change voting behavior by deceiving electors and harm a candidate's reputation or electoral prospects
- Allows exceptions for media with a 'clear and conspicuous disclaimer' identifying the media as altered or 'bona fide news coverage' that is part of a legitimate news report produced by a recognized news organization
- Penalties for violations include unspecified fines and other consequences

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure no distribution of materially deceptive media within 90 days of an election. | Who: Individuals and organizations distributing media. | Penalty: Class C misdemeanor for violations.
- Include disclaimers for any manipulated media distributed. | Who: Media distributors and candidates. | Penalty: Potential legal action for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Topics

AI in Political Advertising

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Jim Durkin		Primary
Tom Cross		Primary
Lou Lang		Primary
Michael J. Madigan		Primary
Rich Brauer		Primary
CAPPARELLI		Cosponsor
BUGIELSKI		Cosponsor
ACEVEDO		Cosponsor
LYONS,JOSEPH		Cosponsor
BRADLEY		Cosponsor
MCAULIFFE		Cosponsor
SAVIANO		Cosponsor

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