

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Article 5.

5 Section 5-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
6 Section 10-6 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6)

8 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Except as otherwise  
9 provided in this Code, certificates of nomination and  
10 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for offices  
11 to be filled by electors of the entire State, or any district  
12 not entirely within a county, or for congressional, state  
13 legislative or judicial offices, shall be presented to the  
14 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than  
15 169 nor less than 162 days previous to the day of election for  
16 which the candidates are nominated. The State Board of  
17 Elections shall endorse the certificates of nomination or  
18 nomination papers, as the case may be, and the date and hour of  
19 presentment to it. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
20 all other certificates for the nomination of candidates shall  
21 be filed with the county clerk of the respective counties not  
22 more than 169 but at least 162 days previous to the day of such

1 election. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for  
2 the nomination of candidates for school district offices to be  
3 filled at consolidated elections shall be filed with the  
4 county clerk or county board of election commissioners of the  
5 county in which the principal office of the school district is  
6 located not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
7 consolidated election. Except as otherwise provided in this  
8 Code, certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the  
9 nomination of candidates for the other offices of political  
10 subdivisions to be filled at regular elections other than the  
11 general election shall be filed with the local election  
12 official of such subdivision:

13 (1) (blank);

14 (2) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to  
15 the consolidated election; or

16 (3) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to  
17 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
18 filled at the general primary election; or

19 (4) not more than 127 nor less than 120 days before the  
20 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to  
21 be elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law  
22 (including, without limitation, those municipal offices  
23 subject to Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

24 (5) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
25 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
26 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are

1 provided; or

2 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of  
3 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed  
4 with the election authority not more than 141 ~~113~~ nor less  
5 than 134 days before the consolidated election.

6 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are  
7 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
8 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of  
9 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such  
10 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of  
11 such Board.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

13 Section 5-10. The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act  
14 is amended by changing Section 3c-2 as follows:

15 (70 ILCS 805/3c-2)

16 Sec. 3c-2. Continuous effect of provisions; validation.  
17 The General Assembly declares that the changes made to  
18 Sections 3c and 3c-1 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd  
19 General Assembly shall be deemed to have been in continuous  
20 effect since November 15, 2021 (the effective date of Public  
21 Act 102-668 ~~102-688~~) and shall continue to be in effect until  
22 they are lawfully repealed. All actions that were taken on or  
23 after 2021 and before the effective date of this amendatory  
24 Act of the 103rd General Assembly by a downstate forest

1 preserve district or any other person and that are consistent  
2 with or in reliance on the changes made to Sections 3c and 3c-1  
3 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are  
4 hereby validated.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

6 Article 10.

7 Section 10-5. The School Code is amended by changing  
8 Sections 23-7 and 34-4.1 as follows:

9 (105 ILCS 5/23-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 23-7)

10 Sec. 23-7. Compensation and expenses.

11 No school board member shall receive any compensation for  
12 service rendered to any such association, whether as an  
13 officer or otherwise, but shall be entitled to reimbursement  
14 for expenses actually incurred in the work of such  
15 association. Consistent with Section 10-15 of the State  
16 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a school board association  
17 may offer and provide scholarships or other reimbursements to  
18 school board members, and a school board member may receive  
19 scholarships or other reimbursements from an association for  
20 reasonable travel and lodging expenses to attend meetings or  
21 other events hosted by the association which are reasonably  
22 related to the school board member's duties and will  
23 contribute to the professional development of the school board

1 member.

2 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/34-4.1)

4 Sec. 34-4.1. Nomination petitions. In addition to the  
5 requirements of the general election law, the form of  
6 petitions under Section 34-4 of this Code shall be  
7 substantially as follows:

8 NOMINATING PETITIONS

9 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

10 To the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of  
11 Chicago:

12 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) of the voters  
13 residing within said district, hereby petition that .... who  
14 resides at .... in the City of Chicago shall be a candidate for  
15 the office of .... of the Chicago Board of Education (full  
16 term) (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on  
17 (insert date).

18 Name: ..... Address: .....

19 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
20 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial  
21 or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
22 known, or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
23 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
24 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
25 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the

1 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's  
2 name on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as  
3 (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name  
4 changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the  
5 petition must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit  
6 stating the candidate's previous names during the period  
7 specified in clause (i) and the date or dates each of those  
8 names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be  
9 grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for  
10 the ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name  
11 changes to conform a candidate's name to the candidate's  
12 identity or name changes resulting from adoption to assume an  
13 adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage or civil union  
14 to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or  
15 civil union or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume  
16 a former surname. No other designation, such as a political  
17 slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the Election Code, title  
18 or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a  
19 title, degree or professional status, or similar information  
20 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

21 All petitions for the nomination of members of the Chicago  
22 Board of Education shall be filed with the board of election  
23 commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the principal  
24 office of the school district is located and ~~within the time~~  
25 ~~provided for by Article 7 of the Election Code, except that~~  
26 ~~petitions for the nomination of members of the Chicago Board~~

1 ~~of Education for the 2024 general election~~ shall be prepared,  
2 filed, and certified as outlined in Article 10 of the Election  
3 Code. The board of election commissioners shall receive and  
4 file only those petitions that include a statement of  
5 candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the  
6 notarized signature of the petition circulator, and a receipt  
7 from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed a  
8 statement of economic interests ~~interest~~ on or before the last  
9 day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics  
10 Act. The board of election commissioners may have petition  
11 forms available for issuance to potential candidates and may  
12 give notice of the petition filing period by publication in a  
13 newspaper of general circulation within the school district  
14 not less than 10 days prior to the first day of filing. The  
15 board of election commissioners shall make certification to  
16 the proper election authorities in accordance with the general  
17 election law.

18 The board of election commissioners of the jurisdiction in  
19 which the principal office of the school district is located  
20 shall notify the candidates for whom a petition for nomination  
21 is filed or the appropriate committee of the obligations under  
22 the Campaign Financing Act as provided in the general election  
23 law. Such notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the  
24 State Board of Elections and in accordance with the  
25 requirements of the general election law. The board of  
26 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the

1 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
2 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

3 A candidate for membership on the Chicago Board of  
4 Education who has petitioned for nomination to fill a full  
5 term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon at the same  
6 election must withdraw his or her petition for nomination from  
7 either the full term or the vacant term by written  
8 declaration.

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

18 (Source: P.A. 102-177, eff. 6-1-22; 102-691, eff. 12-17-21;  
19 103-467, eff. 8-4-23; 103-584, eff. 3-18-24; revised 6-27-25.)

20 Article 15.

21 Section 15-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
22 Section 19A-15 as follows:

23 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)



1       Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

2       (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period  
3       for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day  
4       preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,  
5       consolidated, or general election and extends through the end  
6       of the day before election day.

7       (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a  
8       permanent polling place for early voting must remain open  
9       beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of  
10      the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to  
11      4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that  
12      beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling  
13      place for early voting must remain open during the hours of  
14      8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00  
15      a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to  
16      4 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours  
17      required by this subsection, a permanent polling place  
18      designated by an election authority under subsections (c),  
19      (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of  
20      at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period  
21      and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during  
22      the early voting period.

23      (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority  
24      may close an early voting polling place if the building in  
25      which the polling place is located has been closed by the State  
26      or unit of local government in response to a severe weather

1 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall  
2 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall  
3 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an  
4 alternative location for early voting.

5 (d) (Blank).

6 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, an election  
7 authority shall allow any voter who is in line to vote at the  
8 time an early voting polling place closes to cast a ballot.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

10 Article 20.

11 Section 20-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
12 Section 7-19 as follows:

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

14 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for  
15 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in  
16 the manner following:

17 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
18 printed in large capital letters, words designating the  
19 ballot, if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall  
20 be: "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
21 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and  
22 in like manner for each political party.

23 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning

1 not less than one inch below designating words, the name of  
2 each office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters.  
3 Such names may be printed on the ballot either in a single  
4 column or in 2 or more columns and in the following order,  
5 to-wit:

6 President of the United States, State offices,  
7 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be  
8 elected from the State at large to National nominating  
9 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected  
10 from congressional districts to National nominating  
11 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,  
12 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial  
13 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town  
14 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be  
15 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, township or ward  
16 committeepersons. If two or more columns are used, the  
17 foregoing offices to and including member of the State central  
18 committee shall be listed in the left-hand column and  
19 Senatorial offices, as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the  
20 first offices listed in the second column.

21 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
22 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for  
23 not more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no  
24 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or  
25 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that  
26 office, then below the title of that office the election

1 authority instead shall print "No Candidate".

2 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or  
3 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
4 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
5 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or  
6 (b) no official designation, depending upon the action taken  
7 by the State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of  
8 this Act.

9 Below the name of each office shall be printed ~~in capital~~  
10 ~~letters~~ the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in  
11 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as  
12 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.  
13 The lettering of candidate names on a ballot shall be in both  
14 capital and lowercase letters in conformance with standard  
15 English language guidelines, unless compliance is not feasible  
16 due to the election system utilized by the election authority.

17 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
18 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall  
19 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for  
20 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed  
21 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front  
22 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under  
23 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
24 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
25 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
26 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

1       Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
2       used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
3       required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
4       is applicable.

5       (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

6                               Article 25.

7       Section 25-5. The School Code is amended by changing  
8       Section 3A-6 as follows:

9               (105 ILCS 5/3A-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-6)

10       Sec. 3A-6. Election of Superintendent for consolidated  
11       region - Bond - Vacancies in any educational service region.

12       (a) The regional superintendent to be elected under  
13       Section 3A-5 shall be elected at the time provided in the  
14       general election law and must possess the qualifications  
15       described in Section 3-1 of this Act.

16       (b) The bond required under Section 3-2 shall be filed in  
17       the office of the county clerk in the county where the regional  
18       office is situated, and a certified copy of that bond shall be  
19       filed in the office of the county clerk in each of the other  
20       counties in the region.

21       (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of regional  
22       superintendent of schools of any educational service region  
23       which is not located in a county which is a home rule unit,

1 such vacancy shall be filled within 60 days (i) by appointment  
2 of the chairman of the county board, with the advice and  
3 consent of the county board, when such vacancy occurs in a  
4 single county educational service region; or (ii) by  
5 appointment of a committee composed of the chairmen of the  
6 county boards of those counties comprising the affected  
7 educational service region when such vacancy occurs in a  
8 multicounty educational service region, each committeeman to  
9 be entitled to one vote for each vote that was received in the  
10 county represented by such committeeman on the committee by  
11 the regional superintendent of schools whose office is vacant  
12 at the last election at which a regional superintendent was  
13 elected to such office, and the person receiving the highest  
14 number of affirmative votes from the committeemen for such  
15 vacant office to be deemed the person appointed by such  
16 committee to fill the vacancy. The appointee shall be a member  
17 of the same political party as the regional superintendent of  
18 schools the appointee succeeds was at the time such regional  
19 superintendent of schools last was elected. The appointee  
20 shall serve for the remainder of the term. However, if more  
21 than 28 months remain in that term and the vacancy occurs at  
22 least 130 days before the next general election, the  
23 appointment shall be until the next general election, at which  
24 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the  
25 remainder of the term. Nominations shall be made and any  
26 vacancy in nomination shall be filled as follows:

1           (1) If the vacancy in office occurs before the first  
2           date provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for  
3           filing nomination papers for county offices for the  
4           primary in the next even-numbered year following  
5           commencement of the term of office in which the vacancy  
6           occurs, nominations for the election for filling the  
7           vacancy shall be made pursuant to Article 7 of the  
8           Election Code.

9           (2) If the vacancy in office occurs during the time  
10          provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
11          nomination papers for county offices for the primary in  
12          the next even-numbered year following commencement of the  
13          term of office in which the vacancy occurs, the time for  
14          filing nomination papers for the primary shall not be more  
15          than 120 ~~91~~ days nor less than 113 ~~85~~ days prior to the  
16          date of the primary.

17          (3) If the vacancy in office occurs after the last day  
18          provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
19          nomination papers for county offices for the primary in  
20          the next even-numbered year following commencement of the  
21          term of office in which the vacancy occurs, a vacancy in  
22          nomination shall be deemed to have occurred and the county  
23          central committee of each established political party (if  
24          the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service  
25          region) or the multi-county educational service region  
26          committee of each established political party (if the

1 vacancy occurs in a multi-county educational service  
2 region) shall nominate, by resolution, a candidate to fill  
3 the vacancy in nomination for election to the office at  
4 the general election. In the nomination proceedings to  
5 fill the vacancy in nomination, each member of the county  
6 central committee or the multi-county educational service  
7 region committee, whichever applies, shall have the voting  
8 strength as set forth in Section 7-8 or 7-8.02 of the  
9 Election Code, respectively. The name of the candidate so  
10 nominated shall not appear on the ballot at the general  
11 primary election. The vacancy in nomination shall be  
12 filled prior to the date of certification of candidates  
13 for the general election.

14 (4) The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be duly  
15 acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
16 acknowledgments of deeds and shall include, upon its face,  
17 the following information: (A) the name of the original  
18 nominee and the office vacated; (B) the date on which the  
19 vacancy occurred; and (C) the name and address of the  
20 nominee selected to fill the vacancy and the date of  
21 selection. The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be  
22 accompanied by a statement of candidacy, as prescribed in  
23 Section 7-10 of the Election Code, completed by the  
24 selected nominee, a certificate from the State Board of  
25 Education, as prescribed in Section 3-1 of this Code, and  
26 a receipt indicating that the nominee has filed a



1 statement of economic interests as required by the  
2 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

3 The provisions of Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the  
4 Election Code relating to objections to nomination papers,  
5 hearings on objections, and judicial review shall also apply  
6 to and govern objections to nomination papers and resolutions  
7 for filling vacancies in nomination filed pursuant to this  
8 Section. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the  
9 nomination and election provided for in this Section is  
10 governed by the general election law.

11 Except as otherwise provided by applicable county  
12 ordinance or by law, if a vacancy occurs in the office of  
13 regional superintendent of schools of an educational service  
14 region that is located in a county that is a home rule unit and  
15 that has a population of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, that  
16 vacancy shall be filled by the county board of such home rule  
17 county.

18 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of  
19 regional superintendent of schools of any educational service  
20 region must possess the qualifications required to be elected  
21 to the position of regional superintendent of schools, and  
22 shall obtain a certificate of eligibility from the State  
23 Superintendent of Education and file same with the county  
24 clerk of the county in which the regional superintendent's  
25 office is located.

26 If the regional superintendent of schools is called into

1 the active military service of the United States, his office  
2 shall not be deemed to be vacant, but a temporary appointment  
3 shall be made as in the case of a vacancy. The appointee shall  
4 perform all the duties of the regional superintendent of  
5 schools during the time the regional superintendent of schools  
6 is in the active military service of the United States, and  
7 shall be paid the same compensation apportioned as to the time  
8 of service, and such appointment and all authority thereunder  
9 shall cease upon the discharge of the regional superintendent  
10 of schools from such active military service. The appointee  
11 shall give the same bond as is required of a regularly elected  
12 regional superintendent of schools.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

14 Article 30.

15 Section 30-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
16 Section 10-8 and by adding Section 10-8.5 as follows:

17 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

18 Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
19 certificates of nomination and nomination papers, and  
20 petitions to submit public questions to a referendum, being  
21 filed as required by this Code, and being in apparent  
22 conformity with the provisions of this Code Act, shall be  
23 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in

1 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing  
2 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition  
3 for a public question, with the following exceptions:

4           A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
5 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
6 period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
7 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

8           B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
9 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
10 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
11 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
12 objections can be filed.

13           Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
14 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
15 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
16 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
17 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
18 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
19 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's  
20 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
21 office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
22 Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
23 election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
24 nomination papers or petitions are on file. Objection  
25 petitions that do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be  
26 accepted. In the case of nomination papers or certificates of

1 nomination, the State Board of Elections, election authority  
2 or local election official shall note the day and hour upon  
3 which such objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later  
4 than 12:00 p.m. ~~noon~~ on the second business day after receipt  
5 of the petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted  
6 personal delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section  
7 10-8.5, the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and  
8 the original objector's petition to the chair of the proper  
9 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 of this Code  
10 ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by  
11 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
12 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's  
13 petition, to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or  
14 nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of  
15 residence designated in said certificate of nomination or  
16 nomination papers. In the case of objections to a petition for  
17 a proposed amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or for  
18 an advisory public question to be submitted to the voters of  
19 the entire State, the State Board of Elections shall note the  
20 day and hour upon which such objector's petition is filed and  
21 shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition by registered  
22 mail or receipted personal delivery, or by electronic delivery  
23 under Section 10-8.5, to the person designated on a  
24 certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
25 proponent of such proposed amendment or public question, or as  
26 the proponents' attorney, for the purpose of receiving notice

1 of objections. In the case of objections to a petition for a  
2 public question, to be submitted to the voters of a political  
3 subdivision, or district thereof, the election authority or  
4 local election official with whom such petition is filed shall  
5 note the day and hour upon which such objector's petition was  
6 filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 p.m. ~~noon~~ on the second  
7 business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by  
8 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
9 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, the petition for the  
10 public question and the original objector's petition to the  
11 chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9  
12 of this Code ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall  
13 transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal  
14 delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of  
15 the objector's petition to the person designated on a  
16 certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
17 proponent of the public question, or as the proponent's  
18 attorney, for the purposes of receiving notice of objections.

19 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
20 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
21 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination  
22 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest  
23 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
24 electoral board.

25 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9,  
26 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections

1 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article  
2 8, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
3 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
4 for the submission of public questions under Article 28.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; revised 6-24-25.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new)

7 Sec. 10-8.5. Electronic service of objections. The State  
8 Board of Elections and election authorities may authorize  
9 service of objections to candidate nominations through  
10 electronic mail in lieu of personal service or registered mail  
11 if the State Board of Elections or election authority  
12 responsible for convening the electoral board: (1) provides  
13 candidates the opportunity to provide an electronic mail  
14 address where notices of objections and electoral board  
15 proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal  
16 service or registered mail; (2) provides objectors with the  
17 opportunity to provide an electronic mail address where  
18 notices and electoral board proceedings may be sent  
19 electronically in lieu of personal service or registered mail;  
20 and (3) publishes notice of its decision to provide service  
21 under this Section on its website no later than 5 business days  
22 before the first day for petition filing for the election.

23 Article 35.

1       Section 35-5. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
2       changing Section 7.5 as follows:

3       (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

4       Sec. 7.5. Statutory exemptions. To the extent provided for  
5       by the statutes referenced below, the following shall be  
6       exempt from inspection and copying:

7           (a) All information determined to be confidential  
8       under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and  
9       Development Act.

10          (b) Library circulation and order records identifying  
11       library users with specific materials under the Library  
12       Records Confidentiality Act.

13          (c) Applications, related documents, and medical  
14       records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
15       Procedures Board and any and all documents or other  
16       records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
17       Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
18       has received.

19          (d) Information and records held by the Department of  
20       Public Health and its authorized representatives relating  
21       to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted  
22       infection or any information the disclosure of which is  
23       restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted  
24       Infection Control Act.

25          (e) Information the disclosure of which is exempted

1 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

2 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
3 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
4 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

5 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
6 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
7 Tuition Act.

8 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
9 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and  
10 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector  
11 general's office that would be exempt if created or  
12 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under  
13 that Act.

14 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy  
15 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a  
16 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted  
17 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

18 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution  
19 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers  
20 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

21 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information  
22 or driver identification information compiled by a law  
23 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation  
24 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

25 (l) Records and information provided to a residential  
26 health care facility resident sexual assault and death



1 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse  
2 Prevention Review Team Act.

3 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending  
4 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential  
5 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent  
6 authorized under that Article.

7 (n) Defense budgets and petitions for certification of  
8 compensation and expenses for court appointed trial  
9 counsel as provided under Sections 10 and 15 of the  
10 Capital Crimes Litigation Act (repealed). This subsection  
11 (n) shall apply until the conclusion of the trial of the  
12 case, even if the prosecution chooses not to pursue the  
13 death penalty prior to trial or sentencing.

14 (o) Information that is prohibited from being  
15 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and  
16 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

17 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
18 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
19 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
20 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and  
21 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the  
22 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional  
23 Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the  
24 Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair  
25 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
26 Act (repealed).

1           (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
2       Personnel Record Review Act.

3           (r) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
4       Illinois School Student Records Act.

5           (s) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
6       under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

7           (t) (Blank).

8           (u) Records and information provided to an independent  
9       team of experts under the Developmental Disability and  
10      Mental Health Safety Act (also known as Brian's Law).

11          (v) Names and information of people who have applied  
12      for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under  
13      the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for  
14      or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm  
15      Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the  
16      Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the  
17      Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed  
18      Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed  
19      Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the  
20      Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

21          (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification  
22      Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under  
23      Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

24          (w) Personally identifiable information which is  
25      exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section  
26      19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

1           (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
2           under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section  
3           8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

4           (y) Confidential information under the Adult  
5           Protective Services Act and its predecessor enabling  
6           statute, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, including  
7           information about the identity and administrative finding  
8           against any caregiver of a verified and substantiated  
9           decision of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of  
10          an eligible adult maintained in the Registry established  
11          under Section 7.5 of the Adult Protective Services Act.

12          (z) Records and information provided to a fatality  
13          review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory  
14          Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services  
15          Act.

16          (aa) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
17          under Section 2.37 of the Wildlife Code.

18          (bb) Information which is or was prohibited from  
19          disclosure by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

20          (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement  
21          Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent  
22          authorized under that Act.

23          (dd) Information that is prohibited from being  
24          disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common  
25          Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

26          (ee) Information that is exempted from disclosure

1 under Section 30.1 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

2 (ff) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
3 under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

4 (gg) Information that is prohibited from being  
5 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle  
6 Code.

7 (hh) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
8 Section 1A-16.7 of the Election Code.

9 (ii) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
10 under Section 2505-800 of the Department of Revenue Law of  
11 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

12 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be  
13 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day  
14 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from  
15 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day  
16 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

17 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the  
18 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

19 (ll) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
20 and exempted under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public  
21 Aid Code.

22 (mm) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
23 Section 4.2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

24 (nn) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
25 Section 70 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

26 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports

1        arising out of a peer support counseling session  
2        prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders  
3        Suicide Prevention Act.

4        (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to  
5        an employee of an emergency services provider or law  
6        enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide  
7        Prevention Act.

8        (qq) Information and records held by the Department of  
9        Public Health and its authorized representatives collected  
10       under the Reproductive Health Act.

11       (rr) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
12       the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

13       (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of  
14       Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois  
15       Human Rights Act.

16       (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy  
17       Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that  
18       Act.

19       (uu) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
20       Section 50 of the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.

21       (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
22       subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois  
23       Public Aid Code.

24       (ww) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
25       Section 16.8 of the State Treasurer Act.

26       (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or

1 information that shall not be made public under the  
2 Illinois Insurance Code.

3 (yy) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
4 the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

5 (zz) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
6 the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

7 (aaa) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
8 under Section 1-167 of the Illinois Pension Code.

9 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure  
10 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State  
11 Police Act.

12 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section  
13 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil  
14 Administrative Code of Illinois.

15 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
16 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for  
17 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
18 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

19 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
20 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic  
21 Violence Fatality Review Act.

22 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera  
23 Act. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after  
24 July 1, 2025.

25 (ggg) Information prohibited from disclosure under  
26 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 14 of the Nurse

1 Agency Licensing Act.

2 (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State  
3 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault  
4 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,  
5 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge  
6 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
7 Act.

8 (iii) Data exempt from disclosure under Section 50 of  
9 the School Safety Drill Act.

10 (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
11 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

12 (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited  
13 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship  
14 Act.

15 (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section  
16 2-3.196 of the School Code.

17 (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
18 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois  
19 Power Agency Act.

20 (nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce  
21 and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the  
22 Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

23 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section  
24 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

25 (ppp) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
26 Section 28-11 of the Lawful Health Care Activity Act.

1           (qqq) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
2           Section 7-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

3           (rrr) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
4           under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money Transmission  
5           Modernization Act.

6           (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
7           40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

8           (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the  
9           Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized  
10          under that Section.

11          (uuu) Nomination petitions exempt from disclosure  
12          under subsection (13) of Section 7-12 of the Election  
13          Code.

14        (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;  
15        102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21; 102-559, eff.  
16        8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff. 7-1-22;  
17        102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23; 103-8, eff.  
18        6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23; 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372,  
19        eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff. 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23;  
20        103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff.  
21        7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24; 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786,  
22        eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff. 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24;  
23        103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081, eff. 3-21-25.)

24           Section 35-10. The State Officials and Employees Ethics  
25           Act is amended by changing Section 5-40 as follows:



1 (5 ILCS 430/5-40)

2 Sec. 5-40. Fundraising during session. Except as provided  
3 in this Section, any executive branch constitutional officer,  
4 any candidate for an executive branch constitutional office,  
5 any member of the General Assembly, any candidate for the  
6 General Assembly, any political caucus of the General  
7 Assembly, or any political committee on behalf of any of the  
8 foregoing may not hold a political fundraising function on any  
9 day the legislature is in session or the day immediately prior  
10 to such day. This Section does not apply to a political  
11 fundraising function scheduled at least 14 days in advance of  
12 a day the legislature is in special session or the day  
13 immediately prior to such day. This Section does not apply to a  
14 constitutional officer of the executive branch or a member of  
15 the General Assembly, who is a candidate for federal office,  
16 if the federal political fundraising function is held outside  
17 of Sangamon County. For purposes of this Section, the  
18 legislature is not considered to be in session on a day that is  
19 solely a perfunctory session day or on a day when only a  
20 committee is meeting.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

22 Section 35-15. The Election Code is amended by changing  
23 Sections 1-9.1, 1-12, 1A-8, 7-12, 10-8, 10-10, 17-13.5, 19-3,  
24 19-8, and 20-8 and by adding Sections 11-8.5 and 11-9 as

1 follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1)

3 Sec. 1-9.1. Office and candidate information; ballot  
4 ~~Ballot~~ counting information dissemination.

5 (a) Each election authority shall maintain ~~maintaining~~ a  
6 website and shall ~~must~~ provide 24-hour notice on its website  
7 of the date, time, and location of the analysis, processing,  
8 and counting of all ballot forms. Each election authority  
9 shall ~~must~~ notify any political party or pollwatcher of the  
10 same information 24 hours before the count begins if such  
11 political party or pollwatcher has requested to be notified.  
12 Notification may be by electronic mail at the address provided  
13 by the requester.

14 (b) Each election authority shall post election results on  
15 its website, including district data for every electoral  
16 district under the election authority's jurisdiction, even if  
17 the election authority only has jurisdiction over part of the  
18 electoral district. Each election authority shall update the  
19 election results on its website each time a new batch of votes  
20 is tabulated or every 12 hours, whichever is less. Each  
21 election authority shall also update on its website, every 12  
22 hours, the number of vote by mail ballots, by precinct, that  
23 have been: (i) requested but not received by the election  
24 authority; (ii) received but have not been tabulated by the  
25 election authority; and (iii) rejected by the election

1 authority.

2 (c) The State Board of Elections, each election authority,  
3 and each local election official shall post the following  
4 information on its website, as applicable:

5 (1) no later than 30 days after the proclamation of  
6 the results of any canvas declaring persons elected, the  
7 name, political party, if any, and the office of each  
8 person elected at the general election or consolidated  
9 election;

10 (2) no later than 90 days before the first day that  
11 nominating petitions may be circulated, the offices that  
12 will appear on the ballot at the next regular election;  
13 and

14 (3) no later than 5 days after the close of a petition  
15 filing period, the name, campaign-affiliated email  
16 address, campaign-affiliated phone number, political party  
17 affiliation, if any, and office sought by each person who  
18 has filed petitions for nomination to appear on the ballot  
19 at the next regular election.

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

21 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

22 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

23 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition  
24 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required  
25 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, ~~and~~

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

1 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this  
2 subsection (a).

3 (b) (Blank).

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

10 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union"  
11 means the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of  
12 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the  
13 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building  
14 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student  
15 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the  
16 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at  
17 Urbana-Champaign; the SIUC Student Center at the Southern  
18 Illinois University at Carbondale campus; the Morris  
19 University Center at the Southern Illinois University at  
20 Edwardsville campus; the University Union at the Western  
21 Illinois University at the Macomb campus; the Holmes Student  
22 Center at the Northern Illinois University campus; the  
23 University Union at the Eastern Illinois University campus;  
24 NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois University  
25 campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois State  
26 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; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

6 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise the  
7 following powers and perform the following duties in addition  
8 to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by law:

9 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the  
10 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as  
11 heretofore provided in this Code;

12 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with  
13 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections  
14 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State  
15 and the laws of the United States;

16 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each  
17 primary and general election and any other election it  
18 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions  
19 consistent with the provisions of this Code which shall be  
20 used by election authorities in the preparation of the  
21 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of  
22 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,  
23 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the  
24 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board  
25 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions

1 applicable to different election jurisdictions which  
2 administer elections under different options provided by  
3 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular  
4 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any  
5 official manual of instructions published by election  
6 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any  
7 election authority shall be identical with the manual of  
8 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be  
9 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special  
10 or unusual local election problems, provided that all  
11 manuals published by election authorities must be  
12 consistent with the provisions of this Code in all  
13 respects and must receive the approval of the State Board  
14 of Elections prior to publication; provided further that  
15 if the State Board does not approve or disapprove of a  
16 proposed manual within 60 days of its submission, the  
17 manual shall be deemed approved;

18 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform  
19 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with  
20 the provisions of this Code as it shall deem advisable  
21 which shall be used by election authorities in the conduct  
22 of elections and registrations;

23 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any  
24 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
25 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the  
26 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so

1 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local  
2 government of the State;

3 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the  
4 conduct of elections and registration from election  
5 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

6 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating  
7 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed  
8 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to  
9 the appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

10 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to  
11 improve the administration of elections and registration;

12 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in  
13 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules  
14 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of  
15 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise  
16 provided by law;

17 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of  
18 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the  
19 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

20 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research  
21 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of  
22 votes by precinct for general primary elections and  
23 general elections, current precinct maps, and current  
24 precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions within  
25 the State. The research library shall be open to the  
26 public during regular business hours. Such abstracts,



1 maps, and lists shall be preserved as permanent records  
2 and shall be available for examination and copying at a  
3 reasonable cost;

4 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration  
5 and election laws throughout the State;

6 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management  
7 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of  
8 Central Management Services Law, such use of electronic  
9 data processing equipment as may be required to perform  
10 the duties of the State Board of Elections and to provide  
11 election-related information to candidates, public and  
12 party officials, interested civic organizations, and the  
13 general public in a timely and efficient manner;

14 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or  
15 required to give effect to directions of the national  
16 committee or State central committee of an established  
17 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or  
18 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to  
19 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an  
20 established political party's national nominating  
21 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate  
22 certification schedule contained within this Code, the  
23 certification of the Presidential and Vice Presidential  
24 candidate selected by the established political party's  
25 national nominating convention;

26 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by

1 election authority and hours of operation on its website  
2 at least 5 business days before the period for early  
3 voting begins;

4 (16) To post on its website the statewide totals, and  
5 totals separated by each election authority, for each of  
6 the counts received pursuant to Section 1-9.2; ~~and~~

7 (17) To post on its website, in a downloadable format,  
8 the information received from each election authority  
9 under Section 1-17; ~~and~~.

10 (18) To revoke or suspend raffle licenses for  
11 political committees that violate Section 8.1 of the  
12 Raffles and Poker Runs Act.

13 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or  
14 functions under this Article, except that final determinations  
15 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the  
16 Board.

17 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
18 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
19 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and  
20 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
21 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
22 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

25 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by

1 mail or in person as follows:

2 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, where  
3 the nomination is to be made for a State, congressional,  
4 or judicial office, or for any office a nomination for  
5 which is made for a territorial division or district which  
6 comprises more than one county or is partly in one county  
7 and partly in another county or counties (including the  
8 Fox Metro Water Reclamation District), then, except as  
9 otherwise provided in this Section, such petition for  
10 nomination shall be filed in the principal office of the  
11 State Board of Elections not more than 141 and not less  
12 than 134 days prior to the date of the primary, but, in the  
13 case of petitions for nomination to fill a vacancy by  
14 special election in the office of representative in  
15 Congress from this State, such petition for nomination  
16 shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board  
17 of Elections not more than 85 days and not less than 82  
18 days prior to the date of the primary.

19 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,  
20 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
21 preceding the 134th day before a general primary election,  
22 petitions for nomination for the office in which the  
23 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal  
24 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 120  
25 nor less than 113 days prior to the date of the general  
26 primary election.

1           Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or  
2           alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,  
3           then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the  
4           principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
5           than 141 and not less than 134 days prior to the date of  
6           the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or  
7           policies of a national political party conflict with such  
8           requirements for filing petitions for nomination for  
9           delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating  
10          convention, the chair of the State central committee of  
11          such national political party shall notify the Board in  
12          writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the  
13          national political party in conflict, and in such case the  
14          Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in  
15          accordance with the delegate selection plan adopted by the  
16          state central committee of such national political party.

17          (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county  
18          office or trustee of a sanitary district then such  
19          petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk  
20          not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the date  
21          of the primary.

22          (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal  
23          or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be  
24          filed in the office of the local election official, not  
25          more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the date of  
26          the primary; provided, where a municipality's or

1 township's boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely  
2 within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
3 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
4 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
5 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the  
6 election authority.

7 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
8 committeeperson shall be filed in the principal office of  
9 the State Board of Elections not more than 141 nor less  
10 than 134 days prior to the date of the primary.

11 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or  
12 ward committeepersons shall be filed in the office of the  
13 county clerk not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior  
14 to the date of the primary.

15 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various  
16 election authorities and local election officials with  
17 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall  
18 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon  
19 receipt shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which  
20 each petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons  
21 waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for  
22 filing, or as of the normal opening hour of the office  
23 involved on such day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m.  
24 or the normal opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions  
25 filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day  
26 for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that

1 day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or  
2 as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may  
3 be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as  
4 filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more  
5 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing  
6 deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or  
7 more petitions are received simultaneously, the State  
8 Board of Elections or the various election authorities or  
9 local election officials with whom such petitions are  
10 filed shall break ties and determine the order of filing,  
11 by means of a lottery or other fair and impartial method of  
12 random selection approved by the State Board of Elections.  
13 Such lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following  
14 the last day for petition filing and shall be open to the  
15 public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of  
16 conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
17 State Board of Elections to the chair of the State central  
18 committee of each established political party, and by each  
19 election authority or local election official, to the  
20 County Chair of each established political party, and to  
21 each organization of citizens within the election  
22 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at  
23 the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present  
24 on the day of election. The State Board of Elections,  
25 election authority or local election official shall post  
26 in a conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance

1 of the office, notice of the time and place of such  
2 lottery. The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules  
3 and regulations governing the procedures for the conduct  
4 of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified in the  
5 order in which their petitions have been filed. Where  
6 candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be  
7 certified in the order determined by lot and prior to  
8 candidates who filed for the same office at a later time.

9 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate  
10 election authority or local election official with whom  
11 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the  
12 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed  
13 of the obligation to file statements of organization,  
14 reports of campaign contributions, and quarterly reports  
15 of campaign contributions and expenditures under Article 9  
16 of this Code. Such notice shall be given in the manner  
17 prescribed by paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

18 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
19 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a  
20 statement of economic interests as required by the  
21 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his  
22 candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the  
23 period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has  
24 filed a statement of economic interests in relation to the  
25 same governmental unit with that officer within a year  
26 preceding the date on which such nomination papers were

1 filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the  
2 statement of economic interests of that candidate are not  
3 required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate  
4 must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers  
5 are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the  
6 statement of economic interests is filed showing the date  
7 on which such statement was filed. Such receipt shall be  
8 so filed not later than the last day on which nomination  
9 papers may be filed.

10 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
11 person for whom a petition for nomination, or for  
12 committeeperson or for delegate or alternate delegate to a  
13 national nominating convention has been filed may cause  
14 his name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by  
15 him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to  
16 take acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal  
17 or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections  
18 or with the appropriate election authority or local  
19 election official, not later than the date of  
20 certification of candidates for the consolidated primary  
21 or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be  
22 certified or printed on the primary ballot. If petitions  
23 for nomination have been filed for the same person with  
24 respect to more than one political party, his name shall  
25 not be certified nor printed on the primary ballot of any  
26 party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the



1 same person for 2 or more offices which are incompatible  
2 so that the same person could not serve in more than one of  
3 such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a  
4 candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5  
5 business days following the last day for petition filing.  
6 A candidate in a judicial election may file petitions for  
7 nomination for only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only  
8 one vacancy in a circuit in any one filing period, and if  
9 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same  
10 person for 2 or more vacancies in the same circuit or  
11 subcircuit in the same filing period, his or her name  
12 shall be certified only for the first vacancy for which  
13 the petitions for nomination were filed. If he fails to  
14 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices  
15 within such time his name shall not be certified, nor  
16 printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the  
17 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a  
18 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

19 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
20 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
21 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
22 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
23 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
24 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a  
25 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
26 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted

1       upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward  
2       thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
3       such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
4       that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
5       within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
6       which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
7       Article, the nomination of an established political party  
8       of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
9       be uncontested where not more than the number of persons  
10      to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
11      seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
12      office.

13       (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
14      statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
15      established political party for any special primary  
16      election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in  
17      the office of representative in the United States Congress  
18      where the nomination of such political party for said  
19      office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,  
20      the nomination of an established political party of a  
21      candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to  
22      be uncontested where not more than the number of persons  
23      to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
24      seeking the nomination of such established party for  
25      election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
26      apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly

1       scheduled election day.

2           (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
3       and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
4       not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends  
5       to become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
6       nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
7       uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
8       intent with the local election official where the  
9       candidate is seeking to appear on the ballot, a primary  
10      ballot shall be prepared and a primary shall be held for  
11      that office. Such statement or notice shall be filed on or  
12      before the date established in this Article for certifying  
13      candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement or  
14      notice shall contain (i) the name and address of the  
15      person intending to become a write-in candidate, (ii) a  
16      statement that the person is a qualified primary elector  
17      of the political party from whom the nomination is sought,  
18      (iii) a statement that the person intends to become a  
19      write-in candidate for the party's nomination, and (iv)  
20      the office the person is seeking as a write-in candidate.  
21      An election authority shall have no duty to conduct a  
22      primary and prepare a primary ballot for any office for  
23      which the nomination is uncontested unless a statement or  
24      notice meeting the requirements of this Section is filed  
25      in a timely manner.

26           (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed

1       for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of  
2       Elections, appropriate election authority or local  
3       election official where the petitions are filed shall  
4       within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her  
5       multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3  
6       business days after receipt of the notice to notify the  
7       State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority  
8       or local election official that he or she may cancel prior  
9       sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State  
10      Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or  
11      local election official, the last set of petitions filed  
12      shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the  
13      State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
14      election official. If the candidate fails to notify the  
15      State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
16      election official then only the first set of petitions  
17      filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be  
18      void.

19           (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for  
20      public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
21      not less than 6 months. Nominating petitions shall not be  
22      subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

23           (13) Upon request, the State Board of Elections or an  
24      election authority, as appropriate, shall promptly provide  
25      a requester with any requesting nominating petition filed  
26      with the appropriate election authority within the

1       preceding 6 months.

2       (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;  
3       103-586, eff. 5-3-24; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

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

5       Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
6       certificates of nomination and nomination papers, declarations  
7       of intent to be a write-in candidate, and petitions to submit  
8       public questions to a referendum, being filed as required by  
9       this Code, and being in apparent conformity with the  
10      provisions of this Code Act, shall be deemed to be valid unless  
11      objection thereto is duly made in writing within 5 business  
12      days after the last day for filing the certificate of  
13      nomination or nomination papers or petition for a public  
14      question, with the following exceptions:

15           A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
16           Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
17           period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
18           filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

19           B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
20           public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
21           State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
22           the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
23           objections can be filed.

24           Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
25           in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or

1 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
2 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
3 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
4 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
5 nomination papers, ~~or~~ petitions, or declarations of intent to  
6 be a write-in candidate filed, shall file an objector's  
7 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
8 office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
9 Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
10 election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
11 nomination papers, ~~or~~ petitions, or declaration of intent to  
12 be a write-in candidate are on file. Objection petitions that  
13 do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the  
14 case of nomination papers, ~~or~~ certificates of nomination, or  
15 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the State  
16 Board of Elections, election authority or local election  
17 official shall note the day and hour upon which such  
18 objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00  
19 p.m. ~~noon~~ on the second business day after receipt of the  
20 petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal  
21 delivery the certificate of nomination or nomination papers  
22 and the original objector's petition to the chair of the  
23 proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9 of this Code  
24 ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by  
25 registered mail or receipted personal delivery of the  
26 objector's petition, to the candidate whose certificate of

1 nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to  
2 the place of residence designated in said certificate of  
3 nomination or nomination papers. In the case of objections to  
4 a petition for a proposed amendment to Article IV of the  
5 Constitution or for an advisory public question to be  
6 submitted to the voters of the entire State, the State Board of  
7 Elections shall note the day and hour upon which such  
8 objector's petition is filed and shall transmit a copy of the  
9 objector's petition by registered mail or receipted personal  
10 delivery to the person designated on a certificate attached to  
11 the petition as the principal proponent of such proposed  
12 amendment or public question, or as the proponents' attorney,  
13 for the purpose of receiving notice of objections. In the case  
14 of objections to a petition for a public question, to be  
15 submitted to the voters of a political subdivision, or  
16 district thereof, the election authority or local election  
17 official with whom such petition is filed shall note the day  
18 and hour upon which such objector's petition was filed, and  
19 shall, not later than 12:00 p.m. ~~noon~~ on the second business  
20 day after receipt of the petition, transmit by registered mail  
21 or receipted personal delivery the petition for the public  
22 question and the original objector's petition to the chair of  
23 the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9 of this  
24 Code ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a  
25 copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, of the  
26 objector's petition to the person designated on a certificate

1 attached to the petition as the principal proponent of the  
2 public question, or as the proponent's attorney, for the  
3 purposes of receiving notice of objections.

4 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
5 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
6 objections to the certificate of nomination, declaration of  
7 intent to be a write-in candidate, or nomination papers or  
8 petitions in question, and shall state the interest of the  
9 objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
10 electoral board.

11 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9,  
12 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections  
13 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article  
14 8, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
15 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
16 for the submission of public questions under Article 28. For  
17 purposes of this Section and Section 10-10, objections to  
18 declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be  
19 filed in the same manner and subject to the same jurisdiction  
20 as objections to nomination papers for the same office.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; revised 6-24-25.)

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

23 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the  
24 certificate of nomination or nomination papers, declaration of  
25 intent to be a write-in candidate, or proposed question of



1 public policy, as the case may be, and the objector's  
2 petition, the chair of the electoral board other than the  
3 State Board of Elections shall send a call by registered or  
4 certified mail: to each of the members of the electoral board;  
5 to the objector who filed the objector's petition; either to  
6 the candidate whose certificate of nomination, ~~or~~ nomination  
7 papers, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
8 are objected to or to the principal proponent or attorney for  
9 proponents of a question of public policy, as the case may be,  
10 whose petitions are objected to; to the election authority to  
11 whom the ballot is certified; and to the appropriate county  
12 clerk. The chair of the electoral board other than the State  
13 Board of Elections shall also cause the sheriff of the county  
14 or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve  
15 a copy of such call upon each of such officers and persons,  
16 which call shall set out the fact that the electoral board is  
17 required to meet to hear and pass upon the objections to  
18 nominations made for the office, designating it, and shall  
19 state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board  
20 shall meet for the purpose, which place shall be in the county  
21 court house in the county in the case of the County Officers  
22 Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the  
23 Township Officers Electoral Board or the Education Officers  
24 Electoral Board, except that the Municipal Officers Electoral  
25 Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the  
26 Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location

1 where the governing body of the municipality, township, or  
2 community college district, respectively, holds its regularly  
3 scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided  
4 that voter records may be removed from the offices of an  
5 election authority only at the discretion and under the  
6 supervision of the election authority. In those cases where  
7 the State Board of Elections is the electoral board designated  
8 under Section 10-9, the chair of the State Board of Elections  
9 shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of  
10 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed  
11 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed  
12 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered  
13 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's  
14 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of  
15 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the  
16 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed  
17 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public  
18 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the  
19 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be  
20 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent  
21 branch office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall  
22 not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of  
23 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
24 objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board.

25 The electoral board shall have the power to administer  
26 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the

1 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of  
2 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas  
3 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces  
4 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records  
5 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry  
6 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses  
7 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

8 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or  
9 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and  
10 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by  
11 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes  
12 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served  
13 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena,  
14 or to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a  
15 petition in the circuit court of the county in which such  
16 hearing is to be heard, or has been attempted to be heard,  
17 setting forth the facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect,  
18 and accompanying the petition with a copy of the citation and  
19 the answer, if one has been filed, together with a copy of the  
20 subpoena and the return of service thereon, and shall apply  
21 for an order of court requiring such person to attend and  
22 testify, and forthwith produce books and papers, before the  
23 electoral board. Any circuit court of the state, excluding the  
24 judge who is sitting on the electoral board, upon such showing  
25 shall order such person to appear and testify, and to  
26 forthwith produce such books and papers, before the electoral

1 board at a place to be fixed by the court. If such person shall  
2 knowingly fail or refuse to obey such order of the court  
3 without lawful excuse, the court shall punish him or her by  
4 fine and imprisonment, as the nature of the case may require  
5 and may be lawful in cases of contempt of court.

6 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall  
7 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and  
8 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,  
9 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the  
10 objection or by other interested persons.

11 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on  
12 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the  
13 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
14 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy  
15 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the  
16 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election  
17 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of  
18 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and  
19 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of  
20 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed  
21 in the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12  
22 of this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at  
23 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular  
24 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of  
25 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party  
26 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or

1 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,  
2 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election  
3 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of  
4 valid to invalid signatures within the particular election  
5 jurisdiction.

6 The electoral board shall take up the question as to  
7 whether or not the certificate of nomination, ~~or~~ nomination  
8 papers, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or  
9 petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they were  
10 filed within the time and under the conditions required by  
11 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of  
12 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they  
13 purport to be, and whether or not in the case of the  
14 certificate of nomination in question it represents accurately  
15 the decision of the caucus or convention issuing it, and in  
16 general shall decide whether or not the certificate of  
17 nomination, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate,  
18 or nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether  
19 the objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of  
20 a majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to  
21 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral  
22 board must state its findings in writing and must state in  
23 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of  
24 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the  
25 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If  
26 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the

1 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent  
2 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally  
3 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is  
4 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or  
5 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party  
6 affected by the decision or to such party's attorney of  
7 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the  
8 files of the electoral board.

9       Upon the expiration of the period within which a  
10 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section  
11 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for  
12 judicial review has been commenced within such period,  
13 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of  
14 its ruling, together with the original certificate of  
15 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original  
16 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the  
17 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,  
18 as objected to, were on file and to the election authority to  
19 whom the ballot is certified and the appropriate county clerk,  
20 and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the  
21 ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/11-8.5 new)

24 Sec. 11-8.5. Universal vote centers pilot program.

25 (a) In addition to the vote centers required in subsection

1 (a) of Section 11-8, a county election authority may establish  
2 vote centers for the period of early voting and on election day  
3 where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote,  
4 regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and  
5 that location shall provide curbside voting. An election  
6 authority establishing vote centers under this Section shall  
7 certify to the State Board of Elections no later than December  
8 15, 2026, and shall make the locations public no later than the  
9 60th day preceding an election.

10 (b) For the elections held between January 1, 2027 through  
11 December 31, 2029, a county election authority may establish  
12 additional vote centers as described under subsection (a). In  
13 establishing these vote centers, the election authority shall  
14 do so in accordance with the following:

15 (1) For each general primary election and general  
16 election, an election authority shall designate a minimum  
17 number of vote centers, as follows:

18 (A) For counties with at least 50,000 registered  
19 voters on the day of election, at least one vote center  
20 for each 12,500 registered voters.

21 (B) For counties with fewer than 50,000 registered  
22 voters, at least one vote center for each 10,000  
23 registered voters.

24 For the purposes of this paragraph, the number of  
25 registered in a county is the number of voters registered  
26 in the county on the date of the preceding presidential

1 election or on the date of the preceding general election,  
2 whichever is greater.

3 (2) A county election authority may designate a  
4 greater number of vote centers than the minimum required  
5 by this subsection.

6 (3) In selecting the location for vote centers  
7 required under paragraph (1), each county election  
8 authority shall consider:

9 (A) proximity to the population centers of the  
10 county, including the population centers within the  
11 largest municipality or municipalities in a county;

12 (B) proximity to public transportation lines and  
13 availability of parking;

14 (C) equitable distribution across the county so as  
15 to afford maximally convenient options for voters;

16 (D) geographic features that affect access and  
17 convenience;

18 (E) access for persons with disabilities;

19 (F) use of existing voting locations that  
20 typically serve a significant number of voters;

21 (G) proximity to historically under-represented  
22 communities; and

23 (H) the need to locate vote centers in population  
24 centers that had lower voter turnout in previous  
25 elections.

26 (4) A county election authority must establish these



1 vote centers no later than June 1, 2027.

2 (c) If a county election authority certifies voter centers  
3 will be available as provided in this Section, a county  
4 election authority may increase the maximum number of  
5 registered voters per precinct to 1,600 registered voters,  
6 effective after January 1, 2027. The county shall divide its  
7 election precincts in accordance with Section 11-2 after  
8 January 1, 2027 and no later than June 1, 2027, and must  
9 maintain the election precincts until December 30, 2030 or  
10 later.

11 (d) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2030.

12 (10 ILCS 5/11-9 new)

13 Sec. 11-9. Name standardization.

14 (a) The State Board of Elections shall develop and  
15 implement standard terminology for the naming of election  
16 districts, precincts, and polling places to streamline the  
17 reporting of election results and voter file data for the 2027  
18 Consolidated Primary Election. As part of implementing the use  
19 of standard terminology and to ensure the prompt availability  
20 of voter file data, no less than 100 days before the 2027  
21 Consolidated Primary Election, the State Board of Elections  
22 shall adopt guidelines, via an order of the Board, for  
23 election authorities to follow when naming election districts,  
24 precincts, and polling places. The guidelines shall require  
25 each election district, precinct, and polling place to have a

1 standard identification and a human-readable name. The State  
2 Board of Elections shall publish a first draft of the  
3 guidelines at least 10 days before adopting the guidelines  
4 through an order of the Board.

5 (b) Every election authority shall use the guidelines  
6 adopted under subsection (a) to name election districts,  
7 precincts, and polling places. Every election authority shall  
8 submit the names to the State Board of Elections no less than  
9 70 days before the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

10 (c) The State Board of Elections shall amend the names of  
11 any election district, precinct, or polling place that does  
12 not conform to the guidelines adopted under subsection (a).  
13 The State Board of Elections shall send those amended names to  
14 the election authority as soon as practicable.

15 (d) No less than 50 days before the 2027 Consolidated  
16 Primary Election, all election districts, election precincts,  
17 and polling places shall be named in accordance with the  
18 guidelines adopted under subsection (a).

19 (e) No later than the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election,  
20 the State Board of Elections shall adopt administrative rules  
21 for name standardization for all elections subsequent to the  
22 2027 Consolidated Primary Election. For every election  
23 subsequent to the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election, every  
24 election authority and the State Board of Elections shall name  
25 election districts, precincts, and polling places in a manner  
26 similar to the process described in subsections (b) and (c).

1       (f) If the requirements of this Section conflict with any  
2       specific provision of this Code, the requirements of this  
3       Section prevail.

4       (10 ILCS 5/17-13.5)

5       Sec. 17-13.5. Curbside voting.

6       (a) Election authorities may establish curbside voting for  
7       individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on  
8       election day. An election authority's curbside voting program  
9       shall designate at least 2 election judges from opposite  
10      parties per vehicle, and the individual shall have the  
11      opportunity to mark the ballot without interference from the  
12      election judges.

13      (b) Election authorities shall establish curbside voting  
14      for individuals with disabilities to cast a ballot during  
15      early voting and on election day at no less than one voting  
16      location within the election authority's jurisdiction. An  
17      election authority's curbside voting program shall designate  
18      at least 2 election judges from opposite parties per vehicle,  
19      and the individual shall have the opportunity to mark the  
20      ballot without interference from the election judges. No later  
21      than the 10th day preceding the start of early voting or  
22      election day voting, an election authority shall post on their  
23      publicly accessible website the voting location or locations  
24      where curbside voting is available and the method by which an  
25      individual with a disability may contact a poll worker in

1 order to vote at the curbside voting location, including, but  
2 not limited to, a posted phone number, a doorbell device, or  
3 the stationing of a poll worker at the curbside voting  
4 location.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

7 Sec. 19-3. Application for a vote by mail ballot.

8 (a) The application for a vote by mail ballot for a single  
9 election shall be substantially in the following form:

10 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

11 To be voted at the .... election in the County of .... and  
12 State of Illinois.

13 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
14 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
15 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at  
16 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
17 by mail.

18 I hereby make application for an official ballot or  
19 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I  
20 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing  
21 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the  
22 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than  
23 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
24 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
25 14th day following election day.

1 I understand that this application is made for an official  
2 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the  
3 election specified in this application and that I must submit  
4 a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
5 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

6 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
7 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
8 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

9 . . . .

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

11 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

12 .....

13 (a-5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot  
14 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
15 substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail  
16 ballot for a single election and shall include:

17 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print  
18 disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am  
19 making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot  
20 electronically so that I may privately and independently  
21 mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.

22 (b) The application for permanent vote by mail status  
23 shall be substantially in the following form:

24 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

25 I am currently a registered voter and wish to apply for  
26 permanent vote by mail status.

1 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
2 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
3 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at  
4 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
5 by mail in:

6 ..... all subsequent elections that do not require a party  
7 designation.

8 ..... all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a  
9 ..... Party vote by mail ballot in  
10 elections that require a party designation.

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

19 Under penalties as provided by law under Section 29-10 of  
20 the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
21 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

22 ....

23 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

24 .....

25 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots  
26 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be

1 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by  
2 mail status and shall include:

3 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a  
4 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this  
5 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail  
6 ballots electronically so that I may privately and  
7 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail  
8 ballots.

9 (c) 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. The election authority shall allow  
13 any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her  
14 party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method  
15 and deadline published and selected by the election authority.

16 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant  
17 shall mark the box associated with the above described  
18 statement included as part of the online application  
19 certifying that the statements set forth in the application  
20 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a  
21 signature is not required.

22 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or  
23 return to an election authority an application under this  
24 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box  
25 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an  
26 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a

1 valid and current phone number for the individual or  
2 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be  
3 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7  
4 days of receipt or, if received within 2 weeks of the election  
5 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of  
6 receipt. Failure to turn over the applications in compliance  
7 with this paragraph shall constitute a violation of this Code  
8 and shall be punishable as a petty offense with a fine of \$100  
9 per application. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise  
10 knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by  
11 the election authority shall establish a rebuttable  
12 presumption of a violation of this paragraph. Upon receipt,  
13 the appropriate election authority shall accept and promptly  
14 process any application under this Section submitted in a form  
15 substantially similar to that required by this Section,  
16 including any substantially similar production or reproduction  
17 generated by the applicant.

18 (f) An election authority shall ~~may~~ combine the  
19 applications in subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the  
20 distinction between the applications must be clear and the  
21 form must provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate  
22 whether he or she is applying for a single election vote by  
23 mail ballot or for permanent vote by mail status.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;  
25 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)



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

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

(a) (Blank). ~~(Blank.)~~

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

(c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an election authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that is received by the election authority after the polls close on election day and before the close of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots.

Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is

1 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
2 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
3 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed  
4 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
5 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
6 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the  
7 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements  
8 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting  
9 location of the election authority during the period for  
10 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
11 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

12 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
13 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an  
14 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the  
15 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope  
16 was mailed no later than election day.

17 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
18 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by  
19 this Article, and received by the election authority at any  
20 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be  
21 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and  
22 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot  
23 counting location of the election authority during the same  
24 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots  
25 under subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote  
26 by mail voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election

1 authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that  
2 are received by the election authority after the polls close  
3 on election day and before the closing of the period for  
4 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
5 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
6 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
7 location of the election authority during the same periods  
8 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
9 subsection (c).

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

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

1 counted.

2 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
3 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
4 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is  
5 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for  
6 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official  
7 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification  
8 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the voter's  
9 signature on the application verified in accordance with  
10 Section 19-4 or the signature of the voter on file in the  
11 office of the election authority. If the election judge or  
12 official determines that the 2 signatures match, and that the  
13 vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified to cast a vote by  
14 mail ballot, the election authority shall cast and count the  
15 ballot on election day or the day the ballot is determined to  
16 be valid, whichever is later, adding the results to the  
17 precinct in which the voter is registered. If the election  
18 judge or official determines that the signatures do not match,  
19 or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified to cast a vote  
20 by mail ballot, then without opening the certification  
21 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of  
22 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not  
23 cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12          (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
13          judge or official for any reason, the election authority  
14          shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases  
15          before the close of the period for counting provisional  
16          ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot  
17          was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason  
18          or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the  
19          voter may submit to ~~appear before~~ the election authority, on  
20          or before the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to  
21          why the ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present  
22          evidence to the election authority supporting his or her  
23          contention that the ballot should be counted. Evidence may be  
24          submitted in person, by mail, or electronically by email. If a  
25          ballot is rejected based on the voter's signatures not  
26          matching, an affidavit or statement affirming the voter signed

1 the certification envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and  
2 the election authority shall not require the affidavit or  
3 statement to be notarized. The election authority shall  
4 appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the contested  
5 ballot, application, and certification envelope, as well as  
6 any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than  
7 2 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 If a vote by mail ballot is rejected for any reason, the  
16 election authority shall, within one day after the rejection,  
17 transmit to the State Board of Elections by electronic means  
18 the voter's name, street address, email address, and precinct,  
19 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be. If a  
20 rejected vote by mail ballot is determined to be valid, the  
21 election authority shall, within one day after the  
22 determination, remove the name of the voter from the list  
23 transmitted to the State Board of Elections. The State Board  
24 of Elections shall maintain the names and information in an  
25 electronic format on its website accessible to State and local  
26 political committees.

1       Upon request by the State or local political committee,  
2       each election authority shall, within one day after the  
3       request, provide the following information about all rejected  
4       vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email  
5       address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers,  
6       as the case may be.

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

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

13       (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23;  
14       revised 6-24-25.)

15       (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

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

17       (a) (Blank.)

18       (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
19       election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
20       and received by that election authority may be processed by  
21       the election authority beginning on the day it is received by  
22       the election authority in the central ballot counting location  
23       of the election authority, but the results of the processing  
24       may not be counted until the day of the election after 7:00  
25       p.m., except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

1           (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
2 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,  
3 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
4 close on election day and before the close of the period for  
5 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
6 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
7 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
8 location of the election authority during the period for  
9 counting provisional ballots.

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

24          If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
25 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an  
26 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the



1 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope  
2 was mailed no later than election day.

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

22 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
23 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
24 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
25 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed  
26 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of

1 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
2 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
3 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
4 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
5 election.

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

14 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
15 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
16 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article  
17 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period  
18 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or  
19 official shall compare the voter's signature on the  
20 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of  
21 the voter on file in the office of the election authority. If  
22 the election judge or official determines that the 2  
23 signatures match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to  
24 cast a ballot under this Article, the election authority shall  
25 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot  
26 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the

1 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If  
2 the election judge or official determines that the signatures  
3 do not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a  
4 ballot under this Article, then without opening the  
5 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark  
6 across the face of the certification envelope the word  
7 "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

18 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
19 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
20 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
21 shall not cast or count the ballot.

22 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
23 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
24 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
25 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
26 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.

1 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
2 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may submit  
3 to ~~appear before~~ the election authority, on or before the 14th  
4 day after the election, to show cause as to why the ballot  
5 should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence to the  
6 election authority supporting his or her contention that the  
7 ballot should be counted. Evidence may be submitted in person,  
8 by mail, or electronically by email. If a ballot is rejected  
9 based on the voter's signatures not matching, an affidavit or  
10 statement affirming the voter signed the certification  
11 envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and the election  
12 authority shall not require the affidavit or statement to be  
13 notarized. The election authority shall appoint a panel of 3  
14 election judges to review the contested ballot, application,  
15 and certification envelope, as well as any evidence submitted  
16 by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2 election judges on  
17 the reviewing panel shall be of the same political party. The  
18 reviewing panel of election judges shall make a final  
19 determination as to the validity of the contested ballot. The  
20 judges' determination shall not be reviewable either  
21 administratively or judicially.

22 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to  
23 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for  
24 counting provisional ballots.

25 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added  
26 to the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast

1 in the order in which the ballots were opened.

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

5 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

6 Section 35-20. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
7 changing Section 3.1-10-50 as follows:

8 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

9 Sec. 3.1-10-50. Events upon which an elective office  
10 becomes vacant in municipality with population under 500,000.

11 (a) Vacancy by resignation. A resignation is not effective  
12 unless it is in writing, signed by the person holding the  
13 elective office, and notarized.

14 (1) Unconditional resignation. An unconditional  
15 resignation by a person holding the elective office may  
16 specify a future date, not later than 60 days after the  
17 date the resignation is received by the officer authorized  
18 to fill the vacancy, at which time it becomes operative,  
19 but the resignation may not be withdrawn after it is  
20 received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy.  
21 The effective date of a resignation that does not specify  
22 a future date at which it becomes operative is the date the  
23 resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill  
24 the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that has

1 a specified future effective date is that specified future  
2 date or the date the resignation is received by the  
3 officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
4 occurs later.

5 (2) Conditional resignation. A resignation that does  
6 not become effective unless a specified event occurs can  
7 be withdrawn at any time prior to the occurrence of the  
8 specified event, but if not withdrawn, the effective date  
9 of the resignation is the date of the occurrence of the  
10 specified event or the date the resignation is received by  
11 the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
12 occurs later.

13 (3) Vacancy upon the effective date. For the purpose  
14 of determining the time period that would require an  
15 election to fill the vacancy by resignation or the  
16 commencement of the 60-day time period referred to in  
17 subsection (e), the resignation of an elected officer is  
18 deemed to have created a vacancy as of the effective date  
19 of the resignation.

20 (4) Duty of the clerk. If a resignation is delivered  
21 to the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall forward  
22 a certified copy of the written resignation to the  
23 official who is authorized to fill the vacancy within 7  
24 business days after receipt of the resignation.

25 (b) Vacancy by death or disability. A vacancy occurs in an  
26 office by reason of the death of the incumbent. The date of the

1 death may be established by the date shown on the death  
2 certificate. A vacancy occurs in an office by permanent  
3 physical or mental disability rendering the person incapable  
4 of performing the duties of the office. The corporate  
5 authorities have the authority to make the determination  
6 whether an officer is incapable of performing the duties of  
7 the office because of a permanent physical or mental  
8 disability. A finding of mental disability shall not be made  
9 prior to the appointment by a court of a guardian ad litem for  
10 the officer or until a duly licensed doctor certifies, in  
11 writing, that the officer is mentally impaired to the extent  
12 that the officer is unable to effectively perform the duties  
13 of the office. If the corporate authorities find that an  
14 officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office  
15 due to permanent physical or mental disability, that person is  
16 removed from the office and the vacancy of the office occurs on  
17 the date of the determination.

18 (c) Vacancy by other causes.

19 (1) Abandonment and other causes. A vacancy occurs in  
20 an office by reason of abandonment of office; removal from  
21 office; or failure to qualify; or more than temporary  
22 removal of residence from the municipality; or in the case  
23 of an alderperson of a ward or councilman or trustee of a  
24 district, more than temporary removal of residence from  
25 the ward or district, as the case may be. The corporate  
26 authorities have the authority to determine whether a

1 vacancy under this subsection has occurred. If the  
2 corporate authorities determine that a vacancy exists, the  
3 office is deemed vacant as of the date of that  
4 determination for all purposes including the calculation  
5 under subsections (e), (f), and (g).

6 (2) Guilty of a criminal offense. An admission of  
7 guilt of a criminal offense that upon conviction would  
8 disqualify the municipal officer from holding the office,  
9 in the form of a written agreement with State or federal  
10 prosecutors to plead guilty to a felony, bribery, perjury,  
11 or other infamous crime under State or federal law,  
12 constitutes a resignation from that office, effective on  
13 the date the plea agreement is made. For purposes of this  
14 Section, a conviction for an offense that disqualifies a  
15 municipal officer from holding that office occurs on the  
16 date of the return of a guilty verdict or, in the case of a  
17 trial by the court, on the entry of a finding of guilt.

18 (3) Election declared void. A vacancy occurs on the  
19 date of the decision of a competent tribunal declaring the  
20 election of the officer void.

21 (4) Owing a debt to the municipality. A vacancy occurs  
22 if a municipal official fails to pay a debt to a  
23 municipality in which the official has been elected or  
24 appointed to an elected position subject to the following:

25 (A) Before a vacancy may occur under this  
26 paragraph (4), the municipal clerk shall deliver, by



1           personal service, a written notice to the municipal  
2           official that (i) the municipal official is in arrears  
3           of a debt to the municipality, (ii) that municipal  
4           official must either pay or contest the debt within 30  
5           days after receipt of the notice or the municipal  
6           official will be disqualified and his or her office  
7           vacated, and (iii) if the municipal official chooses  
8           to contest the debt, the municipal official must  
9           provide written notice to the municipal clerk of the  
10          contesting of the debt. A copy of the notice, and the  
11          notice to contest, shall also be mailed by the  
12          municipal clerk to the appointed municipal attorney by  
13          certified mail. If the municipal clerk is the  
14          municipal official indebted to the municipality, the  
15          mayor or president of the municipality shall assume  
16          the duties of the municipal clerk required under this  
17          paragraph (4).

18                (B) In the event that the municipal official  
19                chooses to contest the debt, a hearing shall be held  
20                within 30 days of the municipal clerk's receipt of the  
21                written notice of contest from the municipal official.  
22                An appointed municipal hearing officer shall preside  
23                over the hearing, and shall hear testimony and accept  
24                evidence relevant to the existence of the debt owed by  
25                the municipal officer to the municipality.

26                (C) Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the

1           hearing officer shall make a determination on the  
2           basis of the evidence presented as to whether or not  
3           the municipal official is in arrears of a debt to the  
4           municipality. The determination shall be in writing  
5           and shall be designated as findings, decision, and  
6           order. The findings, decision, and order shall  
7           include: (i) the hearing officer's findings of fact;  
8           (ii) a decision of whether or not the municipal  
9           official is in arrears of a debt to the municipality  
10          based upon the findings of fact; and (iii) an order  
11          that either directs the municipal official to pay the  
12          debt within 30 days or be disqualified and his or her  
13          office vacated or dismisses the matter if a debt owed  
14          to the municipality is not proved. A copy of the  
15          hearing officer's written determination shall be  
16          served upon the municipal official in open proceedings  
17          before the hearing officer. If the municipal official  
18          does not appear for receipt of the written  
19          determination, the written determination shall be  
20          deemed to have been served on the municipal official  
21          on the date when a copy of the written determination is  
22          personally served on the municipal official or on the  
23          date when a copy of the written determination is  
24          deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid,  
25          addressed to the municipal official at the address on  
26          record with the municipality.

1           (D) A municipal official aggrieved by the  
2           determination of a hearing officer may secure judicial  
3           review of such determination in the circuit court of  
4           the county in which the hearing was held. The  
5           municipal official seeking judicial review must file a  
6           petition with the clerk of the court and must serve a  
7           copy of the petition upon the municipality by  
8           registered or certified mail within 5 days after  
9           service of the determination of the hearing officer.  
10          The petition shall contain a brief statement of the  
11          reasons why the determination of the hearing officer  
12          should be reversed. The municipal official shall file  
13          proof of service with the clerk of the court. No answer  
14          to the petition need be filed, but the municipality  
15          shall cause the record of proceedings before the  
16          hearing officer to be filed with the clerk of the court  
17          on or before the date of the hearing on the petition or  
18          as ordered by the court. The court shall set the matter  
19          for hearing to be held within 30 days after the filing  
20          of the petition and shall make its decision promptly  
21          after such hearing.

22          (E) If a municipal official chooses to pay the  
23          debt, or is ordered to pay the debt after the hearing,  
24          the municipal official must present proof of payment  
25          to the municipal clerk that the debt was paid in full,  
26          and, if applicable, within the required time period as

1 ordered by a hearing officer or circuit court judge.

2 (F) A municipal official will be disqualified and  
3 his or her office vacated pursuant to this paragraph  
4 (4) on the later of the following times if the  
5 municipal official: (i) fails to pay or contest the  
6 debt within 30 days of the municipal official's  
7 receipt of the notice of the debt; (ii) fails to pay  
8 the debt within 30 days after being served with a  
9 written determination under subparagraph (C) ordering  
10 the municipal official to pay the debt; or (iii) fails  
11 to pay the debt within 30 days after being served with  
12 a decision pursuant to subparagraph (D) upholding a  
13 hearing officer's determination that the municipal  
14 officer has failed to pay a debt owed to a  
15 municipality.

16 (G) For purposes of this paragraph, a "debt" shall  
17 mean an arrearage in a definitely ascertainable and  
18 quantifiable amount after service of written notice  
19 thereof, in the payment of any indebtedness due to the  
20 municipality, which has been adjudicated before a  
21 tribunal with jurisdiction over the matter. A  
22 municipal official is considered in arrears of a debt  
23 to a municipality if a debt is more than 30 days  
24 overdue from the date the debt was due.

25 (d) Election of an acting mayor or acting president. The  
26 election of an acting mayor or acting president pursuant to

1 subsection (f) or (g) does not create a vacancy in the original  
2 office of the person on the city council or as a trustee, as  
3 the case may be, unless the person resigns from the original  
4 office following election as acting mayor or acting president.  
5 If the person resigns from the original office following  
6 election as acting mayor or acting president, then the  
7 original office must be filled pursuant to the terms of this  
8 Section and the acting mayor or acting president shall  
9 exercise the powers of the mayor or president and shall vote  
10 and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a mayor  
11 or president. If the person does not resign from the original  
12 office following election as acting mayor or acting president,  
13 then the acting mayor or acting president shall exercise the  
14 powers of the mayor or president but shall be entitled to vote  
15 only in the manner provided for as the holder of the original  
16 office and shall not have the power to veto. If the person does  
17 not resign from the original office following election as  
18 acting mayor or acting president, and if that person's  
19 original term of office has not expired when a mayor or  
20 president is elected and has qualified for office, the acting  
21 mayor or acting-president shall return to the original office  
22 for the remainder of the term thereof.

23 (e) Appointment to fill alderperson or trustee vacancy. An  
24 appointment by the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
25 acting president, as the case may be, of a qualified person as  
26 described in Section 3.1-10-5 of this Code to fill a vacancy in

1 the office of alderperson or trustee must be made within 60  
2 days after the vacancy occurs. Once the appointment of the  
3 qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate  
4 authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the  
5 appointment within 30 days. If the appointment fails to  
6 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities  
7 within 30 days, the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
8 acting president shall appoint and forward to the corporate  
9 authorities a second qualified person as described in Section  
10 3.1-10-5. Once the appointment of the second qualified person  
11 has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate  
12 authorities shall act upon the appointment within 30 days. If  
13 the appointment of the second qualified person also fails to  
14 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities,  
15 then the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
16 president, without the advice and consent of the corporate  
17 authorities, may make a temporary appointment from those  
18 persons who were appointed but whose appointments failed to  
19 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities.  
20 The person receiving the temporary appointment shall serve  
21 until an appointment has received the advice and consent and  
22 the appointee has qualified or until a person has been elected  
23 and has qualified, whichever first occurs.

24 (f) Election to fill vacancies in municipal offices with  
25 4-year terms. If a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal  
26 office with a 4-year term and there remains an unexpired

1 portion of the term of at least 28 months, and the vacancy  
2 occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at least 130~~  
3 ~~days before~~ the general municipal election next scheduled  
4 under the general election law, then the vacancy shall be  
5 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
6 election. Whenever an election is held for this purpose, the  
7 municipal clerk shall certify the office to be filled and the  
8 candidates for the office to the proper election authorities  
9 as provided in the general election law. If a vacancy occurs  
10 with less than 28 months remaining in the unexpired portion of  
11 the term or after the period to file petitions for ~~less than~~  
12 ~~130 days before~~ the general municipal election, then:

13 (1) Mayor or president. If the vacancy is in the  
14 office of mayor or president, the vacancy must be filled  
15 by the corporate authorities electing one of their members  
16 as acting mayor or acting president. Except as set forth  
17 in subsection (d), the acting mayor or acting president  
18 shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and  
19 powers of the mayor or president until a mayor or  
20 president is elected at the next general municipal  
21 election and has qualified. However, in villages with a  
22 population of less than 5,000, if each of the trustees  
23 either declines the election as acting president or is not  
24 elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently  
25 holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting  
26 president, any other village resident who is qualified to

1 hold municipal office, and the acting president shall  
2 exercise the powers of the president and shall vote and  
3 have veto power in the manner provided by law for a  
4 president.

5 (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the  
6 office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
7 filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
8 president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
9 subsection (e).

10 (3) Other elective office. If the vacancy is in any  
11 elective municipal office other than mayor or president or  
12 alderperson or trustee, the mayor or president or acting  
13 mayor or acting president, as the case may be, must  
14 appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the  
15 office is filled by election, subject to the advice and  
16 consent of the city council or the board of trustees, as  
17 the case may be.

18 (g) Vacancies in municipal offices with 2-year terms. In  
19 the case of an elective municipal office with a 2-year term, if  
20 the vacancy occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at~~  
21 ~~least 130 days before~~ the general municipal election next  
22 scheduled under the general election law, the vacancy shall be  
23 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
24 election. If the vacancy occurs after the period to file  
25 petitions for ~~less than 130 days before~~ the general municipal  
26 election, then:



1           (1) Mayor or president. If the vacancy is in the  
2           office of mayor or president, the vacancy must be filled  
3           by the corporate authorities electing one of their members  
4           as acting mayor or acting president. Except as set forth  
5           in subsection (d), the acting mayor or acting president  
6           shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and  
7           powers of the mayor or president until a mayor or  
8           president is elected at the next general municipal  
9           election and has qualified. However, in villages with a  
10          population of less than 5,000, if each of the trustees  
11          either declines the election as acting president or is not  
12          elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently  
13          holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting  
14          president, any other village resident who is qualified to  
15          hold municipal office, and the acting president shall  
16          exercise the powers of the president and shall vote and  
17          have veto power in the manner provided by law for a  
18          president.

19          (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the  
20          office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
21          filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
22          president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
23          subsection (e).

24          (3) Other elective office. If the vacancy is in any  
25          elective municipal office other than mayor or president or  
26          alderperson or trustee, the mayor or president or acting

1 mayor or acting president, as the case may be, must  
2 appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the  
3 office is filled by election, subject to the advice and  
4 consent of the city council or the board of trustees, as  
5 the case may be.

6 (h) In cases of vacancies arising by reason of an election  
7 being declared void pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection  
8 (c), persons holding elective office prior thereto shall hold  
9 office until their successors are elected and qualified or  
10 appointed and confirmed by advice and consent, as the case may  
11 be.

12 (i) This Section applies only to municipalities with  
13 populations under 500,000.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

15 Section 35-25. The Park District Code is amended by  
16 changing Sections 2-10a and 2-12a as follows:

17 (70 ILCS 1205/2-10a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-10a)

18 Sec. 2-10a. Any district may provide by referendum, or by  
19 resolution of the board, that the board shall be comprised of 7  
20 commissioners. Any such referendum shall be initiated and held  
21 in the same manner as is provided by the general election law.

22 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
23 favor of the 7-member board, or if the board adopts a  
24 resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this Section

1 in order to create a 7-member board, then whichever of the  
2 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be  
3 applied: At the election of commissioners next following by at  
4 least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the proposition to  
5 create a 7-member board was approved at referendum or by  
6 resolution, the number of commissioners to be elected shall be  
7 2 more than the number that would otherwise have been elected.  
8 If this results in the election, pursuant to Section 2-12 of  
9 this Act, of 4 commissioners at that election, one of the 4, to  
10 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
11 serve for a term of 4 years or 2 years as the case may be,  
12 instead of 6 years, so that his term will expire in the same  
13 year in which the term of only one of the incumbent  
14 commissioners expires. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
15 elected for 6-year terms as provided in Section 2-12. If the  
16 creation of a 7-member board results in the election of either  
17 3 or 4 commissioners, pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, at  
18 that election, 2 of them, to be determined by lot within 30  
19 days after the election, shall serve for terms of 2 years  
20 instead of 4 years. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
21 elected for 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a of this  
22 Act.

23 In any district where a 7-member board has been created  
24 pursuant to this Section whether by referendum or by  
25 resolution, the number of commissioners may later be reduced  
26 to 5, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same

1 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating a 7-member  
2 board. No proposition to reduce the number of commissioners  
3 shall affect the terms of any commissioners holding office at  
4 the time of the referendum or to be elected within 225 ~~197~~ days  
5 after the referendum. If a majority of the votes cast on the  
6 proposition is in favor of reducing a 7-member board to a  
7 5-member board, then, at the election of commissioners next  
8 following by at least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the  
9 proposition was approved at referendum, the number of  
10 commissioners to be elected shall be 2 less than the number  
11 that would otherwise have been elected and whichever of the  
12 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be  
13 applied: (i) if this results in the election of no  
14 commissioners for a 6-year term pursuant to Section 2-12 of  
15 this Act, then at the next election in which 3 commissioners  
16 are scheduled to be elected to 6-year terms as provided in  
17 Section 2-12, one of the 3, to be determined by lot within 30  
18 days after the election, shall serve for a term of 4 years or 2  
19 years, as the case may be, instead of 6 years, so that his or  
20 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of no  
21 incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter, all  
22 commissioners shall be elected for 6-year terms as provided in  
23 Section 2-12; or (ii) if the reduction to a 5-member board  
24 results in the election of one commissioner to a 4-year term,  
25 pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, then at the next  
26 election in which 4 commissioners are scheduled to be elected

1 to 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a, one of the 4, to  
2 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
3 serve for a term of 2 years, instead of 4 years, so that his or  
4 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of only  
5 one incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter,  
6 all commissioners shall be elected for 4-year terms as  
7 provided in Section 2-12a.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

9 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

10 Sec. 2-12a. Any district may provide, either by resolution  
11 of the board or by referendum, that the term of commissioners  
12 shall be 4 years rather than 6 years. Any such referendum shall  
13 be initiated and held in the same manner as is provided by the  
14 general election law for public questions authorized by  
15 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

16 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
17 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board  
18 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this  
19 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,  
20 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first  
21 regular park district election at least 225 ~~197~~ days after the  
22 date on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at  
23 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4  
24 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year  
25 terms to 4-year terms:

1           (1) If 2 commissioners on a 5-member board are to be  
2           elected at the first such election and if the term of only  
3           one commissioner is scheduled to expire in the year of the  
4           next election at which commissioners are elected, of the 2  
5           commissioners elected, one shall serve a 2-year term and  
6           one a 4-year term, to be determined by lot between the 2  
7           persons elected within 30 days after the election.

8           (2) On a 7-member board under Section 2-10a, if the  
9           terms of only 2 commissioners are scheduled to expire in  
10          the year of the second election at which commissioners are  
11          elected after the first regular park district election at  
12          least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the proposition  
13          for 4-year terms was approved at referendum or by  
14          resolution, then:

15                (A) if 3 commissioners are elected at the first  
16                regular election, 2 of the commissioners elected shall  
17                serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a 4-year term  
18                to be determined by lot between persons elected within  
19                30 days after the first election; or

20                (B) if 2 commissioners are elected at the first  
21                regular election, those 2 commissioners elected shall  
22                serve a 2-year term.

23          In any district where the board has created 4-year terms  
24          pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by  
25          resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6  
26          years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same

1 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year  
2 terms. No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners  
3 shall affect any commissioner holding office at the time of  
4 the referendum or to be elected within 225 ~~197~~ days after the  
5 referendum.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

7 Article 40.

8 Section 40-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
9 Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.2, 1A-16.7, and 1A-16.8 and by adding  
10 Section 1A-16.3 as follows:

11 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

12 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of  
13 State.

14 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State  
15 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and  
16 jointly adopted rules, shall establish an automatic voter  
17 registration program that satisfies the requirements of this  
18 Section and other applicable law.

19 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for  
20 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
21 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
22 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant  
23 presents documentation that establishes that the applicant is

1 a United States citizen, as described in subsection (g), and  
2 is of age to register to vote or if the information provided to  
3 the Office of the Secretary of State under subsection (c)  
4 indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote  
5 in Illinois and, upon reviewing the documents and information  
6 submitted by the applicant, the Office of the Secretary of  
7 State determines that the name or residence address  
8 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the  
9 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection  
10 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,  
11 then that application, unless the applicant declines in  
12 accordance with subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7, shall serve  
13 as a dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application  
14 shall:

15 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
16 in Illinois;

17 (2) ~~allow an applicant to change the applicant's his~~  
18 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
19 on the voter registration rolls;

20 (3) in a single affirmation, including the affirmation  
21 required for a driver's license or State identification  
22 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of  
23 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information  
24 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is  
25 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
26 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered



1 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
2 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
3 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
4 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or~~  
5 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~  
6 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

7 (4) allow the applicant to notify the Office of the  
8 Secretary of State of the applicant's preferred language  
9 ~~unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
10 ~~change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
11 ~~require the applicant to attest, by signature under~~  
12 ~~penalty of perjury as described in subsection (c) of this~~  
13 ~~Section, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
14 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
15 ~~on his or her driver's license or identification card~~  
16 ~~dual purpose application.~~

17 The Office of the Secretary of State shall record the type  
18 of documents presented by the applicant that establishes the  
19 applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
20 subsection (g) and shall enter United States citizenship in a  
21 designated field. Based on the entry of United States  
22 citizenship in the designated field, the Office of the  
23 Secretary of State shall initiate a dual-purpose application  
24 through an automated process that is not subject to the  
25 discretion of individual employees of the Office of the  
26 Secretary of State.

1 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for  
2 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
3 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
4 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, other than an  
5 application or form that pertains to a standard driver's  
6 license or identification card for an applicant who does not  
7 have and is not eligible for ~~and does not list~~ a social  
8 security number, an applicant presents documentation that  
9 neither establishes that the applicant is a United States  
10 citizen nor establishes that the applicant is not a United  
11 States citizen and the information provided to the Office of  
12 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) does not indicate  
13 that the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois  
14 ~~for the applicant, does not meet the requirements of the~~  
15 ~~federal REAL ID Act of 2005,~~ then that application shall serve  
16 as a dual-purpose application that, ~~. The dual purpose~~  
17 ~~application shall: (1) also serve as an application to~~  
18 ~~register to vote in Illinois; (2) allow an applicant to change~~  
19 ~~his or her registered residence address or name as it appears~~  
20 ~~on the voter registration rolls; and (3) if the applicant~~  
21 chooses to register to vote, shall also serve as an  
22 application to register to vote in Illinois. If the applicant  
23 chooses to register to vote, the applicant shall be required  
24 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
25 ~~then require the applicant to attest, by a separate signature~~  
26 under penalty of perjury, to meeting the qualifications to

1 register to vote in Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~  
2 residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~ dual-purpose  
3 application.

4 The dual-purpose application shall allow the applicant to  
5 notify the Office of the Secretary of State of the applicant's  
6 preferred language.

7 (b-8) If an applicant presents to the Secretary of State  
8 documentation that establishes the applicant is not a United  
9 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
10 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

11 (b-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
12 (b) to provide the written affirmation described in that  
13 subsection, the ~~The~~ Office of the Secretary of State shall  
14 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:

15 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;<sup>17</sup>

16 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
17 voter registration application, including the

18 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming

19 United States citizenship and of the applicant's opportunity

20 not to proceed in order to avoid the penalties; and, (iii) that

21 the ~~, unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~

22 ~~update his or her voter registration, his or her dual purpose~~

23 application shall also serve as ~~both~~ an application to

24 register to vote ~~and his or her attestation that he or she~~

25 ~~meets the eligibility requirements for voter registration,~~ and

26 that the ~~his or her~~ application to register to vote or update

1 voter ~~his or her~~ registration will be transmitted to the State  
2 Board of Elections for the purpose of registering the person  
3 to vote at the residence address to be indicated on the  
4 applicant's ~~his or her~~ driver's license or identification  
5 card, ~~and (iv) that declining to register to vote is~~  
6 ~~confidential and will not affect any services the person may~~  
7 ~~be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The~~  
8 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
9 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b).

10 (b-15) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
11 (b-5) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
12 the Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and  
13 conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the  
14 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (ii) of the  
15 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter  
16 registration application, including the immigration-related  
17 consequences of incorrectly claiming United States citizenship  
18 and of the applicant's opportunity to withdraw an application  
19 to avoid the penalties; (iii) that the application shall also  
20 serve as an application to register to vote and that the  
21 application to register to vote or update voter registration  
22 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
23 purpose of registering the person to vote at the residence  
24 address to be indicated on the applicant's driver's license or  
25 identification card, unless the applicant withdraws the  
26 application or declines to register to vote or update the

1 applicant's voter registration; and (iv) that declining to  
2 register to vote or withdrawing a voter application is  
3 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
4 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The  
5 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
6 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b-5).

7 (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review  
8 information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State  
9 by the State Board of Elections to determine whether each  
10 ~~inform each applicant for a driver's license or permit or a~~  
11 ~~State identification card issued by the Office of the~~  
12 ~~Secretary of State, other than an application or form that~~  
13 ~~pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card~~  
14 ~~and does not list a social security number for the applicant,~~  
15 ~~whether the~~ applicant under subsections (b) and (b-5) is  
16 currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if registered,  
17 at what address, and shall inform each applicant described in  
18 subsection (b-5) for a driver's license or permit or State  
19 identification card issued by the Office of the Secretary of  
20 State whether the applicant is currently registered and, if  
21 registered, at what address.

22 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require  
23 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification  
24 card to provide duplicate identification or information in  
25 order to complete an application to register to vote or change  
26 his or her registered residence address or name. Before

1 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to  
2 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of  
3 State shall review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents  
4 the applicant provided in order to complete the application  
5 for a driver's license or State identification card to confirm  
6 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
7 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
8 Illinois at his or her residence address. If the applicant  
9 provides the Office of the Secretary of State with an address  
10 designated by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing  
11 address under Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for  
12 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
13 Trafficking, or Stalking Act or is a judicial officer of peace  
14 officer who provides the Office of the Secretary of State with  
15 a work address instead of a residence address, as authorized  
16 by subsection (a) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois Vehicle  
17 Code, the applicant shall not be offered voter registration by  
18 the Office of the Secretary of State.

19 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's  
20 license or permit or a State identification card issued by the  
21 Office of the Secretary of State that includes the  
22 presentation of documentation that establishes that the  
23 applicant is a United States citizen and is of age to register  
24 to vote or for which the information provided to the Office of  
25 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) indicates that the  
26 applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois, that

1 ~~meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; or~~  
2 (ii) a completed application under subsection (b-5) of this  
3 Section with a separate signature attesting the applicant  
4 meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at  
5 his or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
6 application shall constitute a signed application to register  
7 to vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
8 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
9 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
10 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the ~~identification~~  
11 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application  
12 indicate that the applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the  
13 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the  
14 specified ~~his or her~~ residence address, the application shall  
15 be marked as incomplete.

16 (f) For each completed and signed application that  
17 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or  
18 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence  
19 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
20 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections  
21 personal information needed to complete the person's  
22 registration to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~  
23 residence address, including the applicant's choice language  
24 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
25 collected by the Office of the Secretary of State during the  
26 permitting, licensing, or identification card transaction. The

1 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
2 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

3 (g) Documentation that establishes that the applicant is a  
4 United States citizen shall include:

5 (1) a valid, unexpired United States passport or  
6 passport card or a United States passport or passport card  
7 that has been expired for no more than 2 years;

8 (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate filed with  
9 the Division of Vital Records or an equivalent agency in  
10 the individual's state of birth;

11 (3) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the  
12 United States Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350,  
13 or FS-545; and

14 (4) a Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United  
15 States Department of Homeland Security, Form N-560 or form  
16 N-561. If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is repealed,  
17 abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect,  
18 then the State Board of Elections shall establish criteria  
19 for determining reliable personal information indicating  
20 citizenship status and shall adopt rules as necessary for  
21 the Secretary of State to continue processing dual-purpose  
22 applications under this Section.

23 (h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application"  
24 means an application, an application for renewal or, a change  
25 of address ~~form, or a recertification form~~ for driver's  
26 license or permit or a State identification card offered by



1 the Secretary of State, other than an application or form that  
2 pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card  
3 for an applicant who does not have and is not eligible for, a  
4 social security number ~~and does not list a social security~~  
5 ~~number for the applicant~~, that also serves as an application  
6 to register to vote in Illinois. "Dual-purpose application"  
7 does not mean an application under subsection (c) of Section  
8 6-109 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

9 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
10 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
11 later than January 1, 2028.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-210, eff. 7-1-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

14 Sec. 1A-16.2. Automatic voter registration; designated  
15 automatic voter registration agencies.

16 (a) Each designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 shall, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly adopted  
18 ~~jointly adopted~~ rules with the State Board of Elections, agree  
19 to participate in an automatic voter registration program  
20 established by the State Board of Elections that satisfies the  
21 requirements of this Section and other applicable law. If the  
22 designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
23 applications, applications for renewal, change of address  
24 forms, filing, or recertification forms to individuals for  
25 services offered by another agency, then the State Board of

1 Elections and the designated automatic voter agency shall  
2 consult with the other agency. The State Board of Elections  
3 shall consider the current technological capabilities of the  
4 designated voter registration agency when drafting interagency  
5 contracts and jointly adopted ~~jointly adopted~~ rules. The State  
6 Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter  
7 registration agency shall amend these contracts and rules as  
8 the technological capabilities of the designated voter  
9 registration agencies improve.

10 (b) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when  
11 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
12 ~~that collects or cross-references reliable personal~~  
13 ~~information indicating citizenship status may provide that an~~  
14 application or form for a license, permit, program, or service  
15 described in subsection (a) that, as part of the application  
16 or form, the applicant presents documentation that establishes  
17 that the applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
18 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, the application or form  
19 shall serve as a dual-purpose application, unless the  
20 applicant declines in accordance with subsection (g) of  
21 Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose application shall:

22 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
23 in Illinois;

24 (2) ~~allow an applicant to change the applicant's his~~  
25 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
26 on the voter registration rolls;

1           (3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation  
2           required for the designated automatic voter registration  
3           agency's application, allow the applicant to affirm, under  
4           penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of  
5           information submitted in the dual-purpose application that  
6           is necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
7           register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
8           residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
9           registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
10          ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
11          ~~or change his or her registered residence address or name~~  
12          ~~by providing a check box on the application form without~~  
13          ~~requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

14          (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
15          applicant's preferred language ~~unless the applicant~~  
16          ~~declines to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
17          ~~registered residence address or name, require the~~  
18          ~~applicant to attest, by signature under penalty of~~  
19          ~~perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
20          ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
21          ~~on his or her dual-purpose application.~~

22          The agency shall record the type of document presented by  
23          the applicant that establishes that the applicant is a United  
24          States citizen as described in subsection (g) of Section  
25          1A-16.1.

26          (c) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when

1 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
2 ~~that does not collect or cross-reference records containing~~  
3 ~~reliable personal information indicating citizenship status~~  
4 ~~may provide that an application or, an application for~~  
5 ~~renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form~~  
6 for a license, permit, program, or service described in  
7 subsection (a) that, as part of the application of form, the  
8 applicant presents documentation that neither establishes that  
9 the applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that  
10 the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application  
11 or form shall serve as a dual-purpose application if the  
12 applicant chooses to register to vote. The dual-purpose  
13 application shall:

14 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
15 in Illinois;

16 (2) allow an applicant to change his or her registered  
17 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
18 registration rolls; ~~and~~

19 (3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to  
20 change the applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence  
21 address or name, then require the applicant to attest, by  
22 a separate signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting  
23 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his  
24 or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
25 dual-purpose application; and ~~and~~

26 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the

1 applicant's preferred language.

2 (c-1) If an applicant presents documentation to the  
3 designated automatic voter registration agency that  
4 establishes that the applicant is not a United States citizen  
5 or the applicant attests that the applicant is not a United  
6 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
7 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

8 (c-5) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
9 (b) of this Section to provide the affirmation described in  
10 that subsection, the ~~The~~ designated automatic voter  
11 registration agency shall clearly and conspicuously inform  
12 each applicant in writing: (i) of the qualifications to  
13 register to vote in Illinois; 7 (ii) of the penalties provided  
14 by law for submission of a false voter registration  
15 application, including the immigration-related consequences of  
16 incorrectly claiming United States citizenship and of the  
17 applicant's opportunity not to proceed in order to avoid the  
18 penalties; (iii) that the application shall serve as an  
19 application to register to vote or change the applicant's  
20 voter registration, and that the application ~~, unless the~~  
21 ~~applicant declines to register to vote or update his or her~~  
22 ~~voter registration, his or her application shall also serve as~~  
23 ~~both an application to register to vote and his or her~~  
24 ~~attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements~~  
25 ~~for voter registration, and that his or her application to~~  
26 ~~register to vote or update his or her registration will be~~

1 transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of  
2 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be  
3 indicated on the dual-purpose application;~~;~~ (iv) that  
4 information identifying the agency at which he or she applied  
5 to register to vote is confidential;~~;~~ ~~(v) that declining to~~  
6 ~~register to vote is confidential and will not affect any~~  
7 ~~services the person may be seeking from the agency,~~ and (v)  
8 ~~(vi)~~ any additional information needed in order to comply with  
9 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of  
10 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may  
11 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under  
12 subsection (b).

13 (c-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
14 (c) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
15 the designated automatic voter registration agency shall  
16 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
17 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;  
18 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
19 voter registration application, including the  
20 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
21 United States citizenship, and of the applicant's opportunity  
22 to withdraw an application to avoid the penalties; (iii) that  
23 the application shall also serve as an application to register  
24 to vote or update the applicant's voter registration and that  
25 the application to register to vote or update voter  
26 registration will be transmitted to the State Board of

1 Elections for the purpose of registering the person to vote at  
2 the residence address to be indicated on the dual-purpose  
3 application, unless the applicant withdraws the application or  
4 declines to register to vote or update the applicant's voter  
5 registration; (iv) that information identifying the agency at  
6 which the applicant applied to register to vote is  
7 confidential; (v) that withdrawing a voter registration  
8 application or otherwise declining to register to vote is  
9 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
10 be seeking from the agency; and (vi) any additional  
11 information needed in order to comply with Section 7 of the  
12 federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The  
13 designated automatic voter registration agency may provide  
14 additional instructions specific to applicants under  
15 subsection (c).

16 (d) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 shall review information provided to the agency by the State  
18 Board of Elections to inform each applicant covered by  
19 subsection (c) whether the applicant is currently registered  
20 to vote in Illinois and, if registered, at what address.

21 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
22 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application  
23 to provide duplicate identification or information in order to  
24 complete an application to register to vote or change the  
25 applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence address or name.  
26 Before transmitting any personal information about an

1 applicant to the State Board of Elections, the agency shall  
2 review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents the  
3 applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in  
4 order to complete the dual-purpose application, to confirm  
5 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
6 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
7 Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address. A  
8 completed and signed dual-purpose application, including a  
9 completed application under subsection (c) of this Section  
10 with a separate signature attesting that the applicant meets  
11 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the ~~his~~  
12 ~~or her~~ residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~  
13 application, shall constitute an application to register to  
14 vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
15 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
16 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
17 ~~registered residence address or name~~. If the ~~identification~~  
18 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application,  
19 or that the agency cross-references, indicate that the  
20 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to  
21 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address,  
22 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the  
23 applicant provides the designated automatic voter registration  
24 agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a  
25 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
26 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual



1 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, or is a judicial  
2 officer or peace officer who provides the designated automatic  
3 voter registration agency with a work address instead of a  
4 residence address, the applicant shall not be offered voter  
5 registration by the designated automatic voter registration  
6 agency.

7 (f) For each completed and signed dual-purpose application  
8 that constitutes an application to register to vote in  
9 Illinois or provides for a change in the applicant's  
10 registered residence address or name, the designated automatic  
11 voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to the  
12 State Board of Elections personal information needed to  
13 complete the person's registration to vote in Illinois at his  
14 or her residence address, including the applicant's language  
15 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
16 collected by the designated automatic voter registration  
17 agency in the course of receiving applications and other forms  
18 regarding licenses, permits, programs, and services offered by  
19 the designated automatic voter registration agency. The  
20 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
21 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

22 (g) As used in this Section:

23 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or  
24 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community  
25 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of  
26 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the

1 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the  
2 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the  
3 local, tribal, State, or federal government that ~~has been~~  
4 ~~determined by the State Board of Elections to have access~~  
5 ~~to reliable personal information and~~ has entered into an  
6 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to  
7 participate in the automatic voter registration program  
8 under this Section.

9 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an  
10 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a  
11 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or  
12 service offered by a designated automatic voter  
13 registration agency that also serves as an application to  
14 register to vote in Illinois.

15 ~~"Reliable personal information" means information~~  
16 ~~about individuals obtained from government sources that~~  
17 ~~may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to~~  
18 ~~register to vote.~~

19 (h) (Blank). ~~This Section shall be implemented no later~~  
20 ~~than July 1, 2019.~~

21 (i) If an agency under this Section receives documentation  
22 that an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
23 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 for more than one person  
24 listed on an application for a license, permit, program, or  
25 service, each person for whom the agency receives the  
26 documentation may be considered an applicant under this

1 Section and the application may serve as a dual-purpose  
2 application for each person.

3 (j) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
4 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
5 later than January 1, 2028.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.3 new)

8 Sec. 1A-16.3. Language assistance.

9 (a) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
10 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
11 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
12 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
13 federal Voting Rights Act shall display and make plainly  
14 visible signage informing applicants about the type of  
15 language assistance available. The signage shall be in the  
16 covered languages applicable for the political subdivision.

17 (b) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
18 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
19 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
20 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
21 federal Voting Rights Act shall make available, in the covered  
22 languages, all written materials and verbal communication  
23 regarding voter registration for the purpose of processing the  
24 applicant's dual-purpose application described in Sections  
25 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. Every facility operated by the Driver

1 Services Department of the Office of the Secretary of State  
2 and all facilities of a designated voter registration agency  
3 shall make available, in the 5 most common non-English  
4 languages in this State, all written materials and verbal  
5 communications regarding voter registration for the purpose of  
6 processing an applicant's dual-purpose application described  
7 in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials shall include  
8 the notices described in subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1  
9 and subsection (e) of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
10 Code, the affirmations described in paragraph (3) of  
11 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of  
12 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2, and the attestations  
13 described in subsection (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph  
14 (3) of subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.2.

15 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsections (a)  
16 and (b), the Driver Services Department of the Office of the  
17 Secretary of State, as part of every transaction described in  
18 subsections (b) and (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 completed through  
19 its website, and each designated automatic voter registration  
20 agency, as defined in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.2, as  
21 part of every transaction described in subsections (b) and (c)  
22 of Section 1A-16.2 completed through its website, shall make  
23 available, in the covered languages required in any  
24 jurisdiction in this State by Section 203 of the federal  
25 Voting Rights Act and in the 5 most common non-English  
26 languages in this State, all information and questions

1 provided to an applicant regarding voter registration for the  
2 purpose of processing the applicant's dual-purpose application  
3 as described in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials  
4 shall include, but not be limited to, the notices described in  
5 subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1 and subsection (e) of  
6 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affirmations  
7 described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
8 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
9 1A-16.2, and the attestations described in subsection (b-5) of  
10 Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section  
11 1A-16.2. The Office of the Secretary of the State shall  
12 determine the 5 most common non-English languages in this  
13 State by referring to the best available data from the United  
14 States Census Bureau or other sources that the Office of the  
15 Secretary of the State considers relevant and reliable.

16 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

17 Sec. 1A-16.7. Automatic voter registration.

18 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
19 maintain a portal for automatic government agency voter  
20 registration that permits an eligible person to electronically  
21 apply to register to vote or to update his or her existing  
22 voter registration as provided in Section 1A-16.1 or Section  
23 1A-16.2. The portal shall interface with the online voter  
24 registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this  
25 Code and shall be capable of receiving and processing voter

1 registration application information, including electronic  
2 signatures, from the Office of the Secretary of State and each  
3 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined in  
4 Section 1A-16.2. The State Board of Elections may  
5 cross-reference voter registration information from any  
6 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined  
7 under Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, with information contained  
8 in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under  
9 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State  
10 Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration  
11 system as necessary to implement this Section.

12 (b) Voter registration data received from the Office of  
13 the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter  
14 registration agency through the online registration  
15 application system shall be processed as provided in Section  
16 1A-16.5 of this Code.

17 (c) The State Board of Elections shall establish technical  
18 specifications applicable to each automatic government  
19 registration program, including data format and transmission  
20 specifications. The Office of the Secretary of State and each  
21 designated automatic voter registration agency shall maintain  
22 a data transfer mechanism capable of transmitting voter  
23 registration application information, including electronic  
24 signatures where available, to the online voter registration  
25 system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this Code.

26 (d) The State Board of Elections shall, by rule, establish

1 criteria and procedures for determining whether an agency of  
2 the State or federal government seeking to become a designated  
3 automatic voter registration agency in the course of receiving  
4 applications and other forms regarding licenses, permits,  
5 programs, and services offered by the agency, receives  
6 documentation that an applicant is a United States citizen, as  
7 described in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 ~~has access to~~  
8 ~~reliable personal information, as defined under this~~  
9 ~~subsection (d) and subsection (f) of Section 1A 16.2 of this~~  
10 ~~Code,~~ and otherwise meets the requirements to enter into an  
11 interagency contract and to operate as a designated automatic  
12 voter registration agency. The State Board of Elections shall  
13 approve each interagency contract upon affirmative vote of a  
14 majority of its members.

15 ~~As used in this subsection (d), "reliable personal~~  
16 ~~information" means information about individuals obtained from~~  
17 ~~government sources that may be used to verify whether an~~  
18 ~~individual is eligible to register to vote.~~

19 (e) Whenever an applicant's data is transferred from the  
20 Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic  
21 voter registration agency, the agency must transmit a  
22 signature image if available. If no signature image was  
23 provided by the agency and ~~or if~~ no signature image is  
24 available in the Office of the Secretary of State's database  
25 or the statewide voter registration database, or other  
26 database available to the State Board of Elections, the

1 applicant must be notified that voter ~~his or her~~ registration  
2 will remain in a pending status until the applicant: ~~and the~~  
3 ~~applicant will be required to~~

4 (1) provides ~~provide~~ identification that complies with  
5 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature  
6 to the election authority on election day in the polling  
7 place or during early voting;~~:-~~

8 (2) provides identification that complies with the  
9 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature with  
10 a mail ballot, or provides a signature in accordance with  
11 the procedures described in subsection (g-5) of Section  
12 19-8; or

13 (3) provides a signature in response to the notice  
14 described in subsection (g) or by other paper or  
15 electronic means determined by the State Board of  
16 Elections.

17 (f) Upon receipt of personal information collected and  
18 transferred by the Office of the Secretary of State or a  
19 designated automatic voter registration agency, the State  
20 Board of Elections shall check the information against the  
21 statewide voter registration database. The State Board of  
22 Elections shall create and electronically transmit to the  
23 appropriate election authority a voter registration  
24 application for any individual who is not registered to vote  
25 in Illinois and is not disqualified as provided in this  
26 Section or whose information reliably indicates a more recent



1 update to the name or address of a person already included in  
2 the statewide voter database. The election authority shall  
3 process the application accordingly. If the individual  
4 provides the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
5 automatic voter registration agency with an address designated  
6 by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under  
7 Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
8 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
9 Stalking Act or if the State Board of Elections otherwise  
10 determines that the individual is a program participant under  
11 Section 10 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
12 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
13 Stalking Act, the State Board of Elections shall not create or  
14 electronically transmit to an election authority a voter  
15 registration the application for the individual. The State  
16 Board of Elections may provide alternative voter registration  
17 procedures for the individuals described in this subsection.

18 (g) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
19 any applicant about whom it receives information from the  
20 State Board of Elections under subsection (f) ~~who is~~  
21 ~~registered to vote or whose existing voter registration is~~  
22 ~~updated under this Section~~ is promptly sent written notice of  
23 the change. The notice required by this subsection (g) may be  
24 sent or combined with other notices required or permitted by  
25 law, including, but not limited to, any notices sent pursuant  
26 to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any notice required by this

1 subsection (g) shall contain, at a minimum: (i) the  
2 applicant's name and residential address as reflected on the  
3 voter registration list; (ii) ~~a statement notifying the~~  
4 ~~applicant to contact the appropriate election authority if his~~  
5 ~~or her voter registration has been updated in error;~~ (iii) the  
6 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; ~~(iv) a~~  
7 ~~statement notifying the applicant that he or she may opt out of~~  
8 ~~voter registration or request a change to his or her~~  
9 ~~registration information at any time by contacting an election~~  
10 ~~official;~~ and (iii) ~~(v)~~ contact information for the  
11 appropriate election authority, including a phone number,  
12 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

13 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
14 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is not currently  
15 registered to vote in Illinois, the notice shall be sent  
16 within 5 business days after the transmission of the voter  
17 registration application to the election authority and shall  
18 contain:

19 (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
20 to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
21 Facility or designated automatic voter registration  
22 agency], we started an automatic voter registration  
23 process for you. You will be registered to vote unless you  
24 complete, sign, and return this card by [deadline date].";

25 (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
26 National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

1           (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
2           in subsection (e) and to select a language for election  
3           materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
4           postage.

5           For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
6           or subsections (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently  
7           registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains  
8           a change in the applicant's registered residence address or  
9           name, the notice shall be sent within 5 business days after the  
10           transmission of the voter registration application to the  
11           election authority and shall contain:

12           (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
13           to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
14           Facility or designated automatic voter registration  
15           agency], we started an update to your voter registration.  
16           Your voter registration will be updated unless you  
17           complete, sign and return this card by [deadline date].";

18           (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
19           National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

20           (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
21           in subsection (e), and to select a language for election  
22           materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
23           postage.

24           Any notice required by this subsection shall, at a  
25           minimum, be provided in languages for which there is coverage  
26           for the jurisdiction of the election authority under Section

1 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as identified by the  
2 United States Census Bureau in the Federal Register. Any  
3 notice required by this subsection must also comply with all  
4 applicable, federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and  
5 ordinances that relate to providing language access to  
6 individuals with limited English proficiency. If the State  
7 Board of Elections has received language preference  
8 information regarding the applicant and has transmitted that  
9 information to the appropriate election authority, the  
10 appropriate election authority shall take all practicable  
11 measures to send the notice to the applicant in the  
12 applicant's preferred language.

13 (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
14 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
15 notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered  
16 within 23 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant  
17 shall not be registered to vote and the applicant shall be  
18 deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If an  
19 applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or  
20 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the notice described  
21 in subsection (g) declining or correcting the update within 23  
22 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant's update  
23 shall be declined or corrected in the statewide voter  
24 registration database. If an applicant returns the notice  
25 described in subsection (g) but does not do so within 23 days  
26 after the mailing of the notice, then the applicant shall be

1 registered to vote under the name and address contained in the  
2 dual-purpose application. If an applicant returns the notice  
3 described in subsection (g) declining to be registered or  
4 declining or correcting the update more than 23 days after the  
5 mailing of the notice, then the notice shall be processed as a  
6 request to cancel or update the applicant's registration.  
7 During the 23-day period specified in this subsection, an  
8 applicant's voter registration or updated voter registration  
9 shall be in a pending status.

10 (g-6) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
11 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
12 notice indicating a language preference, the language  
13 preference shall be retained as part of the person's  
14 registration information.

15 (h) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
16 any applicant whose voter registration application is not  
17 accepted or deemed incomplete is promptly sent written notice  
18 of the application's status. The notice required by this  
19 subsection may be sent or combined with other notices required  
20 or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any  
21 notices sent pursuant to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any  
22 notice required by this subsection (h) shall contain, at a  
23 minimum, the reason the application was not accepted or deemed  
24 incomplete and contact information for the appropriate  
25 election authority, including a phone number, address,  
26 electronic mail address, and website address.

1           (i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
2       automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or  
3       if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter  
4       registration application, for a person who does not qualify as  
5       an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed  
6       voter registration form, and the person shall not be  
7       considered to have registered to vote.

8           (j) If the registration is processed by any election  
9       authority, then it shall be presumed to have been effected and  
10      officially authorized by the State, and that person shall not  
11      be found on that basis to have made a false claim to  
12      citizenship or to have committed an act of moral turpitude,  
13      nor shall that person be subject to penalty under any relevant  
14      laws, including, but not limited to, Sections 29-10 and 29-19  
15      of this Code. This subsection (j) does not apply to a person  
16      who knows that he or she is not entitled to register to vote  
17      and who willfully votes, registers to vote, or attests under  
18      penalty of perjury that he or she is eligible to register to  
19      vote or willfully attempts to vote or to register to vote.

20          (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the  
21      Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter  
22      registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to  
23      protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is  
24      acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including  
25      policies for the retention and preservation of voter  
26      information. Information designated as confidential under this

1 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of  
2 Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary  
3 of State, and designated automatic voter registration  
4 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration  
5 purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the  
6 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and  
7 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The  
8 following information shall be designated as confidential:

9 (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security  
10 number;

11 (2) any portion of an applicant's driver's license  
12 number or State identification number;

13 (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter  
14 registration;

15 (4) the identity of the person providing information  
16 relating to a specific applicant; ~~and~~

17 (5) the personal residence and contact information of  
18 any applicant for whom notice has been given by an  
19 appropriate legal authority; ~~and~~.

20 (6) the personal residence and contact information  
21 relating to an applicant who returns a notice described  
22 subsection (g) declining to register to vote that was  
23 received by the election authority within 23 days after  
24 mailing the notice or for whom the 23-day period has not  
25 passed.

26 This subsection (k) shall not apply to information the

1 State Board of Elections is required to share with the  
2 Electronic Registration Information Center.

3 (l) The voter registration procedures implemented under  
4 this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter  
5 Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically  
6 require that the State Board of Elections track registration  
7 data received through the online registration system that  
8 originated from a designated automatic voter registration  
9 agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

10 Nothing in this Code shall require designated voter  
11 registration agencies to transmit information that is  
12 confidential client information under State or federal law  
13 without the consent of the applicant.

14 (m) The State Board of Elections, each election authority  
15 that maintains a website, the Office of the Secretary of  
16 State, and each designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 that maintains a website shall provide information on their  
18 websites informing the public about the new registration  
19 procedures described in this Section. The Office of the  
20 Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter  
21 registration agency shall display signage or provide  
22 literature for the public containing information about the new  
23 registration procedures described in this Section.

24 (n) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this  
25 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, the State Board  
26 of Elections shall hold at least one public hearing on



1 implementing this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly  
2 at which the public may provide input.

3 (o) The State Board of Elections shall submit an annual  
4 public report to the General Assembly and the Governor  
5 detailing the progress made to implement this Section. The  
6 report shall include all of the following: the number of  
7 records transferred under this Section by agency, the number  
8 of voters newly added to the statewide voter registration list  
9 because of records transferred under this Section by agency,  
10 the number of updated registrations under this Section by  
11 agency, the number of persons who opted out of voter  
12 registration, and the number of voters who submitted voter  
13 registration forms using the online procedure described in  
14 Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The 2018 and 2019 annual reports  
15 may include less detail if election authorities are not  
16 equipped to provide complete information to the State Board of  
17 Elections. Any report produced under this subsection (o) shall  
18 exclude any information that identifies any individual  
19 personally.

20 (p) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with  
21 election authorities, the Office of the Secretary of State,  
22 designated automatic voter registration agencies, and  
23 community organizations, shall adopt rules as necessary to  
24 implement the provisions of this Section.

25 (q) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
26 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no

1 later than January 1, 2028.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

4 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based  
5 upon information from the National Change of Address database  
6 and designated automatic voter registration agencies.

7 (a) The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the  
8 statewide voter registration database against the United  
9 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database  
10 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in  
11 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in  
12 even-numbered years or with the same frequency as in  
13 subsection (b) of this Section, and shall share the findings  
14 with the election authorities.

15 (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,  
16 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided  
17 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration  
18 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide  
19 voter registration database against databases of relevant  
20 personal information kept by designated automatic voter  
21 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's  
22 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6  
23 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with  
24 election authorities.

25 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections

1 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as  
2 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a  
3 determination by the State Board of Elections of full  
4 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,  
5 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full  
6 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)  
7 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of  
8 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative  
9 Reference Bureau.

10 (b-5) The State Board of Elections shall not be required  
11 to share any data on any voter attained using the National  
12 Change of Address database under subsection (a) of this  
13 Section if that voter has a more recent government transaction  
14 indicated using the cross-reference under subsection (b) of  
15 this Section. If there is contradictory or unclear data  
16 between data obtained under subsections (a) and (b) of this  
17 Section, then data obtained under subsection (b) of this  
18 Section shall take priority.

19 (c) An election authority shall automatically register any  
20 voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from another  
21 jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction  
22 provided that:

23 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes  
24 the new registration address provides the voter an  
25 opportunity to reject the change in registration address  
26 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the

1 new registration address, and

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

7 This change in registration shall trigger the same  
8 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if  
9 the voter completed a new registration card, including the  
10 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the  
11 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another  
12 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and  
13 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting  
14 that the prior registration address is the true current  
15 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as  
16 having been registered at the prior registration address and  
17 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall  
18 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration  
19 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable  
20 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be  
21 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that  
22 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day  
23 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm  
24 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements  
25 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a  
26 provisional ballot.

1       (c-5) An agency that does not receive documentation that  
2       an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
3       subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, may enter into an agreement  
4       with the State Board of Elections to transmit information that  
5       shall serve only to update an applicant's existing voter  
6       registration record. Under the agreement, the agency shall  
7       transmit information on all clients who may be registered to  
8       vote with a clear indication that the information shall be  
9       used only for updates. The State Board of Elections shall  
10       determine which applicants are already registered to vote and,  
11       for any voter whose information provided to the agency differs  
12       from that on the voter registration record, provide that  
13       information to the voter's local election authority who shall  
14       update a registered voter's records in accordance with the  
15       procedures described in Section 1A-16.7. The State Board of  
16       Election and local election authority shall take no action  
17       under this subsection for any applicant not already registered  
18       to vote.

19       This subsection shall be implemented no later than January  
20       1, 2028.

21       (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an  
22       error relating to an update of registration under this  
23       Section.

24       (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

25       Section 40-10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by

1 changing Section 2-105 as follows:

2 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

3 Sec. 2-105. Offices of Secretary of State.

4 (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the  
5 State capital and in such other places in the State as he may  
6 deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties  
7 vested in him.

8 (b) The Secretary of State may construct and equip one or  
9 more buildings in the State of Illinois outside of the County  
10 of Sangamon as he deems necessary to properly carry out the  
11 powers and duties vested in him. The Secretary of State may, on  
12 behalf of the State of Illinois, acquire public or private  
13 property needed therefor by lease, purchase or eminent domain.  
14 The care, custody and control of such sites and buildings  
15 constructed thereon shall be vested in the Secretary of State.  
16 Expenditures for the construction and equipping of any of such  
17 buildings upon premises owned by another public entity shall  
18 not be subject to the provisions of any State law requiring  
19 that the State be vested with absolute fee title to the  
20 premises. The exercise of the authority vested in the  
21 Secretary of State by this Section is subject to the  
22 appropriation of the necessary funds.

23 (c) Pursuant to Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.7, and 1A-25 of  
24 the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall make driver  
25 services facilities available for use as places of accepting

1 applications for voter registration.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (e) Each applicant ~~person~~ applying at a driver services  
4 facility for a driver's license or permit, a corrected  
5 driver's license or permit, an Illinois Identification Card  
6 ~~identification card~~ or a corrected Illinois Identification  
7 Card who has presented documentation establishing United  
8 States citizenship as set forth in subsection (g) of Section  
9 1A-16.1 of the Election Code ~~identification card~~ shall be  
10 notified, under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1  
11 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code, that the applicant's ~~unless~~  
12 ~~he or she affirmatively declines, his or her~~ personal  
13 information shall be transferred to the State Board of  
14 Elections for the purpose of creating an electronic voter  
15 registration application. Each applicant applying at a driver  
16 services facility for a driver's license or permit, a  
17 corrected driver's license or permit, or a State  
18 identification card or a corrected Illinois Identification  
19 Card who presented documentation that neither establishes that  
20 the applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that  
21 the applicant is not a United States citizen, but who  
22 affirmatively indicated they wished to apply to register to  
23 vote and attested, in writing, to United States citizenship,  
24 shall be notified, under the procedures set forth in Sections  
25 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code that the applicant's  
26 personal information will be transmitted to the State Board of

1 Elections for the purpose of creating an electronic voter  
2 registration application. Such notification may be made in  
3 writing or verbally issued by an employee or the Secretary of  
4 State.

5 The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules as may  
6 be necessary for the efficient execution of his duties and the  
7 duties of his employees under this Section.

8 (f) Any person applying at a driver services facility for  
9 issuance or renewal of a driver's license or Illinois  
10 Identification Card shall be provided, without charge, with a  
11 brochure warning the person of the dangers of financial  
12 identity theft. The Department of Financial and Professional  
13 Regulation shall prepare these brochures and provide them to  
14 the Secretary of State for distribution. The brochures shall  
15 (i) identify signs warning the reader that he or she might be  
16 an intended victim of the crime of financial identity theft,  
17 (ii) instruct the reader in how to proceed if the reader  
18 believes that he or she is the victim of the crime of identity  
19 theft, and (iii) provide the reader with names and telephone  
20 numbers of law enforcement and other governmental agencies  
21 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity  
22 theft.

23 (g) (Blank). ~~The changes made by this amendatory Act of~~  
24 ~~the 100th General Assembly shall be implemented no later than~~  
25 ~~July 1, 2018.~~

26 (h) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory



1 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
2 later than January 1, 2028.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

4 Article 45.

5 Section 45-1. This Act may be referred to as the Reverend  
6 Jesse Jackson, Sr. Young Voter Empowerment Law.

7 Section 45-5. The School Code is amended by adding  
8 Sections 10-20.88 and 34-18.88 as follows:

9 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

10 Sec. 10-20.88. High school voter registration. Beginning  
11 with the 2026-2027 school year, a school district maintaining  
12 any of grades 9 through 12 shall provide all eligible students  
13 graduating from high school with the opportunity to register  
14 to vote.

15 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.88 new)

16 Sec. 34-18.88. High school voter registration. Beginning  
17 with the 2026-2027 school year, the school district shall  
18 provide all eligible students graduating from high school with  
19 the opportunity to register to vote.

20 Article 50.

1           Section 50-5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act  
2           is amended by changing Sections 5-5 and 70-5 as follows:

3           (5 ILCS 430/5-5)

4           Sec. 5-5. Personnel policies.

5           (a) Each of the following shall adopt and implement  
6           personnel policies for all State employees under his, her, or  
7           its jurisdiction and control: (i) each executive branch  
8           constitutional officer, (ii) each legislative leader, (iii)  
9           the Senate Operations Commission, with respect to legislative  
10          employees under Section 4 of the General Assembly Operations  
11          Act, (iv) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with  
12          respect to legislative employees under Section 5 of the  
13          General Assembly Operations Act, (v) the Joint Committee on  
14          Legislative Support Services, with respect to State employees  
15          of the legislative support services agencies, (vi) members of  
16          the General Assembly, with respect to legislative assistants,  
17          as provided in Section 4 of the General Assembly Compensation  
18          Act, (vii) the Auditor General, (viii) the Board of Higher  
19          Education, with respect to State employees of public  
20          institutions of higher learning except community colleges, and  
21          (ix) the Illinois Community College Board, with respect to  
22          State employees of community colleges. The Governor shall  
23          adopt and implement those policies for all State employees of  
24          the executive branch not under the jurisdiction and control of

1 any other executive branch constitutional officer.

2 (b) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
3 filed with the appropriate ethics commission established under  
4 this Act or, for the Auditor General, with the Office of the  
5 Auditor General.

6 (c) The policies required under subsection (a) shall  
7 include policies relating to work time requirements,  
8 documentation of time worked, documentation for reimbursement  
9 for travel on official State business, compensation, and the  
10 earning or accrual of State benefits for all State employees  
11 who may be eligible to receive those benefits. No later than 30  
12 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
13 100th General Assembly, the policies shall include, at a  
14 minimum: (i) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (ii) details  
15 on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual  
16 harassment, including options for making a confidential report  
17 to a supervisor, ethics officer, Inspector General, or the  
18 Department of Human Rights; (iii) a prohibition on retaliation  
19 for reporting sexual harassment allegations, including  
20 availability of whistleblower protections under this Act, the  
21 Whistleblower Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv)  
22 the consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
23 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
24 report. The policies shall comply with and be consistent with  
25 all other applicable laws. The policies shall require State  
26 employees to periodically submit time sheets documenting the

1 time spent each day on official State business to the nearest  
2 quarter hour; contractual State employees may satisfy the time  
3 sheets requirement by complying with the terms of their  
4 contract, which shall provide for a means of compliance with  
5 this requirement. In addition, State employees of public  
6 institutions of higher education classified as faculty  
7 (including tenure system and nontenure system), and those not  
8 eligible for overtime pay as defined by the Fair Labor  
9 Standards Act, may satisfy the time sheets requirement by  
10 complying with the terms of their contract or employment  
11 agreement with the public institution of higher education,  
12 which shall provide for a means of compliance with this  
13 requirement. The policies for State employees shall require  
14 those time sheets to be submitted on paper, electronically, or  
15 both and to be maintained in either paper or electronic format  
16 by the applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2  
17 years.

18 (d) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
19 adopted by the applicable entity before February 1, 2004 and  
20 shall apply to State employees beginning 30 days after  
21 adoption.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17.)

23 (5 ILCS 430/70-5)

24 Sec. 70-5. Adoption by governmental entities.

25 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act,

1 each governmental entity other than a community college  
2 district, and each community college district within 6 months  
3 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
4 General Assembly, shall adopt an ordinance or resolution that  
5 regulates, in a manner no less restrictive than Section 5-15  
6 and Article 10 of this Act, (i) the political activities of  
7 officers and employees of the governmental entity and (ii) the  
8 soliciting and accepting of gifts by and the offering and  
9 making of gifts to officers and employees of the governmental  
10 entity. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this  
11 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, each  
12 governmental unit shall adopt an ordinance or resolution  
13 establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment. The  
14 policy shall include, at a minimum: (i) a prohibition on  
15 sexual harassment; (ii) details on how an individual can  
16 report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options  
17 for making a confidential report to a supervisor, ethics  
18 officer, Inspector General, or the Department of Human Rights;  
19 (iii) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual  
20 harassment allegations, including availability of  
21 whistleblower protections under this Act, the Whistleblower  
22 Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv) the  
23 consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
24 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
25 report. Within 6 months after the effective date of this  
26 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, each

1 governmental unit that is not subject to the jurisdiction of a  
2 State or local Inspector General shall adopt an ordinance or  
3 resolution amending its sexual harassment policy to provide  
4 for a mechanism for reporting and independent review of  
5 allegations of sexual harassment made against an elected  
6 official of the governmental unit by another elected official  
7 of a governmental unit.

8 (b) Within 3 months after the effective date of this  
9 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Attorney  
10 General shall develop model ordinances and resolutions for the  
11 purpose of this Article. The Attorney General shall advise  
12 governmental entities on their contents and adoption.

13 (c) As used in this Article, (i) an "officer" means an  
14 elected or appointed official; regardless of whether the  
15 official is compensated, and (ii) an "employee" means a  
16 full-time, part-time, or contractual employee.

17 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,  
18 a governmental entity may create an ethics commission to  
19 satisfy the requirements of subsection (a).

20 (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17; 101-221, eff. 8-9-19.)

21 Section 50-10. The Election Code is amended by changing  
22 Sections 13-1, 13-2, and 19-2 as follows:

23 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

24 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization,

1 the county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July  
2 in each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
3 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
4 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
5 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
6 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
7 to which the board considers such action necessary or  
8 desirable in view of the number of voters, and shall for  
9 general elections for any precinct containing more than 600  
10 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of  
11 election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges  
12 of election shall preside over the election during the hours  
13 the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the assistance  
14 of the holdover judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2,  
15 shall count the vote after the closing of the polls. However,  
16 the County Board of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of  
17 election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
18 required by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency  
19 referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any  
20 special primary or special election called for the purpose of  
21 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the  
22 United States Congress or to nominate candidates for such  
23 purpose or (2) if the county board passes an ordinance to  
24 reduce the number of judges of election to 3 for primary  
25 elections. In a county with a population of less than 100,000  
26 persons as of the last federal decennial census, an election

1 authority may also reduce the number of judges of election in  
2 each precinct to 3 judges of election in lieu of the 5 judges  
3 of election otherwise required by this Section. The tally  
4 judges shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
5 appointed in the same manner and with the same division  
6 between political parties as is provided for judges of  
7 election.

8 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of  
9 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,  
10 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
11 appointed in the same manner and with the same division  
12 between political parties as is provided for other judges of  
13 election. The number of such panels of judges required shall  
14 be determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections  
15 which shall base the required numbers of special panels on the  
16 number of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number  
17 of vote by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any  
18 combination of such factors.

19 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
20 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
21 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
22 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
23 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
24 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
25 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
26 list, furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee



1 of the first leading political party in such precinct; and the  
2 county board of commissioners shall also select and approve 2  
3 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from a  
4 certified list, furnished by the chair of the County Central  
5 Committee of the second leading political party. However, if  
6 only 3 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no  
7 more than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges  
8 of election in the same election precinct; and which political  
9 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
10 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
11 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
12 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
13 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not  
14 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board  
15 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to  
16 precincts. The chair of each county central committee shall,  
17 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the  
18 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,  
19 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside  
20 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the  
21 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit  
22 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each  
23 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit  
24 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each  
25 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county  
26 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each

1 county chair the names of all persons submitted on such  
2 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
3 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,  
4 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for  
5 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners  
6 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
7 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The  
8 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their  
9 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in  
10 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of  
11 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge  
12 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

15 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the  
16 county board shall at its meeting in July in each  
17 even-numbered year except in counties containing a population  
18 of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges  
19 are appointed by election commissioners, select in each  
20 election precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet  
21 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the  
22 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. Where  
23 neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric  
24 voting systems are used, the county board may, for any  
25 precinct with respect to which the board considers such action

1 necessary or desirable in view of the number of voters, and  
2 shall for general elections for any precinct containing more  
3 than 600 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5  
4 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts  
5 the judges of election shall preside over the election during  
6 the hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the  
7 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to  
8 Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the  
9 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications  
10 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same  
11 division between political parties as is provided for judges  
12 of election.

13       However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election  
14 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required  
15 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in  
16 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or  
17 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy  
18 in the office of representative in the United States Congress  
19 or to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county  
20 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of  
21 election to 3 for primary elections. In a county with a  
22 population of less than 100,000 persons as of the last federal  
23 decennial census, an election authority may also reduce the  
24 number of judges of election in each precinct to 3 judges of  
25 election in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
26 required by this Section.

1       In addition to such precinct judges, the county board  
2 shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall  
3 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the  
4 same manner and with the same division between political  
5 parties as is provided for other judges of election. The  
6 number of such panels of judges required shall be determined  
7 by regulations of the State Board of Elections, which shall  
8 base the required number of special panels on the number of  
9 registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of  
10 absentee ballots voted at recent elections or any combination  
11 of such factors.

12       No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be  
13 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided  
14 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the  
15 various election precincts shall be made in the following  
16 manner: The county board shall select and approve 3 of the  
17 election judges in each precinct from a certified list  
18 furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee of the  
19 first leading political party in such election precinct and  
20 shall also select and approve 2 judges of election in each  
21 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the chair  
22 of the County Central Committee of the second leading  
23 political party in such election precinct. However, if only 3  
24 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no more  
25 than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges of  
26 election in the same election precinct; and which political

1 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
2 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
3 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
4 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
5 The respective County Central Committee chair shall notify the  
6 county board by June 1 of each odd-numbered year immediately  
7 preceding the annual meeting of the county board whether or  
8 not such certified list will be filed by such chair. Such list  
9 shall be arranged according to precincts. The chair of each  
10 county central committee shall, insofar as possible, list  
11 persons who reside within the precinct in which they are to  
12 serve as judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion,  
13 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct  
14 but within the county embracing the precinct in which they are  
15 to serve. He must, however, submit the names of at least 2  
16 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
17 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one  
18 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
19 is to have 2 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be  
20 filed with the county clerk not less than 20 days before the  
21 annual meeting of the county board. The county board shall  
22 acknowledge in writing to each county chair the names of all  
23 persons submitted on such certified list and the total number  
24 of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or the list  
25 is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient number of  
26 names are furnished for certain election precincts), the

1 county board shall make or complete such list from the names  
2 contained in the supplemental list provided for in Section  
3 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in any case where a township  
4 has been or shall be redistricted, in whole or in part,  
5 subsequent to one general election for Governor, and prior to  
6 the next, the judges of election to be selected for all new or  
7 altered precincts shall be selected in that one of the methods  
8 above detailed, which shall be applicable according to the  
9 facts and circumstances of the particular case, but the  
10 majority of such judges for each such precinct shall be  
11 selected from the first leading political party, and the  
12 minority judges from the second leading political party.  
13 Provided, further, that in counties having a population of  
14 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the selection of judges of  
15 election shall be made in the same manner in all respects as in  
16 other counties, except that the provisions relating to tally  
17 judges are inapplicable to such counties and except that the  
18 county board shall meet during the month of January for the  
19 purpose of making such selection, each township  
20 committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities given to the  
21 chair of the county central committee in this Section for the  
22 precincts within his or her township, and the township  
23 committeeperson shall notify the county board by the preceding  
24 October 1 whether or not the certified list will be filed. Such  
25 judges of election shall hold their office for 2 years from  
26 their appointment and until their successors are duly

1 appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county board  
2 shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of elections  
3 at any time in the manner herein provided.

4 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
5 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

8 Sec. 19-2. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
9 elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or  
10 electronically on the website of the appropriate election  
11 authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior to the  
12 date of such election, or by personal delivery not more than 90  
13 nor less than one day prior to the date of such election, make  
14 application to the county clerk or to the Board of Election  
15 Commissioners for an official ballot for the voter's precinct  
16 to be voted at such election. Such a ballot shall be delivered  
17 to the elector only upon separate application by the elector  
18 for each election. Voters who make an application for  
19 permanent vote by mail ballot status shall follow the  
20 procedures specified in Section 19-3 and may apply year round.  
21 A voter ~~Voters~~ whose application for permanent vote by mail  
22 status is accepted by the election authority shall remain on  
23 the permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to be  
24 removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter provides  
25 notice to the election authority of a change in registration

1 that affects the voter's ~~their~~ registration status, or the  
2 election authority receives confirmation that the voter has  
3 subsequently registered to vote in another election authority  
4 jurisdiction. Each election authority shall establish a  
5 website for eligible voters to request a vote by mail ballot by  
6 electronic form and the ~~The~~ URL address at which voters may  
7 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no  
8 later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be  
9 changed until after the election.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;  
11 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; revised  
12 6-24-25.)

13 Article 55.

14 Section 55-5. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District  
15 Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

16 (70 ILCS 2605/4) (from Ch. 42, par. 323)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-205)

18 Sec. 4. The commissioners elected under this Act  
19 constitute a board of commissioners for the district by which  
20 they are elected, which board of commissioners is the  
21 corporate authority of the sanitary district, and, in addition  
22 to all other powers specified in this Act, shall establish the  
23 policies and goals of the sanitary district. The executive



1 director, in addition to all other powers specified in this  
2 Act, shall manage and control all the affairs and property of  
3 the sanitary district and shall regularly report to the Board  
4 of Commissioners on the activities of the sanitary district in  
5 executing the policies and goals established by the board. At  
6 the regularly scheduled meeting of odd numbered years  
7 following the induction of new commissioners the board of  
8 commissioners shall elect from its own number a president and  
9 a vice-president to serve in the absence of the president, and  
10 the chairman of the committee on finance. The board shall  
11 provide by rule when a vacancy occurs in the office of the  
12 president, vice-president, or the chairman of the committee on  
13 finance and the manner of filling such vacancy.

14 The board shall appoint from outside its own number the  
15 executive director and treasurer for the district.

16 The executive director must be a resident of the sanitary  
17 district and a citizen of the United States. He must be  
18 selected solely upon his administrative and technical  
19 qualifications and without regard to his political  
20 affiliations.

21 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
22 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of the  
23 executive director, or treasurer, the board of commissioners  
24 may appoint an acting officer from outside its own number, to  
25 perform the duties and responsibilities of the office during  
26 the term of the absence or vacancy.

1       The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
2       board of commissioners, shall appoint the director of  
3       engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
4       of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
5       management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
6       research, and director of information technology. These  
7       constitute the heads of the Department of Engineering,  
8       Maintenance and Operations, Human Resources, Procurement and  
9       Materials Management, Finance, Law, Monitoring and Research,  
10      and Information Technology, respectively. No other departments  
11      or heads of departments may be created without subsequent  
12      amendment to this Act. All such department heads are under the  
13      direct supervision of the executive director.

14      The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
15      board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
16      intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
17      services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
18      officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
19      the direct supervision of the executive director.

20      The director of human resources must be qualified under  
21      Section 4.2a of this Act.

22      The director of procurement and materials management must  
23      be selected in accordance with Section 11.16 of this Act.

24      In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
25      or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of director of  
26      engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director

1 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
2 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
3 research, public and intergovernmental affairs officer,  
4 administrative services officer, or director of information  
5 technology, the executive director shall appoint an acting  
6 officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
7 office during the term of the absence or vacancy. Any such  
8 officers appointed in an acting capacity are under the direct  
9 supervision of the executive director.

10 All appointive officers and acting officers shall give  
11 bond as may be required by the board.

12 The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
13 director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the  
14 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

15 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
16 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
17 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
18 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
19 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
20 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative  
21 services officer, and acting director of information  
22 technology hold their offices at the pleasure of the executive  
23 director.

24 The director of engineering, director of maintenance and  
25 operations, director of human resources, director of  
26 procurement and materials management, clerk, general counsel,

1 director of monitoring and research, public and  
2 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
3 officer, and director of information technology may be removed  
4 from office for cause by the executive director. Prior to  
5 removal, such officers are entitled to a public hearing before  
6 the executive director at which hearing they may be  
7 represented by counsel. Before the hearing, the executive  
8 director shall notify the board of commissioners of the date,  
9 time, place and nature of the hearing.

10 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
11 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
12 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
13 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers  
14 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
15 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

16 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
17 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
18 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
19 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
20 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority  
21 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

22 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
23 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
24 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
25 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
26 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications

1 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
2 intergovernmental agreement.

3 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
4 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
5 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint  
6 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
7 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

8 Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
9 president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
10 the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
11 the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
12 \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
13 January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary  
14 of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
15 to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
16 in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
17 salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
18 \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
19 \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
20 \$55,000 in January, 2001.

21 The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
22 shall be as follows:

23 For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
24 \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
25 \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
26 \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

1           For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
2           \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
3           \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

4           For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
5           annum.

6           For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
7           \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,  
8           \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
9           last two years;

10          For three members elected in November, 1988, \$34,000  
11          for each of the first two years of the term and \$36,000 for  
12          each year thereafter.

13          For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
14          1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

15          For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
16          \$50,000.

17          Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the  
18          board, prior to January 1, 2007 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
19          increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
20          amount for each of the following: the president, the  
21          vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
22          the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
23          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
24          members of the board commence after the increase in  
25          compensation is adopted by the board.

26          Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the

1 board, prior to May 1, 2026 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
2 increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
3 amount for each of the following: the president, the  
4 vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
5 the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
6 shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
7 officers or members of the board commence after the increase  
8 in compensation is adopted by the board.

9 After 2030, the annual rate of compensation shall equal  
10 the previous year increased by a percentage equal to the  
11 percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for  
12 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United  
13 States Department of Labor for the previous year. The  
14 increased annual rate of compensation that begins after 2030  
15 shall apply to all officers and members whose terms as  
16 officers or members of the board commence after the increase.

17 The board of commissioners has full power to pass all  
18 necessary ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions and  
19 regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
20 business of the board of commissioners and the corporation and  
21 for carrying into effect the object for which the sanitary  
22 district is formed. All ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions  
23 and regulations passed by the board of commissioners must,  
24 before they take effect, be approved by the president of the  
25 board of commissioners. If he approves thereof, he shall sign  
26 them, and such as he does not approve he shall return to the

1 board of commissioners with his objections in writing at the  
2 next regular meeting of the board of commissioners occurring  
3 after the passage thereof. Such veto may extend to any one or  
4 more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance making  
5 an appropriation, or to the entire ordinance. If the veto  
6 extends to a part of such ordinance, the residue takes effect.  
7 If the president of such board of commissioners fails to  
8 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
9 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
10 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
11 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
12 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
13 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if  
14 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
15 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
16 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

17 It is the policy of this State that all powers granted,  
18 either expressly or by necessary implication, by this Act or  
19 any other Illinois statute to the District may be exercised by  
20 the District notwithstanding effects on competition. It is the  
21 intention of the General Assembly that the "State action  
22 exemption" to the application of federal antitrust statutes be  
23 fully available to the District to the extent its activities  
24 are authorized by law as stated herein.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-808, eff. 5-13-22.)



1 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-205)

2 Sec. 4. The commissioners elected under this Act  
3 constitute a board of commissioners for the district by which  
4 they are elected, which board of commissioners is the  
5 corporate authority of the sanitary district, and, in addition  
6 to all other powers specified in this Act, shall establish the  
7 policies and goals of the sanitary district. The executive  
8 director, in addition to all other powers specified in this  
9 Act, shall manage and control all the affairs and property of  
10 the sanitary district and shall regularly report to the Board  
11 of Commissioners on the activities of the sanitary district in  
12 executing the policies and goals established by the board. At  
13 the regularly scheduled meeting of odd numbered years  
14 following the induction of new commissioners the board of  
15 commissioners shall elect from its own number a president and  
16 a vice-president to serve in the absence of the president, and  
17 the chairman of the committee on finance. The board shall  
18 provide by rule when a vacancy occurs in the office of the  
19 president, vice-president, or the chairman of the committee on  
20 finance and the manner of filling such vacancy.

21 The board shall appoint from outside its own number the  
22 executive director and treasurer for the district.

23 The executive director must be a resident of the sanitary  
24 district and a citizen of the United States. He must be  
25 selected solely upon his administrative and technical  
26 qualifications and without regard to his political

1 affiliations.

2 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
3 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of the  
4 executive director, or treasurer, the board of commissioners  
5 may appoint an acting officer from outside its own number, to  
6 perform the duties and responsibilities of the office during  
7 the term of the absence or vacancy.

8 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
9 board of commissioners, shall appoint the director of  
10 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
11 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
12 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
13 research, and director of information technology. These  
14 constitute the heads of the Department of Engineering,  
15 Maintenance and Operations, Human Resources, Procurement and  
16 Materials Management, Finance, Law, Monitoring and Research,  
17 and Information Technology, respectively. No other departments  
18 or heads of departments may be created without subsequent  
19 amendment to this Act. All such department heads are under the  
20 direct supervision of the executive director.

21 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
22 board of commissioners, may appoint a deputy executive  
23 director. The deputy executive director must be selected  
24 solely upon administrative and technical qualifications and  
25 without regard to political affiliations and shall serve under  
26 the direct supervision of the executive director.

1       The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
2       board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
3       intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
4       services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
5       officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
6       the direct supervision of the executive director.

7       The director of human resources must be qualified under  
8       Section 4.2a of this Act.

9       The director of procurement and materials management must  
10      be selected in accordance with Section 11.16 of this Act.

11      In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death,  
12      or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of director of  
13      engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
14      of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
15      management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
16      research, public and intergovernmental affairs officer,  
17      administrative services officer, or director of information  
18      technology, the executive director shall appoint an acting  
19      officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
20      office during the term of the absence or vacancy. Any such  
21      officers appointed in an acting capacity are under the direct  
22      supervision of the executive director.

23      All appointive officers and acting officers shall give  
24      bond as may be required by the board.

25      The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
26      director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the

1 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

2 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
3 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
4 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
5 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
6 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
7 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative  
8 services officer, acting director of information technology,  
9 and deputy executive director hold their offices at the  
10 pleasure of the executive director.

11 The director of engineering, director of maintenance and  
12 operations, director of human resources, director of  
13 procurement and materials management, clerk, general counsel,  
14 director of monitoring and research, public and  
15 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
16 officer, and director of information technology may be removed  
17 from office for cause by the executive director. Prior to  
18 removal, such officers are entitled to a public hearing before  
19 the executive director at which hearing they may be  
20 represented by counsel. Before the hearing, the executive  
21 director shall notify the board of commissioners of the date,  
22 time, place and nature of the hearing.

23 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
24 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
25 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
26 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers

1 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
2 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

3 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
4 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
5 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
6 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
7 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority  
8 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

9 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
10 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
11 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
12 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
13 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications  
14 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
15 intergovernmental agreement.

16 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
17 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
18 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint  
19 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
20 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

21 Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
22 president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
23 the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
24 the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
25 \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
26 January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary

1 of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
2 to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
3 in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
4 salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
5 \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
6 \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
7 \$55,000 in January, 2001.

8 The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
9 shall be as follows:

10 For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
11 \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
12 \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
13 \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

14 For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
15 \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
16 \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

17 For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
18 annum.

19 For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
20 \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,  
21 \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
22 last two years;

23 For three members elected in November, 1988, \$34,000  
24 for each of the first two years of the term and \$36,000 for  
25 each year thereafter.

26 For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,

1           1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

2           For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
3           \$50,000.

4           Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the  
5           board, prior to January 1, 2007 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
6           increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
7           amount for each of the following: the president, the  
8           vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
9           the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
10          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
11          members of the board commence after the increase in  
12          compensation is adopted by the board.

13          Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the  
14          board, prior to May 1, 2026 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
15          increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
16          amount for each of the following: the president, the  
17          vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
18          the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
19          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
20          officers or members of the board commence after the increase  
21          in compensation is adopted by the board.

22          After 2030, the annual rate of compensation shall equal  
23          the previous year increased by a percentage equal to the  
24          percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for  
25          All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United  
26          States Department of Labor for the previous year. The

1 increased annual rate of compensation that begins after 2030  
2 shall apply to all officers and members whose terms as  
3 officers or members of the board commence after the increase.

4       The board of commissioners has full power to pass all  
5 necessary ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions and  
6 regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
7 business of the board of commissioners and the corporation and  
8 for carrying into effect the object for which the sanitary  
9 district is formed. All ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions  
10 and regulations passed by the board of commissioners must,  
11 before they take effect, be approved by the president of the  
12 board of commissioners. If he approves thereof, he shall sign  
13 them, and such as he does not approve he shall return to the  
14 board of commissioners with his objections in writing at the  
15 next regular meeting of the board of commissioners occurring  
16 after the passage thereof. Such veto may extend to any one or  
17 more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance making  
18 an appropriation, or to the entire ordinance. If the veto  
19 extends to a part of such ordinance, the residue takes effect.  
20 If the president of such board of commissioners fails to  
21 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
22 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
23 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
24 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
25 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
26 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if



1 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
2 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
3 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

4 It is the policy of this State that all powers granted,  
5 either expressly or by necessary implication, by this Act or  
6 any other Illinois statute to the District may be exercised by  
7 the District notwithstanding effects on competition. It is the  
8 intention of the General Assembly that the "State action  
9 exemption" to the application of federal antitrust statutes be  
10 fully available to the District to the extent its activities  
11 are authorized by law as stated herein.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-205, eff. 1-1-26.)

13 Article 60.

14 Section 60-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
15 Sections 24B-15 and 24C-15 as follows:

16 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

17 Sec. 24B-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;  
18 retabulation. The precinct return printed by the automatic  
19 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology tabulating  
20 equipment shall include the number of ballots cast and votes  
21 cast for each candidate and proposition and shall constitute  
22 the official return of each precinct. In addition to the  
23 precinct return, the election authority shall provide the

1 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the  
2 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each  
3 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the  
4 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the  
5 election authority shall check the totals shown by the  
6 precinct return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy  
7 regarding the total number of votes cast in any precinct,  
8 shall have the ballots for that precinct retabulated to  
9 correct the return. The procedures for retabulation shall  
10 apply prior to and after the proclamation is completed;  
11 however, after the proclamation of results, the election  
12 authority must obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots  
13 except for election contests and discovery recounts. In those  
14 election jurisdictions that use in-precinct counting  
15 equipment, the certificate of results, which has been prepared  
16 by the judges of election after the ballots have been  
17 tabulated, shall be the document used for the canvass of votes  
18 for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the  
19 canvass of votes between the unofficial results and the  
20 certificate of results, or whenever a discrepancy exists  
21 during the canvass of votes between the certificate of results  
22 and the set of totals which has been affixed to the certificate  
23 of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be retabulated  
24 to correct the return. As an additional part of this check  
25 prior to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where  
26 in-precinct counting equipment is used, the election authority

1 shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the  
2 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of  
3 the voting devices used in early voting and at vote centers.

4 The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated shall  
5 be selected after election day on a random basis by the State  
6 Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the election  
7 jurisdiction and every voting device used in early voting or  
8 at a vote center has an equal mathematical chance of being

9 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard  
10 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and  
11 voting devices which are to be retabulated. The State central  
12 committee chair of each established political party shall be  
13 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random  
14 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.

15 The retabulation shall consist of counting the ballots which  
16 were originally counted and shall not involve any  
17 determination of which ballots were, in fact, properly  
18 counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for the  
19 retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody and  
20 control of the election authority and shall be transported and  
21 retabulated by the designated staff of the election authority.

22 As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall  
23 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the  
24 selected early voting devices. The test shall be conducted by  
25 processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a  
26 predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on

1 each public question, and shall include for each office one or  
2 more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed  
3 by law to test the ability of the equipment and the marking  
4 device to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the  
5 cause shall be determined and corrected, and an errorless  
6 count shall be made prior to the official canvass and  
7 proclamation of election results.

8 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
9 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
10 of each established political party and qualified civic  
11 organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time  
12 and place of the retabulation and may be represented at the  
13 retabulation.

14 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the  
15 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
16 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.  
17 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority  
18 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation  
19 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic  
20 tabulating equipment. The comparison shall be done for each  
21 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing  
22 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that  
23 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the  
24 public. Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall  
25 be open to the public.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

2 Sec. 24C-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;  
3 audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording  
4 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include  
5 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate  
6 and public question and shall constitute the official return  
7 of each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the  
8 election authority shall provide the number of applications  
9 for ballots in each precinct, the total number of ballots and  
10 vote by mail ballots counted in each precinct for each  
11 political subdivision and district and the number of  
12 registered voters in each precinct. However, the election  
13 authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct return  
14 and, if there is an obvious discrepancy regarding the total  
15 number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the ballots  
16 for that precinct audited to correct the return. The  
17 procedures for this audit shall apply prior to and after the  
18 proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation of  
19 results, the election authority must obtain a court order to  
20 unseal voted ballots or voting devices except for election  
21 contests and discovery recounts. The certificate of results,  
22 which has been prepared and signed by the judges of election  
23 after the ballots have been tabulated, shall be the document  
24 used for the canvass of votes for such precinct. Whenever a  
25 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the

1 unofficial results and the certificate of results, or whenever  
2 a discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the  
3 certificate of results and the set of totals reflected on the  
4 certificate of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be  
5 audited to correct the return.

6 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall  
7 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts  
8 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting  
9 devices used in early voting and at vote centers. The  
10 precincts and the voting devices to be tested shall be  
11 selected after election day on a random basis by the State  
12 Board of Elections, so that every precinct and every device  
13 used in early voting or at a vote center in the election  
14 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being  
15 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard  
16 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and  
17 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central  
18 committee chair of each established political party shall be  
19 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random  
20 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.

21 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked  
22 on the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested  
23 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each  
24 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with  
25 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by  
26 the Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test

1 precinct. The election authority shall test count these votes  
2 either by hand or by using an automatic tabulating device  
3 other than a Direct Recording Electronic voting device that  
4 has been approved by the State Board of Elections for that  
5 purpose and tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election  
6 authority shall print the results of each test count. If any  
7 error is detected, the cause shall be determined and  
8 corrected, and an errorless count shall be made prior to the  
9 official canvass and proclamation of election results. If an  
10 errorless count cannot be conducted and there continues to be  
11 difference in vote results between the certificate of results  
12 produced by the Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and  
13 the count of the permanent paper records or if an error was  
14 detected and corrected, the election authority shall  
15 immediately prepare and forward to the appropriate canvassing  
16 board a written report explaining the results of the test and  
17 any errors encountered and the report shall be made available  
18 for public inspection.

19 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
20 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
21 of each established political party and qualified civic  
22 organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time  
23 and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

24 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in  
25 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
26 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

Article 65.

Section 65-5. If and only if Senate Bill 243 of the 104th General Assembly becomes law, then the Open Meetings Act is amended by changing Section 2.07 as follows:

(5 ILCS 120/2.07)

Sec. 2.07. Meetings on election days; prohibited.

(a) A public body, other than a board of election commissioners established under Article 6 or 6A of the Election Code, may not hold or schedule a regular or special meeting on the day of a general primary election, a general election, a consolidated primary election, or a consolidated election, as defined in the Election Code.

(b) A home rule unit may not hold or schedule meetings in a manner inconsistent with this Act. This Section is a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions in accordance with subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

(Source: 10400SB0243enr.)

Article 99.

Section 99-95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act



1 makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by  
2 text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a  
3 Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that  
4 text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the  
5 changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any  
6 other Public Act.

7 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.