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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1529

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1529, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
6 Sections 1-3, 1-12, 1A-16.5, 1A-16.8, 4-8, 4-20, 4-33, 5-7,
7 5-28, 5-43, 6-35, 6-65, 6-79, 9-3, 10-6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-8,
8 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-8, 20-10, 24C-12 and
9 29-5, and by adding Sections 1-13 and 1A-50 as follows:

10 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

11 Sec. 1-3. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
12 requires:

13 1. "Election" includes the submission of all questions of
14 public policy, propositions, and all measures submitted to
15 popular vote, and includes primary elections when so indicated
16 by the context.

1 2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,
2 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly
3 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal
4 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only
5 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is
6 required to be held on such date.

7 3. "Special election" means an election not regularly
8 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is
9 held at the same time and place and by the same election
10 officers as a regular election.

11 4. "General election" means the biennial election at which
12 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary
13 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary
14 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates
15 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

16 5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,
17 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and
18 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,
19 village or incorporated town.

20 6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit
21 of local government, or school district in which elections are
22 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also
23 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School
24 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

25 7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply
26 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization

1 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township
2 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality
3 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal
4 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

5 8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of
6 Election Commissioners.

7 9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in
8 the case of a county in which no city board of election
9 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of
10 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial
11 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (c)
12 the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city
13 board of election commissioners. In each instance election
14 jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election
15 authority maintains the permanent registration records of
16 qualified electors.

17 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary
18 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case
19 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,
20 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the
21 various school officer elections and school referenda for which
22 the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by The
23 School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

24 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar
25 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,
26 when used in connection with duties at an election during the

1 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of
2 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with
3 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to
4 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the
5 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated
6 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,
7 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be
8 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be
9 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the
10 holdover judges.

11 12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and
12 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's
13 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of
14 qualified primary electors bound together.

15 13. "Election district" and "precinct", when used with
16 reference to a 30-day residence requirement, means the smallest
17 constituent territory in which electors vote as a unit at the
18 same polling place in any election governed by this Act.

19 14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the
20 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of
21 local government or school district, and includes, but is not
22 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,
23 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and
24 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and
25 precincts.

26 15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means

1 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at
2 an election dealing with subject matter other than the
3 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is
4 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions
5 relating to the Constitution.

6 16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a
7 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the
8 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions
9 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of government,
10 the officers or the manner of selection or terms of office of
11 officers of such municipality or county, pursuant to the
12 provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the
13 Constitution.

14 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,
15 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc
16 or other electronic data processing information containing
17 voter information.

18 18. "Accessible" means accessible to persons with
19 disabilities and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting
20 or registration, as determined by rule of the State Board of
21 Elections.

22 19. "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

23 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a
24 temporary or permanent physical disability.

25 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two
26 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most

1 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the
2 highest or second highest average number of votes. The
3 political party whose candidates for governor received the
4 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first
5 leading political party and the political party whose
6 candidates for governor received the second highest average
7 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political
8 party.

9 22. "Business day" means any day in which the office of an
10 election authority, local election official or the State Board
11 of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of 7 hours.

12 23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a
13 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a
14 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space under
15 a bridge.

16 24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized
17 form. This definition does not apply to a nominating or
18 candidate petition or a referendum petition.

19 25. "Intelligent mail barcode tracking system" means a
20 printed trackable barcode attached to the return business reply
21 envelope for mail-in ballots under Article 19 or Article 20
22 that allows an election authority to determine the date the
23 envelope was mailed in absence of a postmark.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

1 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

2 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
3 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
4 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and
5 grace period voting at the student union on the campus of a
6 public university within the election authority's
7 jurisdiction. The voting required by this subsection (a) to be
8 conducted on campus must be conducted from the 6th day before a
9 general primary or general election until and including the 4th
10 day before a general primary or general election from 10:00
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and as otherwise required by Article 19A of this
12 Code, except that the voting required by this subsection (a)
13 need not be conducted during a consolidated primary or
14 consolidated election. If an election authority has voting
15 equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required
16 in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election
17 authority shall extend early voting and grace period
18 registration and voting under this Section to any registered
19 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the
20 election authority does not have voting equipment that can
21 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election
22 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may
23 limit early voting and grace period registration and voting
24 under this Section to voters in precincts where the public
25 university is located and precincts bordering the university.
26 Each public university shall make the space available at the

1 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the
2 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this
3 subsection (a).

4 (b) (Blank).

5 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
6 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,
7 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern
8 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern
9 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and
10 Northeastern Illinois University.

11 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union" means
12 the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of
13 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the
14 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building
15 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student
16 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the
17 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
18 the SIUC Student Center at the Southern Illinois University at
19 Carbondale campus; the Morris University Center at the Southern
20 Illinois University at Edwardsville campus; the University
21 Union at the Western Illinois University at the Macomb campus;
22 the Holmes Student Center at the Northern Illinois University
23 campus; the University Union at the Eastern Illinois University
24 campus; NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois
25 University campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois
26 State University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the

1 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in
2 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;
4 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/1-13 new)

6 Sec. 1-13. Forms of signature. The making and signing of
7 any form, including an application to register, a certificate
8 authorizing cancellation of a registration or authorizing a
9 transfer of registration, an application to vote, a provisional
10 ballot, or affidavit, but not including a nominating or
11 candidate petition or a referendum petition, may be by a
12 signature written in ink or in digitized form.

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

14 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

15 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and
16 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a
17 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her
18 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical
19 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each
20 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system
21 capable of receiving and processing voter registration
22 application information, including electronic signatures, from
23 the online voter registration system established by the State
24 Board of Elections.

1 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ
2 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
3 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to
4 this Section.

5 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information
6 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'
7 website, may cross reference that information with data or
8 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in
9 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may
10 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized
11 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's
12 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's
13 database.

14 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
15 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic
16 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued
17 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register
18 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State
19 Board of Elections.

20 (e) An online voter registration application shall contain
21 all of the information that is required for a paper application
22 as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except that the
23 applicant shall be required to provide:

24 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or
25 State identification card number;

26 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social

1 security number; and

2 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State
3 identification card was issued.

4 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in
5 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box
6 associated with the following statement included as part of the
7 online voter registration application:

8 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
9 following:

10 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information
11 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in
12 the State of Illinois.

13 (2) All the information I have provided on this form is
14 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

15 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the
16 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the
17 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be
18 used by my local election authority on this online voter
19 registration application for admission as an elector as if I
20 had signed this form personally."

21 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter
22 registration application, the online voter registration system
23 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the
24 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving
25 such an application, the online voter registration system shall
26 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of

1 whether the following information has been matched with the
2 Secretary of State database:

3 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
4 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
5 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State
6 identification number provided by the applicant matches
7 the driver's license or State identification card number
8 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

9 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's
10 license or State identification card listed on the
11 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
12 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

13 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant
14 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the
15 Secretary of State; and

16 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
17 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person
18 on file with the Secretary of State.

19 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches
20 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any
21 driver's license and State identification card holder and is
22 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter
23 registration system shall:

24 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database
25 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from
26 his or her Illinois driver's license or State

1 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to
2 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter
3 registration application;

4 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
5 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
6 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
7 registration: (i) the application, along with the
8 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
9 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
10 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a
11 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
12 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
13 number, driver's license or State identification card date
14 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
15 information have been successfully matched.

16 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration
17 application, the county clerk or board of election
18 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
19 registration shall promptly search its voter registration
20 database to determine whether the applicant is already
21 registered to vote at the address on the application and
22 whether the new registration would create a duplicate
23 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at
24 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case
25 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and
26 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic

1 mail address on the original voter registration form for that
2 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law
3 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to
4 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already
5 registered to vote at the address on the application and the
6 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk
7 or board, as the case may be, shall:

8 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the
9 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

10 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant
11 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter
12 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as
13 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's
14 name and address as it appears on the application and
15 stating that the person is registered to vote.

16 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a
17 duplicate registration application or a change of address form
18 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's
19 driver's license or State identification card database as
20 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,
21 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that
22 individual in the voter registration database of the county
23 clerk or board of election commissioners.

24 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted
25 electronically as provided in this Section shall become
26 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or

1 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said
2 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section
3 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online
4 application or change of address by the county clerk or board
5 of election commissioners.

6 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter
7 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
8 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
9 this Section. All applications submitted on a website
10 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed
11 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on
12 the 16th day ~~final day for voter registration~~ prior to an
13 election. After the registration period for an upcoming
14 election has ended and until the 2nd day following such
15 election, the web page containing the online voter registration
16 form on the State Board of Elections website shall inform users
17 of the procedure for grace period voting.

18 (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of
19 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,
20 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of
21 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration
22 system and those names and that information shall be stored in
23 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
24 accessible to State and local political committees.

25 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or
26 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able

1 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile
2 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

3 (o) (Blank).

4 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet
5 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website
6 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For
7 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the
8 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the
9 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and
10 Departments of State Government).

11 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;
12 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

14 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based
15 upon information from the National Change of Address database.
16 The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the
17 statewide voter registration database against the United
18 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database
19 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in
20 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in even-numbered
21 years, and shall share the findings with the election
22 authorities. An election authority shall automatically
23 register any voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from
24 another jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its
25 jurisdiction provided that:

1 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes
2 the new registration address provides the voter an
3 opportunity to reject the change in registration address
4 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new
5 registration address, and

6 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction
7 includes the previous registration address is a different
8 election authority, then that election authority provides
9 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by forwardable
10 mail, to the previous registration address.

11 This change in registration shall trigger the same
12 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if
13 the voter completed a new registration card, including the
14 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the
15 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another
16 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and
17 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting
18 that the prior registration address is the true current
19 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as
20 having been registered at the prior registration address and
21 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall
22 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration
23 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable
24 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be
25 issued a provisional ballot ~~and the provisional ballot shall be~~
26 counted.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/1A-50 new)

3 Sec. 1A-50. The ERIC Operations Trust Fund. The ERIC
4 Operations Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is created as a
5 nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside of the State
6 treasury, with the State Treasurer as ex officio custodian. The
7 Trust Fund shall be financed by a combination of private
8 donations and by appropriations by the General Assembly. The
9 Board may accept from all sources, contributions, grants,
10 gifts, bequeaths, legacies of money, and securities to be
11 deposited into the Trust Fund. All deposits shall become part
12 of the Trust Fund corpus. Moneys in the Trust Fund are not
13 subject to appropriation and shall be used by the Board solely
14 for the costs and expenses related to the participation in the
15 Electronic Registration Information Center pursuant to this
16 Code.

17 All gifts, grants, assets, funds, or moneys received by the
18 Board for the purpose of participation in the Electronic
19 Registration Information Center shall be deposited and held in
20 the Trust Fund by the State Treasurer separate and apart from
21 all public moneys or funds of this State and shall be
22 administered by the Board exclusively for the purposes set
23 forth in this Section. All moneys in the Trust Fund shall be
24 invested and reinvested by the State Treasurer. All interest
25 accruing from these investments shall be deposited in the Trust

1 Fund.

2 The ERIC Operations Trust Fund is not subject to sweeps,
3 administrative charge-backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary
4 maneuver that would in any way transfer any amounts from the
5 ERIC Operations Trust Fund into any other fund of the State.

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

7 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
8 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which
9 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
10 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
11 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
12 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable
13 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration
14 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration
15 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

16 The registration record card shall contain the following
17 and such other information as the county clerk may think it
18 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
19 registration:

20 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
21 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
22 for such middle name, if any.

23 Sex.

24 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
25 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit

1 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
2 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
3 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
4 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be
5 determined by street and number, then the section,
6 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
7 other description as may be necessary, including post-office
8 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the
9 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing
10 address shall be included on his or her registration record
11 card.

12 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.
13 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating
14 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which
15 he resided in such place or places during the year next
16 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

17 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
18 born.

19 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
20 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
21 naturalization.

22 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
23 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

24 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

25 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
26 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

1 The county and state in which the applicant was last
2 registered.

3 Electronic mail address, if any.

4 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration
5 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
6 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
7 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and
8 duplicate registration record cards.

9 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

10 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
11 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered
12 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed
13 description of the applicant in the space provided on the back
14 or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the
15 following questions and record the answers thereto:

16 Father's first name.

17 Mother's first name.

18 From what address did the applicant last register?

19 Reason for inability to sign name.

20 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
21 substantially the following form:

22 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

23 STATE OF ILLINOIS

24 COUNTY OF

25 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
26 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall

1 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
2 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that this
3 location shall be my residence; that I am fully qualified to
4 vote, and that the above statements are true.

5
6 (His or her signature or mark)

7 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

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9 Signature of registration officer.

10 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

11 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
12 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
13 registered thereon.

14 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
15 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
16 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
17 determine.

18 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
19 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
20 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
21 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
22 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
23 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
24 records of the election authority during the period beginning
25 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or

1 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
2 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
3 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
4 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
5 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
6 records but the election authority is not required to extend
7 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
8 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
9 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of
10 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
11 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,
12 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
13 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
14 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
15 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
16 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or
17 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
18 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
19 record cards.

20 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
21 electronic data processing information containing voter
22 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk
23 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and
24 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the
25 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For
26 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed

1 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.
2 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,
3 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone
4 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,
5 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,
6 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of
7 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to
8 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of
9 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the
10 circuit court of the county in which the election authority
11 maintains the registration information. The costs of
12 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a
13 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election
14 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall
15 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of
16 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such
17 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,
18 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state
19 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois
20 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
21 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable
22 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
23 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
24 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
25 State or local political committee and other than to a
26 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically

1 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
2 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
3 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
4 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
5 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
6 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
7 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
8 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
9 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the
10 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
11 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,
12 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the
13 county clerk to local political committees and governmental
14 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable
15 cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be
16 the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration. The
17 individual representing a political committee requesting
18 copies of such tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the
19 information shall be used only for bona fide political
20 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or
21 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic
22 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political
23 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial
24 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain
25 information on county residents related to the operations of
26 county government in addition to registration information,

1 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for
2 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The
3 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or
4 computer discs or other electronic data processing information
5 containing voter registration information for purposes of
6 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be
7 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of
8 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of
9 a Class 4 felony.

10 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
11 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
12 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
13 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
14 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
15 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
16 employed by the election authorities of this State in the
17 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
18 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
19 of voter registration information shall comply with such
20 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

21 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
22 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
23 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
24 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
25 following form:

26 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)

1 To the Election Commission of the City of, Illinois.

2 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
3 (city) and that my residence was

4 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize
5 you to cancel said registration in your office.

6 Dated at, Illinois, on (insert date).

7

8 (Signature of Voter)

9 Attest:, County Clerk,

10 County, Illinois.

11 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
12 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election commission
13 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly
14 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority
15 for cancellation of any previous registration.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/4-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-20)

18 Sec. 4-20. The original registration cards shall remain
19 permanently in the office of the county clerk or election
20 authority except as destroyed as provided in Section 4-5.01;
21 shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts; and
22 shall be known as the master file. The master file may be kept
23 in a computer-based voter registration file or paper format,
24 provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site. The
25 digital file shall be searchable and remain current with all

1 registration activity conducted by the county clerk or election
2 authority. The duplicate registration cards shall constitute
3 the official registry of voters for all elections subject to
4 the provisions of this Article 4, shall be filed by precincts
5 alphabetically or geographically so as to correspond with the
6 arrangement of the list for such precincts respectively,
7 compiled pursuant to Section 4-11 of this Article, and shall be
8 known as the precinct file. The duplicate cards for use in
9 conducting elections shall be delivered to the judges of
10 election by the county clerk in a suitable binder or other
11 device, which shall be locked and sealed in accordance with the
12 directions to be given by the county clerk and shall also be
13 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.
14 The duplicate cards shall be delivered to the judges of
15 election for use at the polls for elections at the same time as
16 the official ballots are delivered to them, and shall be
17 returned to the county clerk by the judges of election within
18 the time provided for the return of the official ballots. The
19 county clerk shall determine the manner of delivery and return
20 of such duplicate cards, and shall at all other times retain
21 them at his office except for such use of them as may be made
22 under this Article with respect to registration not at the
23 office of the county clerk.

24 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

1 Sec. 4-33. Computerization of voter records.

2 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
3 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
4 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
5 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
6 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
7 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
8 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
9 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
10 required under Sections 4-8 and 4-21; provided that the cards
11 shall also contain: (i) A space for a person to fill in his or
12 her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
13 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
14 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social
15 security number if the person has a social security number.

16 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
17 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
18 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the
19 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
20 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
21 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
22 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
23 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
24 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
25 original registration cards will include the signature
26 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic

1 file shall be the master file.

2 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a
3 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
4 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
5 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
6 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
7 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
8 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
9 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

10 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
11 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
12 standards:

13 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
14 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
15 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
16 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
17 inquiry, shall be recorded.

18 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
19 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
20 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
21 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
22 offices of the election authority.

23 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
24 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
25 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
26 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be

1 reproduced.

2 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
3 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
4 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
5 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
6 the registered voter.

7 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
8 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
9 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
10 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
11 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
12 second calendar year following the election in which it was
13 used.

14 (d) Before the first election in which the election
15 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
16 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
17 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
18 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
19 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
20 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
21 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
22 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
23 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
24 signatures of the registered voters.

25 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
26 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,

1 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
2 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall
3 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

4 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
5 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
6 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
7 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
8 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
9 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
10 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
11 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
12 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
13 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
14 voter registration record.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

17 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
18 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which
19 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
20 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
21 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
22 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable
23 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration
24 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration
25 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

1 The registration record card shall contain the following
2 and such other information as the county clerk may think it
3 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
4 registration:

5 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
6 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
7 for such middle name, if any.

8 Sex.

9 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
10 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
11 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
12 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
13 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
14 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing
15 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's
16 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be
17 included on his or her registration record card.

18 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
19 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant
20 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30
21 days in the precinct.

22 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
23 born.

24 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
25 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
26 naturalization.

1 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
2 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

3 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

4 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
5 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

6 The county and state in which the applicant was last
7 registered.

8 Electronic mail address, if any.

9 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration
10 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
11 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
12 or digitized form to the affidavit on the original and
13 duplicate registration record card.

14 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

15 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
16 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered
17 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed
18 description of the applicant in the space provided at the
19 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following
20 questions and record the answers thereto:

21 Father's first name

22 Mother's first name

23 From what address did you last register?

24 Reason for inability to sign name.

25 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
26 substantially the following form:

1 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

2 State of Illinois)

3) ss

4 County of)

5 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
6 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall
7 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
8 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified
9 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence
10 and that the above statements are true.

11

12 (His or her signature or mark)

13 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

14

15 Signature of Registration Officer.

16 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

17 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
18 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
19 registered thereon.

20 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
21 to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the case
22 may be, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
23 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
24 determine.

25 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and

1 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
2 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
3 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
4 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
5 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
6 records of the election authority during the period beginning
7 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or
8 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
9 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
10 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
11 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
12 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
13 records but the election authority is not required to extend
14 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
15 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
16 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of
17 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
18 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,
19 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
20 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
21 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
22 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
23 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or
24 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
25 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
26 record cards.

1 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
2 electronic data processing information containing voter
3 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk
4 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and
5 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the
6 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For
7 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed
8 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.
9 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,
10 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone
11 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,
12 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,
13 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of
14 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to
15 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of
16 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the
17 circuit court of the county in which the election authority
18 maintains the registration information. The costs of
19 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a
20 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election
21 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall
22 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of
23 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such
24 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,
25 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state
26 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois

1 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
2 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable
3 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
4 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
5 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
6 State or local political committee and other than to a
7 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically
8 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
9 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
10 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
11 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
12 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
13 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
14 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
15 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
16 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the
17 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
18 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,
19 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county
20 clerk to local political committees and governmental entities
21 at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of
22 the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be the cost
23 of duplication plus 15% for administration. The individual
24 representing a political committee requesting copies of such
25 tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the information shall
26 be used only for bona fide political purposes, including by or

1 for candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such
2 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under
3 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals for
4 purposes of commercial solicitation or other business
5 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county residents
6 related to the operations of county government in addition to
7 registration information, that information shall not be used
8 under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other
9 business purposes. The prohibition in this Section against
10 using the computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic
11 data processing information containing voter registration
12 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other
13 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective
14 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this
15 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

16 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
17 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
18 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
19 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
20 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
21 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
22 employed by the election authorities of this State in the
23 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
24 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
25 of voter registration information shall comply with such
26 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

1 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
 2 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
 3 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
 4 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
 5 following form:

6 To the County Clerk of County, Illinois. To the Election
 7 Commission of the City of, Illinois.

8 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
 9 (city) and that my residence was

10 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby
 11 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

12 Dated at Illinois, on (insert date).

13
 14 (Signature of Voter)

15 Attest, County Clerk, County, Illinois.

16 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
 17 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election commission
 18 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly
 19 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority
 20 for cancellation of any previous registration.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/5-28) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-28)

23 Sec. 5-28. The original registration record cards shall
 24 remain permanently in the office of the county clerk or
 25 election authority except as destroyed as provided in Section

1 5-6; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts;
2 and shall be known as the master file. The master file may be
3 kept in a computer-based voter registration file or paper
4 format, provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site.
5 The digital file shall be searchable and remain current with
6 all registration activity conducted by the county clerk or
7 election authority. The duplicate registration record cards
8 shall constitute the official registry of voters for all
9 elections and shall be filed by precincts and townships. The
10 duplicate cards for use in conducting elections shall be
11 delivered to the judges of election by the county clerk in a
12 suitable binder or other device, which shall be locked and
13 sealed in accordance with the directions to be given by the
14 county clerk and shall also be suitably indexed for convenient
15 use by the precinct officers. The precinct files shall be
16 delivered to the judges of election for use at the polls for
17 elections at the same time as the official ballots are
18 delivered to them, and shall be returned to the county clerk by
19 the judges of election within the time provided for the return
20 of the official ballots. The county clerk shall determine the
21 manner of return and delivery of such file.

22 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

24 Sec. 5-43. Computerization of voter records.

25 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a

1 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
2 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
3 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
4 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
5 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
6 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
7 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
8 required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided that the cards
9 shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in his
10 or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
11 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
12 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social
13 security number if the person has a social security number.

14 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
15 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
16 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the
17 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
18 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
19 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
20 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
21 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
22 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
23 original registration cards will include the signature
24 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
25 file shall be the master file.

26 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a

1 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
2 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
3 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
4 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
5 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
6 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
7 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

8 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
9 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
10 standards:

11 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
12 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
13 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
14 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
15 inquiry, shall be recorded.

16 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
17 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
18 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
19 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
20 offices of the election authority.

21 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
22 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
23 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
24 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
25 reproduced.

26 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an

1 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
2 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
3 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
4 the registered voter.

5 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
6 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
7 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
8 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
9 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
10 second calendar year following the election in which it was
11 used.

12 (d) Before the first election in which the election
13 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
14 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
15 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
16 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
17 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
18 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
19 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
20 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
21 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
22 signatures of the registered voters.

23 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
24 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,
25 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
26 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall

1 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

2 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
3 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
4 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
5 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
6 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
7 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
8 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
9 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
10 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
11 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
12 voter registration record.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

15 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall
16 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration
17 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards
18 and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of
19 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data
20 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards
21 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The
22 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of
23 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in
24 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the
25 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other

1 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or
2 duplications.

3 The registration record card shall contain the following
4 and such other information as the Board of Election
5 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the
6 identification of the applicant for registration:

7 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
8 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
9 for such middle name, if any.

10 Sex.

11 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
12 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
13 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
14 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
15 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
16 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing
17 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's
18 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be
19 included on his or her registration record card.

20 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
21 precinct.

22 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
23 born.

24 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
25 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
26 naturalization.

1 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
2 and year when the applicant presented himself for registration.

3 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

4 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
5 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

6 The county and state in which the applicant was last
7 registered.

8 Electronic mail address, if any.

9 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and
10 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
11 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
12 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and the
13 duplicate registration record card.

14 Signature of deputy registrar.

15 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
16 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the registration
17 officer shall write a detailed description of the applicant in
18 the space provided at the bottom of the card or sheet; and
19 shall ask the following questions and record the answers
20 thereto:

21 Father's first name

22 Mother's first name

23 From what address did you last register?

24 Reason for inability to sign name

25 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
26 substantially the following form:

1 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

2 State of Illinois)

3)ss

4 County of)

5 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
6 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall
7 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
8 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my
9 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the
10 above statements are true.

11

12 (His or her signature or mark)

13 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

14

15 Signature of registration officer
16 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

17 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
18 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
19 registered thereon.

20 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
21 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be serially
22 or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the
23 Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

24 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
25 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
26 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.

1 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
2 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
3 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
4 records of the election authority during the period beginning
5 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or
6 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
7 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
8 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
9 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
10 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
11 records but the election authority is not required to extend
12 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
13 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
14 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of
15 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
16 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,
17 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
18 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
19 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
20 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
21 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or
22 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
23 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
24 record cards.

25 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
26 electronic data processing information containing voter

1 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of
2 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and May
3 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration period
4 is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed
5 by the State Board. For the purposes of this Section, a
6 registration period is closed 27 days before the date of any
7 regular or special election. Registration information shall
8 include, but not be limited to, the following information:
9 name, sex, residence, telephone number, if any, age, party
10 affiliation, if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county,
11 and representative, legislative and congressional districts.
12 In the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is
13 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this
14 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by instituting
15 legal proceedings in the circuit court of the county in which
16 the election authority maintains the registration information.
17 The costs of furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall
18 be paid at a rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in
19 the election jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or
20 disc and shall be paid from appropriations made to the State
21 Board of Elections for reimbursement to the election authority
22 for such purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such
23 tapes, discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to
24 state political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois
25 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
26 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable

1 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
2 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
3 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
4 State or local political committee and other than to a
5 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically
6 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
7 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
8 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
9 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
10 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
11 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
12 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
13 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
14 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the
15 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
16 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,
17 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the Board
18 of Election Commissioners to local political committees and
19 governmental entities at their request and at a reasonable
20 cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this
21 purpose would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for
22 administration. The individual representing a political
23 committee requesting copies of such tapes shall make a sworn
24 affidavit that the information shall be used only for bona fide
25 political purposes, including by or for candidates for office
26 or incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other

1 electronic data shall not be used under any circumstances by
2 any political committee or individuals for purposes of
3 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. If such
4 tapes contain information on county residents related to the
5 operations of county government in addition to registration
6 information, that information shall not be used under any
7 circumstances for commercial solicitation or other business
8 purposes. The prohibition in this Section against using the
9 computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data
10 processing information containing voter registration
11 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other
12 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective
13 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this
14 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

15 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
16 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
17 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
18 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
19 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
20 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
21 employed by the election authorities of this State in the
22 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
23 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
24 of voter registration information shall comply with such
25 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

26 If the applicant for registration was last registered in

1 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
2 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
3 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
4 following form:

5 To the County Clerk of County, Illinois.

6 To the Election Commission of the City of, Illinois.

7 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
8 (city) and that my residence was, Having moved out of your
9 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that
10 registration in your office.

11 Dated at, Illinois, on (insert date).

12
13 (Signature of Voter)

14 Attest, Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,
15 Illinois.

16 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
17 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,
18 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant
19 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be
20 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.
21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/6-65) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-65)
23 Sec. 6-65.

24 The duplicate registration record cards shall remain
25 permanently in the office of the Board of Election

1 Commissioners; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to
2 wards or precincts; and shall be known as the master file. The
3 master file may be kept in a computer-based voter registration
4 file or paper format, provided a secondary digital back-up is
5 kept off site. The digital file shall be searchable and remain
6 current with all registration activity conducted by the Board
7 of Election Commissioners. The original registration record
8 cards shall constitute the official precinct registry of
9 voters; shall be filed by wards and precincts; and shall be
10 known as the precinct file. The original cards shall be
11 delivered to the judges of election by the Board of Election
12 Commissioners in a suitable binder or other device, which shall
13 be locked and sealed in accordance with directions to be given
14 by the Board of Election Commissioners and shall also be
15 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.
16 The precinct files shall be delivered to the precinct officers
17 for use at the polls, on the day of election and shall be
18 returned to the Board of Election Commissioners immediately
19 after the close of the polls. The board shall determine by
20 rules the manner of delivery and return to such file. At all
21 other times the precinct file shall be retained at the office
22 of the Board of Election Commissioners except for such use of
23 it as may be made under this Article with respect to
24 registration not at the office of the Board of Election
25 Commissioners.

26 (Source: P.A. 78-934.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

2 Sec. 6-79. Computerization of voter records.

3 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
4 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
5 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
6 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
7 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
8 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
9 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
10 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
11 required under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35; provided that the
12 cards shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in
13 his or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
14 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
15 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social
16 security number if the person has a social security number.

17 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
18 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
19 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the
20 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
21 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
22 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
23 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
24 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
25 forms received via an online voter registration system, the

1 original registration cards will include the signature
2 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
3 file shall be the master file.

4 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a
5 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
6 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
7 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
8 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
9 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
10 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
11 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

12 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
13 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
14 standards:

15 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
16 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
17 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
18 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
19 inquiry, shall be recorded.

20 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
21 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
22 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
23 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
24 offices of the election authority.

25 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
26 computer-based voter registration file that includes a

1 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
2 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
3 reproduced.

4 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
5 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
6 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
7 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
8 the registered voter.

9 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
10 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
11 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
12 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
13 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
14 second calendar year following the election in which it was
15 used.

16 (d) Before the first election in which the election
17 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
18 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
19 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
20 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
21 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
22 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
23 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
24 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
25 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
26 signatures of the registered voters.

1 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
2 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,
3 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
4 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall
5 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

6 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
7 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
8 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
9 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
10 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
11 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
12 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
13 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
14 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
15 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
16 voter registration record.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

19 Sec. 9-3. Political committee statement of organization.

20 (a) Every political committee shall file with the State
21 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10
22 business days of the creation of such committee, except any
23 political committee created within the 30 days before an
24 election shall file a statement of organization within 2
25 business days in person, by facsimile transmission, or by

1 electronic mail. Any change in information previously
2 submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported, as
3 required for the original statement of organization by this
4 Section, within 10 days following that change. ~~A political~~
5 ~~committee that acts as both a state political committee and a~~
6 ~~local political committee shall file a copy of each statement~~
7 ~~of organization with the State Board of Elections and the~~
8 ~~county clerk.~~ The Board shall impose a civil penalty of \$50 per
9 business day upon political committees for failing to file or
10 late filing of a statement of organization. Such penalties
11 shall not exceed \$5,000, and shall not exceed \$10,000 for
12 statewide office political committees. There shall be no fine
13 if the statement is mailed and postmarked at least 72 hours
14 prior to the filing deadline.

15 In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this
16 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political
17 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary
18 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction
19 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of
20 funds and to cease operations until the statement of
21 organization is filed.

22 For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means
23 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,
24 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

25 (b) The statement of organization shall include:

26 (1) the name and address of the political committee and

1 the designation required by Section 9-2;

2 (2) the scope, area of activity, party affiliation, and
3 purposes of the political committee;

4 (3) the name, address, and position of each custodian
5 of the committee's books and accounts;

6 (4) the name, address, and position of the committee's
7 principal officers, including the chairman, treasurer, and
8 officers and members of its finance committee, if any;

9 (5) the name and address of any sponsoring entity;

10 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of
11 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution
12 or termination of the committee;

13 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial
14 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other
15 repositories or custodians of funds used by the committee;
16 and

17 (8) the amount of funds available for campaign
18 expenditures as of the filing date of the committee's
19 statement of organization.

20 For purposes of this Section, a "sponsoring entity" is (i)
21 any person, organization, corporation, or association that
22 contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the political
23 committee or (ii) any person or other entity that is registered
24 or is required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act
25 and contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the
26 political committee.

1 (c) Each statement of organization required to be filed in
 2 accordance with this Section shall be verified, dated, and
 3 signed by either the treasurer of the political committee
 4 making the statement or the candidate on whose behalf the
 5 statement is made and shall contain substantially the following
 6 verification:

7 "VERIFICATION:

8 I declare that this statement of organization (including
 9 any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by
 10 me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is a true,
 11 correct, and complete statement of organization as required by
 12 Article 9 of the Election Code. I understand that willfully
 13 filing a false or incomplete statement is subject to a civil
 14 penalty of at least \$1,001 and up to \$5,000.

15
 16 (date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)".

17 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative
 18 committee also shall include a verification signed by the
 19 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed
 20 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public
 21 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
 22 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
 23 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
 24 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
 25 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or
 26 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or

1 candidates for nomination for election, election, or
2 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements
3 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

4 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent
5 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed
6 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is
7 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent
8 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
9 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
10 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
11 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
12 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions
13 to any candidate political committee, political party
14 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to
15 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in
16 violation of this Article.

17 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this
18 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political
19 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory
20 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the statement
21 required by this Section with the Board by December 31, 2010.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 7-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6)

24 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Certificates of
25 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of

1 candidates for offices to be filled by electors of the entire
2 State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for
3 congressional, state legislative or judicial offices, shall be
4 presented to the principal office of the State Board of
5 Elections not more than 141 nor less than 134 days previous to
6 the day of election for which the candidates are nominated. The
7 State Board of Elections shall endorse the certificates of
8 nomination or nomination papers, as the case may be, and the
9 date and hour of presentment to it. Except as otherwise
10 provided in this section, all other certificates for the
11 nomination of candidates shall be filed with the county clerk
12 of the respective counties not more than 141 but at least 134
13 days previous to the day of such election. Certificates of
14 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of
15 candidates for school district offices to be filled at
16 consolidated elections shall be filed with the county clerk or
17 county board of election commissioners of the county ~~election~~
18 ~~authority~~ in which the principal office of the school district
19 is located not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the
20 consolidated election. Certificates of nomination and
21 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for the
22 other offices of political subdivisions to be filled at regular
23 elections other than the general election shall be filed with
24 the local election official of such subdivision:

25 (1) (Blank);

26 (2) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to

1 the consolidated election; or

2 (3) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to
3 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be
4 filled at the general primary election; or

5 (4) not more than 99 nor less than 92 days before the
6 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to be
7 elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law (including
8 without limitation, those municipal offices subject to
9 Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

10 (5) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the
11 municipal primary in even numbered years for such
12 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are
13 provided; or

14 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of
15 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed
16 with the election authority not more than 113 nor less than
17 106 days before the consolidated election.

18 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are
19 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a
20 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of
21 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such
22 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of
23 such Board.

24 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

1 Sec. 19-3. The application for vote by mail ballot shall be
2 substantially in the following form:

3 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

4 To be voted at the election in the County of and
5 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
6 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

7 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
8 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
9 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
10 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
11 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
12 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
13 held therein on; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail
14 ballot.

15 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
16 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
17 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
18 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
19 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than ~~midnight~~
20 ~~preceding~~ election day, for counting no later than during the
21 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
22 is the 14th day following election day.

23 I understand that this application is made for an official
24 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the
25 election specified in this application and that I must submit a
26 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or

1 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

2 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
3 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
4 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

5

6 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

7 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

8

9 However, if application is made for a primary election
10 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
11 designate the name of the political party with which the
12 applicant is affiliated.

13 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
14 mark the box associated with the above described statement
15 included as part of the online application certifying that the
16 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
17 and a signature is not required.

18 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to
19 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.
20 Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall accept
21 and promptly process any application for vote by mail ballot
22 submitted in a form substantially similar to that required by
23 this Section, including any substantially similar production
24 or reproduction generated by the applicant.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
26 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

2 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
3 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail
4 or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than 5 days
5 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than
6 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the
7 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such
8 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether
9 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
10 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
11 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
12 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to
13 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,
14 street address, ward and precinct number or township and
15 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on
16 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to
17 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a
18 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at
19 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in
20 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of
21 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting
22 the name and other information of an applicant for a vote by
23 mail ballot, the election authority shall transmit by
24 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the State
25 Board of Elections that name and other posted information to

1 the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names
2 and other information in an electronic format on its website,
3 arranged by county and accessible to State and local political
4 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and
5 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner
6 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall
7 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office an
8 official ballot or ballots if more than one are to be voted at
9 said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent Student
10 ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall be by
11 nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated election,
12 vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be delivered to
13 applicants not less than 25 days before the election if so much
14 time is required to have prepared and printed the ballots
15 containing the names of persons nominated for offices at the
16 consolidated primary. The election authority shall enclose
17 with each vote by mail ballot or application written
18 instructions on how voting assistance shall be provided
19 pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document, written and approved
20 by the State Board of Elections, informing the vote by mail
21 voter of the required postage for returning the application and
22 ballot, and enumerating the circumstances under which a person
23 is authorized to vote by vote by mail ballot pursuant to this
24 Article; such document shall also include a statement informing
25 the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is solicited by
26 another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast a vote by

1 mail ballot, such applicant or other is subject to penalties
2 pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the Election
3 Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list of the
4 name, street address, ward and precinct, or township and
5 district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who have
6 returned vote by mail ballots to such authority, and the name
7 of such vote by mail voter shall be added to such list within
8 one business day from receipt of such ballot. If the vote by
9 mail ballot envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in
10 casting the ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall
11 be included on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be
12 numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each election
13 authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place accessible
14 to the public at the entrance of the office of the election
15 authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed without
16 necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

17 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
18 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
19 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within
20 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the
21 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority
22 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the
23 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail
24 ballots have been issued by mail.

25 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
26 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent

1 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election
2 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.
3 Immediately after the close of the period during which
4 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by
5 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other
6 election authority within the State a certified list of all
7 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the
8 other election authority.

9 In the event that the return address of an application for
10 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
11 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
12 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the
13 ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the
14 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a
15 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is
16 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a
17 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the
18 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the
19 election as designated by the election authority under Section
20 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated
21 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility
22 from which application was made. The election authority shall
23 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot
24 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

25 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be
26 available at the office of the election authority for public

1 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by the
2 election authority until 30 days after the election, except
3 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the
4 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during
5 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges
6 of election.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
8 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-180, eff.
9 7-29-15.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

11 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

12 (a) (Blank.)

13 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
14 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
15 and received by that election authority before the closing of
16 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
17 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
18 processed by the election authority beginning on the ~~15th day~~
19 ~~before election~~ day it is received by the election authority in
20 the central ballot counting location of the election authority,
21 but the results of the processing may not be counted until the
22 day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in
23 subsections (g) and (g-5).

24 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
25 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,

1 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
2 close on election day and before the close of the period for
3 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
4 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
5 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
6 location of the election authority during the period for
7 counting provisional ballots.

8 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
9 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with
10 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is
11 received by the election authority after the polls close on
12 election day and before the close of the period for counting
13 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by
14 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
15 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
16 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day
17 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under
18 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot
19 counting location of the election authority during the period
20 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
21 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

22 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail
23 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election
24 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent
25 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed
26 no later than election day.

1 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
2 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
3 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
4 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
5 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
6 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
7 counting location of the election authority during the same
8 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
9 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
10 voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election authority
11 and postmarked no later than election day, but that are
12 received by the election authority after the polls close on
13 election day and before the closing of the period for counting
14 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by
15 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and
16 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
17 election authority during the same periods provided for
18 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

19 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
20 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
21 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
22 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by
23 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of
24 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
25 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
26 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being

1 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
2 election.

3 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
4 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
5 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
6 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
7 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
8 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
9 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

10 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
11 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
12 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
13 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
14 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official
15 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification
16 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the signature of the
17 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
18 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
19 match, and that the vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified
20 to cast a vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall
21 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot
22 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the
23 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If
24 the election judge or official determines that the signatures
25 do not match, or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified
26 to cast a vote by mail ballot, then without opening the

1 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark across
2 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
3 shall not cast or count the ballot.

4 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote
5 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or
6 official:

7 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
8 and resealed;

9 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
10 period ballot;

11 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
12 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

13 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

14 If the election judge or official determines that any of
15 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
16 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
17 shall not cast or count the ballot.

18 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
19 judge or official for any reason, the election authority shall,
20 within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases before the
21 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, notify
22 the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The
23 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
24 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
25 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
26 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be

1 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
2 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
3 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
4 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
5 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
6 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
7 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
8 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
9 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
10 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
11 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

12 A vote by mail ballot subject to this subsection that is
13 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the
14 period for counting provisional ballots.

15 (g-10) All vote by mail ballots determined to be valid
16 shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for which
17 they were cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

18 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
19 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
20 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

23 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
24 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
25 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the

1 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by
2 mail ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over
3 his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form
4 furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section
5 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the election.
6 A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant
7 to a vote by mail ballot for every election in one calendar
8 year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the
9 office of the election authority for one year as authorization
10 to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held
11 within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application
12 for ballot shall be sent each election with the vote by mail
13 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
14 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
15 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote
16 pursuant to this Section.

17 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
18 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
19 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
20 must be returned postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~
21 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
22 counting location of the election authority during the period
23 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
24 14th day following election day.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

2 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
3 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
4 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who
5 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
6 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
7 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
8 simultaneous application to the election authority having
9 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration
10 by mail and vote by mail ballot not less than 30 days before
11 the election. Such application may be made on the official
12 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
13 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by facsimile or
14 electronic transmission. A request pursuant to this Section
15 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every
16 election in one calendar year. The original application for
17 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
18 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
19 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified
20 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election
21 with the vote by mail ballot to the election authority's
22 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the
23 original application for ballot.

24 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
25 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
26 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days

1 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a
2 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
3 that election shall be waived.

4 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
5 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
6 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
7 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
8 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

9 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
10 postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and
11 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
12 of the election authority during the period for counting
13 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
14 following election day.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

17 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
18 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
19 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
20 residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the Federal
21 offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election.
22 Such application may be made on the official postcard or by
23 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to
24 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail
25 ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal

1 offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall
2 be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as
3 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election
4 to be held within that calendar year at which Federal offices
5 are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot
6 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ballot to the
7 election authority's central ballot counting location to be
8 used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No
9 registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
10 this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by
11 the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5
12 of this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
13 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
14 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
15 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
16 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting
17 at the central ballot counting location of the election
18 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
19 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

22 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
23 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
24 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
25 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his

1 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
2 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
3 other method of making application for vote by mail ballot
4 under this Article, may make application for a vote by mail
5 ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his
6 or her precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or
7 electronic transmission not less than 10 days before the
8 election.

9 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
10 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
11 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
12 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
13 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
14 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
15 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting
16 at the central ballot counting location of the election
17 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
18 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

21 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
22 following applications for registration by mail or vote by mail
23 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in
24 lieu of the official postcard.

25 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the

1 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
2 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
3 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic
4 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
5 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
6 application shall be substantially in the following form:

7 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

8 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in
9 which is located my residence at....., in the
10 city/village/township of(insert home address)
11 County of..... and State of Illinois.

12 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
13 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
14 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
15 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
16 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
17 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

- 18 1. () a member of the United States Service,
19 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
20 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
21 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
22 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
23 opportunity to vote in person on that day.
24 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
25 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

26 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots

1 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
 2 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
 3 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later
 4 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day, for counting no later
 5 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
 6 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or
 7 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

8 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
 9 registered)

10 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
 11 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
 12 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
 13 before the election.

14 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
 15 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 16 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

17
 18 Post office address or service address to which
 19 registration materials or ballot should be mailed
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 23"

24 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 25 application shall designate the name of the political party
 26 with which the applicant is affiliated.

1 Such applications may be obtained from the election
2 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of
3 residence.

4 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
5 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
6 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
7 the office of the election authority within the periods
8 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
9 following form:

10 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
11 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
12 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
13 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
14 County of..... and State of Illinois.

15 I certify that the following named person.....
16 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
17 Service.

18 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
19 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
20 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
21 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
22 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
23 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
24 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
25 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
26 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the

1 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
2 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

3 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
4 to be voted by said person at such election and said person
5 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
6 election authority postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~
7 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
8 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
9 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or
10 ballots.

11 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
12 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
13 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
14 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

15 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
16 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
17 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

18 Name of applicant

19 Residence address

20 City/village/township.....

21 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
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23
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25"

26 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such

1 application shall designate the name of the political party
2 with which the person for whom application is made is
3 affiliated.

4 Such applications may be obtained from the election
5 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
6 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

9 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

10 (a) (Blank.)

11 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
12 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
13 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
14 election authority beginning on the ~~15th day before election~~
15 day it is received by the election authority in the central
16 ballot counting location of the election authority, but the
17 results of the processing may not be counted until the day of
18 the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections
19 (g) and (g-5).

20 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
21 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
22 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
23 close on election day and before the close of the period for
24 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
25 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of

1 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
2 location of the election authority during the period for
3 counting provisional ballots.

4 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
5 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with
6 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is
7 received by the election authority after the polls close on
8 election day and before the close of the period for counting
9 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by
10 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
11 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
12 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day
13 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under
14 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot
15 counting location of the election authority during the period
16 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
17 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

18 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail
19 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election
20 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent
21 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed
22 no later than election day.

23 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
24 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
25 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
26 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be

1 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
2 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
3 counting location of the election authority during the same
4 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
5 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
6 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
7 and postmarked no later than ~~by midnight preceding the opening~~
8 ~~of the polls on~~ election day, but that are received by the
9 election authority after the polls close on election day and
10 before the closing of the period for counting provisional
11 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
12 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
13 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
14 election authority during the same periods provided for
15 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

16 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
17 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
18 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
19 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed
20 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of
21 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
22 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
23 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
24 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
25 election.

26 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on

1 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
2 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
3 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
4 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
5 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
6 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

7 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
8 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
9 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
10 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
11 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
12 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
13 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
14 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
15 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
16 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
17 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
18 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
19 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
20 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
21 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
22 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
23 under this Article, then without opening the certification
24 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
25 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
26 cast or count the ballot.

1 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
2 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
3 judge or official:

4 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
5 and resealed;

6 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
7 period ballot;

8 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
9 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

10 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

11 If the election judge or official determines that any of
12 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
13 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
14 shall not cast or count the ballot.

15 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
16 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
17 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
18 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
19 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
20 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
21 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
22 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
23 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
24 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
25 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
26 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel

1 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
2 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
3 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
4 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
5 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
6 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
7 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
8 either administratively or judicially.

9 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
10 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
11 counting provisional ballots.

12 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
13 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
14 the order in which the ballots were opened.

15 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
16 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
17 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/20-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-10)

20 Sec. 20-10. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to be present
21 during the casting of the vote by mail voters' ballots, each
22 political party, candidate and qualified civic organization
23 shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher for each
24 panel of election judges therein assigned. Such pollwatchers
25 shall be subject to the same provisions as are provided for

1 pollwatchers in Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of this Code, and shall
2 be permitted to observe the election judges making the
3 signature comparison between that which is on the ballot
4 envelope and that which is on the permanent voter registration
5 record card taken from the master file ~~and the vote of any vote~~
6 ~~by mail voter may be challenged for cause the same as if he~~
7 ~~were present and voted in person, and the judges of the~~
8 ~~election or a majority thereof shall have power and authority~~
9 ~~to hear and determine the legality of such ballot; Provided,~~
10 ~~however, that if a challenge to any vote by mail voter's right~~
11 ~~to vote is sustained, notice of the same must be given by the~~
12 ~~judges of election by mail addressed to the voter's mailing~~
13 ~~address as stated in the certification and application for~~
14 ~~ballot.~~

15 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/24C-12)

17 Sec. 24C-12. Procedures for Counting and Tallying of
18 Ballots. In an election jurisdiction where a Direct Recording
19 Electronic Voting System is used, the following procedures for
20 counting and tallying the ballots shall apply:

21 Before the opening of the polls, the judges of elections
22 shall assemble the voting equipment and devices and turn the
23 equipment on. The judges shall, if necessary, take steps to
24 activate the voting devices and counting equipment by inserting
25 into the equipment and voting devices appropriate data cards

1 containing passwords and data codes that will select the proper
2 ballot formats selected for that polling place and that will
3 prevent inadvertent or unauthorized activation of the
4 poll-opening function. Before voting begins and before ballots
5 are entered into the voting devices, the judges of election
6 shall cause to be printed a record of the following: the
7 election's identification data, the device's unit
8 identification, the ballot's format identification, the
9 contents of each active candidate register by office and of
10 each active public question register showing that they contain
11 all zero votes, all ballot fields that can be used to invoke
12 special voting options, and other information needed to ensure
13 the readiness of the equipment and to accommodate
14 administrative reporting requirements. The judges must also
15 check to be sure that the totals are all zeros in the counting
16 columns and in the public counter affixed to the voting
17 devices.

18 After the judges have determined that a person is qualified
19 to vote, a voting device with the proper ballot to which the
20 voter is entitled shall be enabled to be used by the voter. The
21 ballot may then be cast by the voter by marking by appropriate
22 means the designated area of the ballot for the casting of a
23 vote for any candidate or for or against any public question.
24 The voter shall be able to vote for any and all candidates and
25 public measures appearing on the ballot in any legal number and
26 combination and the voter shall be able to delete, change or

1 correct his or her selections before the ballot is cast. The
2 voter shall be able to select candidates whose names do not
3 appear upon the ballot for any office by entering
4 electronically as many names of candidates as the voter is
5 entitled to select for each office.

6 Upon completing his or her selection of candidates or
7 public questions, the voter shall signify that voting has been
8 completed by activating the appropriate button, switch or
9 active area of the ballot screen associated with end of voting.

10 Upon activation, the voting system shall record an image of the
11 completed ballot, increment the proper ballot position
12 registers, and shall signify to the voter that the ballot has
13 been cast. Upon activation, the voting system shall also print

14 a permanent paper record of each ballot cast as defined in
15 Section 24C-2 of this Code. This permanent paper record shall

16 (i) be printed in a clear, readily readable format that can be
17 easily reviewed by the voter for completeness and accuracy and

18 (ii) either be self-contained within the voting device or be
19 deposited by the voter into a secure ballot box. No permanent

20 paper record shall be removed from the polling place except by
21 election officials as authorized by this Article. All permanent

22 paper records shall be preserved and secured by election
23 officials in the same manner as paper ballots and shall be

24 available as an official record for any recount, redundant
25 count, or verification or retabulation of the vote count

26 conducted with respect to any election in which the voting

1 system is used. The voter shall exit the voting station and the
2 voting system shall prevent any further attempt to vote until
3 it has been properly re-activated. If a voting device has been
4 enabled for voting but the voter leaves the polling place
5 without casting a ballot, 2 judges of election, one from each
6 of the 2 major political parties, shall spoil the ballot.

7 Throughout the election day and before the closing of the
8 polls, no person may check any vote totals for any candidate or
9 public question on the voting or counting equipment. Such
10 equipment shall be programmed so that no person may reset the
11 equipment for reentry of ballots unless provided the proper
12 code from an authorized representative of the election
13 authority.

14 The precinct judges of election shall check the public
15 register to determine whether the number of ballots counted by
16 the voting equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as
17 shown by the applications for ballot. If the same do not agree,
18 the judges of election shall immediately contact the offices of
19 the election authority in charge of the election for further
20 instructions. If the number of ballots counted by the voting
21 equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as shown by
22 the application for ballot, the number shall be listed on the
23 "Statement of Ballots" form provided by the election authority.

24 The totals for all candidates and propositions shall be
25 tabulated. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals Report" shall be
26 generated by the automatic tabulating equipment for return to

1 the election authority. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals
2 Report" shall be generated and posted in a conspicuous place
3 inside the polling place, provided that any authorized
4 pollwatcher or other official authorized to be present in the
5 polling place to observe the counting of ballots is present.
6 The judges of election shall provide, if requested, a set for
7 each authorized pollwatcher or other official authorized to be
8 present in the polling place to observe the counting of
9 ballots. In addition, sufficient time shall be provided by the
10 judges of election to the pollwatchers to allow them to copy
11 information from the copy which has been posted.

12 Until December 31, 2019 ~~2015~~, in elections at which
13 fractional cumulative votes are cast for candidates, the
14 tabulation of those fractional cumulative votes may be made by
15 the election authority at its central office location, and 4
16 copies of a "Certificate of Results" shall be printed by the
17 automatic tabulation equipment and shall be posted in 4
18 conspicuous places at the central office location where those
19 fractional cumulative votes have been tabulated.

20 If instructed by the election authority, the judges of
21 election shall cause the tabulated returns to be transmitted
22 electronically to the offices of the election authority via
23 modem or other electronic medium.

24 The precinct judges of election shall select a bi-partisan
25 team of 2 judges, who shall immediately return the ballots in a
26 sealed container, along with all other election materials and

1 equipment as instructed by the election authority; provided,
2 however, that such container must first be sealed by the
3 election judges with filament tape or other approved sealing
4 devices provided for the purpose in a manner that the ballots
5 cannot be removed from the container without breaking the seal
6 or filament tape and disturbing any signatures affixed by the
7 election judges to the container. The election authority shall
8 keep the office of the election authority, or any receiving
9 stations designated by the authority, open for at least 12
10 consecutive hours after the polls close or until the ballots
11 and election material and equipment from all precincts within
12 the jurisdiction of the election authority have been returned
13 to the election authority. Ballots and election materials and
14 equipment returned to the office of the election authority
15 which are not signed and sealed as required by law shall not be
16 accepted by the election authority until the judges returning
17 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon
18 acceptance of the ballots and election materials and equipment
19 by the election authority, the judges returning the ballots
20 shall take a receipt signed by the election authority and
21 stamped with the time and date of the return. The election
22 judges whose duty it is to return any ballots and election
23 materials and equipment as provided shall, in the event the
24 ballots, materials or equipment cannot be found when needed, on
25 proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take as
26 above provided.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-1549, eff. 3-10-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

3 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having
4 voted once, knowingly during any election ~~on the same election~~
5 ~~day~~ where the ballot or machine lists any of the same
6 candidates and issues listed on the ballot or machine
7 previously used for voting by that person, (a) files an
8 application to vote in the same or another polling place, or
9 (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting machine (except to
10 legally give assistance pursuant to the provisions of this
11 Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony; however, if a
12 person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an election
13 authority as a vote by mail voter and due to a change of
14 circumstances is able to and does vote in the precinct of his
15 residence on election day, shall not be deemed to be in
16 violation of this Code.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/20-6 rep.)

19 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing
20 Section 20-6.

21 Section 15. The Township Code is amended by changing
22 Section 45-20 as follows:

1 (60 ILCS 1/45-20)

2 Sec. 45-20. Caucus result; filing nomination papers;
3 certifying candidates.

4 (a) The township central committee shall canvass and
5 declare the result of the caucus.

6 (b) The chairman of the township central committee shall,
7 not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the township
8 election, file nomination papers as provided in this Section.
9 The nomination papers shall consist of (i) a certification by
10 the chairman of the names of all candidates for office in the
11 township nominated at the caucus and (ii) a statement of
12 candidacy by each candidate in the form prescribed in the
13 general election law. The nomination papers shall be filed in
14 the office of the township clerk, except that if the township
15 is entirely within the corporate limits of a city, village, or
16 incorporated town under the jurisdiction of a board of election
17 commissioners, the nomination papers shall be filed in the
18 office of the board of election commissioners instead of the
19 township clerk.

20 (c) The township clerk shall certify the candidates so
21 nominated to the proper election authorities not less than 68
22 ~~61~~ days before the township election. The election shall be
23 conducted in accordance with the general election law.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

25 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section

1 9-10 as follows:

2 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

3 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.
4 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated
5 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,
6 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with
7 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,
8 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office
9 of the school district is located.

10 Nominations for members of boards of education, including
11 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition
12 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is
13 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the
14 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as
15 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of
16 the school district is located. In addition to the requirements
17 of the general election law, the form of such petitions shall
18 be substantially as follows:

19 NOMINATING PETITIONS

20 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

21 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election
22 Commissioners) of County:

23 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)
24 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,
25 hereby petition that who resides at in the (city or

1 village) of in Township (or who resides outside any
2 city, village or incorporated town and in Township) in
3 said district shall be a candidate for the office of of
4 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)
5 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert
6 date).

7 Name: Address:

8 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition
9 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or
10 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,
11 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the
12 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her
13 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in
14 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the
15 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name
16 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list
17 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on
18 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition
19 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the
20 candidate's previous names during the period specified in
21 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was
22 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds
23 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the
24 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes
25 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or

1 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or
2 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of
3 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such
4 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the
5 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or
6 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,
7 or similar information may be used in connection with the
8 candidate's surname.

9 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
10 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
11 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may
12 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school
13 district is located a receipt from the county clerk showing
14 that the candidate has filed a statement of economic interests
15 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such
16 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar
17 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the
18 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with
19 the general election law.

20 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of
21 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county
22 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the
23 county in which the principal office of the school district is
24 located within the time provided for by the general election
25 law. ~~The county clerk or the county board of election~~
26 ~~commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions which~~

1 ~~include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter~~
2 ~~signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator~~
3 ~~and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate~~
4 ~~has filed a statement of economic interest on or before the~~
5 ~~last day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental~~
6 ~~Ethics Act.~~ The county clerk or the county board of election
7 commissioners may have petition forms available for issuance to
8 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition
9 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general
10 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days
11 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the
12 county board of election commissioners shall make
13 certification to the proper election authorities in accordance
14 with the general election law.

15 The county clerk or the county board of election
16 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the
17 principal office of the school district is located shall notify
18 the candidates for whom a petition for nomination is filed or
19 the appropriate committee of the obligations under the Campaign
20 Financing Act as provided in the general election law. Such
21 notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the State Board
22 of Elections and in accordance with the requirements of the
23 general election law. The county clerk or county board of
24 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the
25 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the
26 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

1 A candidate for membership on the board of education or for
2 office as a school director, who has petitioned for nomination
3 to fill a full term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon
4 at the same election, must withdraw his or her petition for
5 nomination from either the full term or the vacant term by
6 written declaration.

7 In all newly organized districts the petition for the
8 nomination of candidates for members of the board of education
9 at the first election shall be addressed to and filed with the
10 regional superintendent of schools in the manner herein
11 specified for the petitions for members of a board of
12 education. For such election the regional superintendent shall
13 fulfill all duties otherwise assigned to the secretary of the
14 board of education.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

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