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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 575

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 575 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1     which the candidates are nominated. The State Board of  
2     Elections shall endorse the certificates of nomination or  
3     nomination papers, as the case may be, and the date and hour of  
4     presentment to it. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
5     all other certificates for the nomination of candidates shall  
6     be filed with the county clerk of the respective counties not  
7     more than 169 but at least 162 days previous to the day of such  
8     election. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for  
9     the nomination of candidates for school district offices to be  
10    filled at consolidated elections shall be filed with the  
11    county clerk or county board of election commissioners of the  
12    county in which the principal office of the school district is  
13    located not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
14    consolidated election. Except as otherwise provided in this  
15    Code, certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the  
16    nomination of candidates for the other offices of political  
17    subdivisions to be filled at regular elections other than the  
18    general election shall be filed with the local election  
19    official of such subdivision:

20           (1) (blank);

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

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

26           (4) not more than 127 nor less than 120 days before the

1 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to  
2 be elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law  
3 (including, without limitation, those municipal offices  
4 subject to Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

5 (5) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
6 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
7 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are  
8 provided; or

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

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

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

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

22 (70 ILCS 805/3c-2)

23 Sec. 3c-2. Continuous effect of provisions; validation.  
24 The General Assembly declares that the changes made to

1 Sections 3c and 3c-1 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd  
2 General Assembly shall be deemed to have been in continuous  
3 effect since November 15, 2021 (the effective date of Public  
4 Act 102-668 ~~102-688~~) and shall continue to be in effect until  
5 they are lawfully repealed. All actions that were taken on or  
6 after 2021 and before the effective date of this amendatory  
7 Act of the 103rd General Assembly by a downstate forest  
8 preserve district or any other person and that are consistent  
9 with or in reliance on the changes made to Sections 3c and 3c-1  
10 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are  
11 hereby validated.

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

13 Article 10.

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

16 (105 ILCS 5/23-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 23-7)

17 Sec. 23-7. Compensation and expenses.

18 No school board member shall receive any compensation for  
19 service rendered to any such association, whether as an  
20 officer or otherwise, but shall be entitled to reimbursement  
21 for expenses actually incurred in the work of such  
22 association. Consistent with Section 10-15 of the State  
23 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a school board association

1 may offer and provide scholarships or other reimbursements to  
2 school board members, and a school board member may receive  
3 scholarships or other reimbursements from an association for  
4 reasonable travel and lodging expenses to attend meetings or  
5 other events hosted by the association which are reasonably  
6 related to the school board member's duties and will  
7 contribute to the professional development of the school board  
8 member.

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

10 (105 ILCS 5/34-4.1)

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

15 NOMINATING PETITIONS

16 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

17 To the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of  
18 Chicago:

19 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) of the voters  
20 residing within said district, hereby petition that .... who  
21 resides at .... in the City of Chicago shall be a candidate for  
22 the office of .... of the Chicago Board of Education (full  
23 term) (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on  
24 (insert date).

25 Name: ..... Address: .....

1           In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
2   for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial  
3   or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
4   known, or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
5   candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
6   name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
7   Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the  
8   last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's  
9   name on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as  
10   (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name  
11   changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the  
12   petition must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit  
13   stating the candidate's previous names during the period  
14   specified in clause (i) and the date or dates each of those  
15   names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be  
16   grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for  
17   the ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name  
18   changes to conform a candidate's name to the candidate's  
19   identity or name changes resulting from adoption to assume an  
20   adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage or civil union  
21   to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or  
22   civil union or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume  
23   a former surname. No other designation, such as a political  
24   slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the Election Code, title  
25   or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a  
26   title, degree or professional status, or similar information

1 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

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

25 The board of election commissioners of the jurisdiction in  
26 which the principal office of the school district is located

1 shall notify the candidates for whom a petition for nomination  
2 is filed or the appropriate committee of the obligations under  
3 the Campaign Financing Act as provided in the general election  
4 law. Such notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the  
5 State Board of Elections and in accordance with the  
6 requirements of the general election law. The board of  
7 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the  
8 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
9 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

10 A candidate for membership on the Chicago Board of  
11 Education who has petitioned for nomination to fill a full  
12 term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon at the same  
13 election must withdraw his or her petition for nomination from  
14 either the full term or the vacant term by written  
15 declaration.

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

25 (Source: P.A. 102-177, eff. 6-1-22; 102-691, eff. 12-17-21;  
26 103-467, eff. 8-4-23; 103-584, eff. 3-18-24; revised 6-27-25.)



1 Article 15.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

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

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

1 at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period  
2 and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during  
3 the early voting period.

4 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority  
5 may close an early voting polling place if the building in  
6 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State  
7 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather  
8 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall  
9 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall  
10 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an  
11 alternative location for early voting.

12 (d) (Blank).

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

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

17 Article 20.

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

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

1           1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
2     printed in large capital letters, words designating the  
3     ballot, if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall  
4     be: "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
5     designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and  
6     in like manner for each political party.

7           2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning  
8     not less than one inch below designating words, the name of  
9     each office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters.  
10    Such names may be printed on the ballot either in a single  
11    column or in 2 or more columns and in the following order,  
12    to-wit:

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

1 first offices listed in the second column.

2 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
3 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for  
4 not more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no  
5 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or  
6 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that  
7 office, then below the title of that office the election  
8 authority instead shall print "No Candidate".

9 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or  
10 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
11 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
12 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or  
13 (b) no official designation, depending upon the action taken  
14 by the State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of  
15 this Act.

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

24 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
25 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall  
26 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for

1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed  
2 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front  
3 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under  
4 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
5 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
6 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
7 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

8 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
9 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
10 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
11 is applicable.

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

13 Article 25.

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

16 (105 ILCS 5/3A-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-6)

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

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

23 (b) The bond required under Section 3-2 shall be filed in

1 the office of the county clerk in the county where the regional  
2 office is situated, and a certified copy of that bond shall be  
3 filed in the office of the county clerk in each of the other  
4 counties in the region.

5 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of regional  
6 superintendent of schools of any educational service region  
7 which is not located in a county which is a home rule unit,  
8 such vacancy shall be filled within 60 days (i) by appointment  
9 of the chairman of the county board, with the advice and  
10 consent of the county board, when such vacancy occurs in a  
11 single county educational service region; or (ii) by  
12 appointment of a committee composed of the chairmen of the  
13 county boards of those counties comprising the affected  
14 educational service region when such vacancy occurs in a  
15 multicounty educational service region, each committeeman to  
16 be entitled to one vote for each vote that was received in the  
17 county represented by such committeeman on the committee by  
18 the regional superintendent of schools whose office is vacant  
19 at the last election at which a regional superintendent was  
20 elected to such office, and the person receiving the highest  
21 number of affirmative votes from the committeemen for such  
22 vacant office to be deemed the person appointed by such  
23 committee to fill the vacancy. The appointee shall be a member  
24 of the same political party as the regional superintendent of  
25 schools the appointee succeeds was at the time such regional  
26 superintendent of schools last was elected. The appointee

1 shall serve for the remainder of the term. However, if more  
2 than 28 months remain in that term and the vacancy occurs at  
3 least 130 days before the next general election, the  
4 appointment shall be until the next general election, at which  
5 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the  
6 remainder of the term. Nominations shall be made and any  
7 vacancy in nomination shall be filled as follows:

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

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

24 (3) If the vacancy in office occurs after the last day  
25 provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
26 nomination papers for county offices for the primary in

1 the next even-numbered year following commencement of the  
2 term of office in which the vacancy occurs, a vacancy in  
3 nomination shall be deemed to have occurred and the county  
4 central committee of each established political party (if  
5 the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service  
6 region) or the multi-county educational service region  
7 committee of each established political party (if the  
8 vacancy occurs in a multi-county educational service  
9 region) shall nominate, by resolution, a candidate to fill  
10 the vacancy in nomination for election to the office at  
11 the general election. In the nomination proceedings to  
12 fill the vacancy in nomination, each member of the county  
13 central committee or the multi-county educational service  
14 region committee, whichever applies, shall have the voting  
15 strength as set forth in Section 7-8 or 7-8.02 of the  
16 Election Code, respectively. The name of the candidate so  
17 nominated shall not appear on the ballot at the general  
18 primary election. The vacancy in nomination shall be  
19 filled prior to the date of certification of candidates  
20 for the general election.

21 (4) The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be duly  
22 acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
23 acknowledgments of deeds and shall include, upon its face,  
24 the following information: (A) the name of the original  
25 nominee and the office vacated; (B) the date on which the  
26 vacancy occurred; and (C) the name and address of the



1 nominee selected to fill the vacancy and the date of  
2 selection. The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be  
3 accompanied by a statement of candidacy, as prescribed in  
4 Section 7-10 of the Election Code, completed by the  
5 selected nominee, a certificate from the State Board of  
6 Education, as prescribed in Section 3-1 of this Code, and  
7 a receipt indicating that the nominee has filed a  
8 statement of economic interests as required by the  
9 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

10 The provisions of Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the  
11 Election Code relating to objections to nomination papers,  
12 hearings on objections, and judicial review shall also apply  
13 to and govern objections to nomination papers and resolutions  
14 for filling vacancies in nomination filed pursuant to this  
15 Section. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the  
16 nomination and election provided for in this Section is  
17 governed by the general election law.

18 Except as otherwise provided by applicable county  
19 ordinance or by law, if a vacancy occurs in the office of  
20 regional superintendent of schools of an educational service  
21 region that is located in a county that is a home rule unit and  
22 that has a population of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, that  
23 vacancy shall be filled by the county board of such home rule  
24 county.

25 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of  
26 regional superintendent of schools of any educational service

1 region must possess the qualifications required to be elected  
2 to the position of regional superintendent of schools, and  
3 shall obtain a certificate of eligibility from the State  
4 Superintendent of Education and file same with the county  
5 clerk of the county in which the regional superintendent's  
6 office is located.

7 If the regional superintendent of schools is called into  
8 the active military service of the United States, his office  
9 shall not be deemed to be vacant, but a temporary appointment  
10 shall be made as in the case of a vacancy. The appointee shall  
11 perform all the duties of the regional superintendent of  
12 schools during the time the regional superintendent of schools  
13 is in the active military service of the United States, and  
14 shall be paid the same compensation apportioned as to the time  
15 of service, and such appointment and all authority thereunder  
16 shall cease upon the discharge of the regional superintendent  
17 of schools from such active military service. The appointee  
18 shall give the same bond as is required of a regularly elected  
19 regional superintendent of schools.

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

21 Article 30.

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

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

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

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

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

20 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
21 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
22 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
23 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
24 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
25 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
26 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's

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

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

26 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and

1 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
2 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination  
3 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest  
4 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
5 electoral board.

6 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9,  
7 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections  
8 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article  
9 8, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
10 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
11 for the submission of public questions under Article 28.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new)

14 Sec. 10-8.5. Electronic service of objections. The State  
15 Board of Elections and election authorities may authorize  
16 service of objections to candidate nominations through  
17 electronic mail in lieu of personal service or registered mail  
18 if the State Board of Elections or election authority  
19 responsible for convening the electoral board: (1) provides  
20 candidates the opportunity to provide an electronic mail  
21 address where notices of objections and electoral board  
22 proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal  
23 service or registered mail; (2) provides objectors with the  
24 opportunity to provide an electronic mail address where  
25 notices and electoral board proceedings may be sent

1 electronically in lieu of personal service or registered mail;  
2 and (3) publishes notice of its decision to provide service  
3 under this Section on its website no later than 5 business days  
4 before the first day for petition filing for the election.

5 Article 35.

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

8 (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

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

12 (a) All information determined to be confidential  
13 under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and  
14 Development Act.

15 (b) Library circulation and order records identifying  
16 library users with specific materials under the Library  
17 Records Confidentiality Act.

18 (c) Applications, related documents, and medical  
19 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
20 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other  
21 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
22 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
23 has received.

1 (d) Information and records held by the Department of  
2 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating  
3 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted  
4 infection or any information the disclosure of which is  
5 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted  
6 Infection Control Act.

7 (e) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
8 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

9 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
10 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
11 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

12 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
13 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
14 Tuition Act.

15 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
16 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and  
17 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector  
18 general's office that would be exempt if created or  
19 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under  
20 that Act.

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

25 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution  
26 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers



1 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

2 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information  
3 or driver identification information compiled by a law  
4 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation  
5 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

6 (l) Records and information provided to a residential  
7 health care facility resident sexual assault and death  
8 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse  
9 Prevention Review Team Act.

10 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending  
11 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential  
12 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent  
13 authorized under that Article.

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

21 (o) Information that is prohibited from being  
22 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and  
23 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

24 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
25 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
26 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the

1 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and  
2 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the  
3 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional  
4 Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the  
5 Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair  
6 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
7 Act (repealed).

8 (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
9 Personnel Record Review Act.

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

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

14 (t) (Blank).

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

18 (v) Names and information of people who have applied  
19 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under  
20 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for  
21 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm  
22 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the  
23 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the  
24 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed  
25 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed  
26 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the

1 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

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

5 (w) Personally identifiable information which is  
6 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section  
7 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

8 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
9 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section  
10 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

11 (y) Confidential information under the Adult  
12 Protective Services Act and its predecessor enabling  
13 statute, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, including  
14 information about the identity and administrative finding  
15 against any caregiver of a verified and substantiated  
16 decision of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of  
17 an eligible adult maintained in the Registry established  
18 under Section 7.5 of the Adult Protective Services Act.

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

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

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

1           (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement  
2 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent  
3 authorized under that Act.

4           (dd) Information that is prohibited from being  
5 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common  
6 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

7           (ee) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
8 under Section 30.1 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

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

11           (gg) Information that is prohibited from being  
12 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle  
13 Code.

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

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

19           (jj) Information and reports that are required to be  
20 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day  
21 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from  
22 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day  
23 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

24           (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the  
25 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

26           (ll) Information the disclosure of which is restricted

1 and exempted under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public  
2 Aid Code.

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

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

7 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports  
8 arising out of a peer support counseling session  
9 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders  
10 Suicide Prevention Act.

11 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to  
12 an employee of an emergency services provider or law  
13 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide  
14 Prevention Act.

15 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of  
16 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected  
17 under the Reproductive Health Act.

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

20 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of  
21 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois  
22 Human Rights Act.

23 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy  
24 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that  
25 Act.

26 (uu) Information that is exempt from disclosure under

1 Section 50 of the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.

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

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

7 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or  
8 information that shall not be made public under the  
9 Illinois Insurance Code.

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

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

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

16 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure  
17 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State  
18 Police Act.

19 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section  
20 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil  
21 Administrative Code of Illinois.

22 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
23 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for  
24 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
25 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

26 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed

1 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic  
2 Violence Fatality Review Act.

3 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera  
4 Act. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after  
5 July 1, 2025.

6 (ggg) Information prohibited from disclosure under  
7 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 14 of the Nurse  
8 Agency Licensing Act.

9 (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State  
10 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault  
11 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,  
12 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge  
13 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
14 Act.

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

17 (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
18 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

19 (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited  
20 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship  
21 Act.

22 (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section  
23 2-3.196 of the School Code.

24 (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
25 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois  
26 Power Agency Act.

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

4 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section  
5 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

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

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

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

13 (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
14 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

15 (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the  
16 Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized  
17 under that Section.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;  
22 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21; 102-559, eff.  
23 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff. 7-1-22;  
24 102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23; 103-8, eff.  
25 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23; 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372,  
26 eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff. 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23;



1 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff.  
2 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24; 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786,  
3 eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff. 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24;  
4 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081, eff. 3-21-25.)

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

7 (5 ILCS 430/5-40)

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

1 solely a perfunctory session day or on a day when only a  
2 committee is meeting.

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

4 Section 35-15. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 1-9.1, 1-12, 1A-8, 7-12, 10-8, 10-10, 17-13.5, 19-3,  
6 19-8, and 20-8 and by adding Sections 11-8.5 and 11-9 as  
7 follows:

8 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1)

9 Sec. 1-9.1. Office and candidate information; ballot  
10 ~~Ballot~~ counting information dissemination.

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

20 (b) Each election authority shall post election results on  
21 its website, including district data for every electoral  
22 district under the election authority's jurisdiction, even if  
23 the election authority only has jurisdiction over part of the  
24 electoral district. Each election authority shall update the

1 election results on its website each time a new batch of votes  
2 is tabulated or every 12 hours, whichever is less. Each  
3 election authority shall also update on its website, every 12  
4 hours, the number of vote by mail ballots, by precinct, that  
5 have been: (i) requested but not received by the election  
6 authority; (ii) received but have not been tabulated by the  
7 election authority; and (iii) rejected by the election  
8 authority.

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

12 (1) no later than 30 days after the proclamation of  
13 the results of any canvas declaring persons elected, the  
14 name, political party, if any, and the office of each  
15 person elected at the general election or consolidated  
16 election;

17 (2) no later than 90 days before the first day that  
18 nominating petitions may be circulated, the offices that  
19 will appear on the ballot at the next regular election;  
20 and

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

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

3 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

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

1 ~~accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election~~  
2 ~~authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may~~  
3 ~~limit early voting and grace period registration and voting~~  
4 ~~under this Section to voters in precincts where the public~~  
5 ~~university is located and precincts bordering the university.~~

6 Each public university shall make the space available at the  
7 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the  
8 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this  
9 subsection (a).

10 (b) (Blank).

11 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"  
12 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,  
13 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern  
14 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern  
15 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and  
16 Northeastern Illinois University.

17 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union"  
18 means the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of  
19 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the  
20 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building  
21 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student  
22 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the  
23 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at  
24 Urbana-Champaign; the SIUC Student Center at the Southern  
25 Illinois University at Carbondale campus; the Morris  
26 University Center at the Southern Illinois University at

1 Edwardsville campus; the University Union at the Western  
2 Illinois University at the Macomb campus; the Holmes Student  
3 Center at the Northern Illinois University campus; the  
4 University Union at the Eastern Illinois University campus;  
5 NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois University  
6 campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois State  
7 University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the  
8 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in  
9 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;  
11 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

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

16 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the  
17 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as  
18 heretofore provided in this Code;

19 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with  
20 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections  
21 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State  
22 and the laws of the United States;

23 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each  
24 primary and general election and any other election it  
25 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions

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

25 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform  
26 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with

1 the provisions of this Code as it shall deem advisable  
2 which shall be used by election authorities in the conduct  
3 of elections and registrations;

4 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any  
5 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
6 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the  
7 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so  
8 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local  
9 government of the State;

10 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the  
11 conduct of elections and registration from election  
12 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

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

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

19 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in  
20 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules  
21 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of  
22 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise  
23 provided by law;

24 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of  
25 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the  
26 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;



1           (11) Maintain in its principal office a research  
2           library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of  
3           votes by precinct for general primary elections and  
4           general elections, current precinct maps, and current  
5           precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions within  
6           the State. The research library shall be open to the  
7           public during regular business hours. Such abstracts,  
8           maps, and lists shall be preserved as permanent records  
9           and shall be available for examination and copying at a  
10          reasonable cost;

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

13          (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management  
14          Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of  
15          Central Management Services Law, such use of electronic  
16          data processing equipment as may be required to perform  
17          the duties of the State Board of Elections and to provide  
18          election-related information to candidates, public and  
19          party officials, interested civic organizations, and the  
20          general public in a timely and efficient manner;

21          (14) To take such action as may be necessary or  
22          required to give effect to directions of the national  
23          committee or State central committee of an established  
24          political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or  
25          such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to  
26          the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an

1 established political party's national nominating  
2 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate  
3 certification schedule contained within this Code, the  
4 certification of the Presidential and Vice Presidential  
5 candidate selected by the established political party's  
6 national nominating convention;

7 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by  
8 election authority and hours of operation on its website  
9 at least 5 business days before the period for early  
10 voting begins;

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

14 (17) To post on its website, in a downloadable format,  
15 the information received from each election authority  
16 under Section 1-17; and.

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

20 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or  
21 functions under this Article, except that final determinations  
22 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the  
23 Board.

24 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
25 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
26 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and

1 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
2 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
3 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

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

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

6 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by  
7 mail or in person as follows:

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

25 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,

1 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
2 preceding the 134th day before a general primary election,  
3 petitions for nomination for the office in which the  
4 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal  
5 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 120  
6 nor less than 113 days prior to the date of the general  
7 primary election.

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

24 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county  
25 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such  
26 petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk

1 not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the date  
2 of the primary.

3 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal  
4 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be  
5 filed in the office of the local election official, not  
6 more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the date of  
7 the primary; provided, where a municipality's or  
8 township's boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely  
9 within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
10 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
11 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
12 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the  
13 election authority.

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

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

22 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various  
23 election authorities and local election officials with  
24 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall  
25 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon  
26 receipt shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which

1 each petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons  
2 waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for  
3 filing, or as of the normal opening hour of the office  
4 involved on such day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m.  
5 or the normal opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions  
6 filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day  
7 for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that  
8 day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or  
9 as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may  
10 be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as  
11 filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more  
12 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing  
13 deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or  
14 more petitions are received simultaneously, the State  
15 Board of Elections or the various election authorities or  
16 local election officials with whom such petitions are  
17 filed shall break ties and determine the order of filing,  
18 by means of a lottery or other fair and impartial method of  
19 random selection approved by the State Board of Elections.  
20 Such lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following  
21 the last day for petition filing and shall be open to the  
22 public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of  
23 conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
24 State Board of Elections to the chair of the State central  
25 committee of each established political party, and by each  
26 election authority or local election official, to the

1 County Chair of each established political party, and to  
2 each organization of citizens within the election  
3 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at  
4 the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present  
5 on the day of election. The State Board of Elections,  
6 election authority or local election official shall post  
7 in a conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance  
8 of the office, notice of the time and place of such  
9 lottery. The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules  
10 and regulations governing the procedures for the conduct  
11 of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified in the  
12 order in which their petitions have been filed. Where  
13 candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be  
14 certified in the order determined by lot and prior to  
15 candidates who filed for the same office at a later time.

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

25 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
26 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a

1 statement of economic interests as required by the  
2 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his  
3 candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the  
4 period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has  
5 filed a statement of economic interests in relation to the  
6 same governmental unit with that officer within a year  
7 preceding the date on which such nomination papers were  
8 filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the  
9 statement of economic interests of that candidate are not  
10 required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate  
11 must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers  
12 are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the  
13 statement of economic interests is filed showing the date  
14 on which such statement was filed. Such receipt shall be  
15 so filed not later than the last day on which nomination  
16 papers may be filed.

17 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
18 person for whom a petition for nomination, or for  
19 committeeperson or for delegate or alternate delegate to a  
20 national nominating convention has been filed may cause  
21 his name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by  
22 him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to  
23 take acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal  
24 or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections  
25 or with the appropriate election authority or local  
26 election official, not later than the date of



1 certification of candidates for the consolidated primary  
2 or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be  
3 certified or printed on the primary ballot. If petitions  
4 for nomination have been filed for the same person with  
5 respect to more than one political party, his name shall  
6 not be certified nor printed on the primary ballot of any  
7 party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the  
8 same person for 2 or more offices which are incompatible  
9 so that the same person could not serve in more than one of  
10 such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a  
11 candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5  
12 business days following the last day for petition filing.  
13 A candidate in a judicial election may file petitions for  
14 nomination for only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only  
15 one vacancy in a circuit in any one filing period, and if  
16 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same  
17 person for 2 or more vacancies in the same circuit or  
18 subcircuit in the same filing period, his or her name  
19 shall be certified only for the first vacancy for which  
20 the petitions for nomination were filed. If he fails to  
21 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices  
22 within such time his name shall not be certified, nor  
23 printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the  
24 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a  
25 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

26 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other

1 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
2 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
3 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
4 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
5 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a  
6 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
7 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted  
8 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward  
9 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
10 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
11 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
12 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
13 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
14 Article, the nomination of an established political party  
15 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
16 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons  
17 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
18 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
19 office.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
21 statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
22 established political party for any special primary  
23 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in  
24 the office of representative in the United States Congress  
25 where the nomination of such political party for said  
26 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,

1 the nomination of an established political party of a  
2 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to  
3 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons  
4 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
5 seeking the nomination of such established party for  
6 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
7 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
8 scheduled election day.

9 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
10 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
11 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends  
12 to become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
13 nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
14 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
15 intent with the local election official where the  
16 candidate is seeking to appear on the ballot, a primary  
17 ballot shall be prepared and a primary shall be held for  
18 that office. Such statement or notice shall be filed on or  
19 before the date established in this Article for certifying  
20 candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement or  
21 notice shall contain (i) the name and address of the  
22 person intending to become a write-in candidate, (ii) a  
23 statement that the person is a qualified primary elector  
24 of the political party from whom the nomination is sought,  
25 (iii) a statement that the person intends to become a  
26 write-in candidate for the party's nomination, and (iv)

1 the office the person is seeking as a write-in candidate.  
2 An election authority shall have no duty to conduct a  
3 primary and prepare a primary ballot for any office for  
4 which the nomination is uncontested unless a statement or  
5 notice meeting the requirements of this Section is filed  
6 in a timely manner.

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

26 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for

1 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
2 not less than 6 months. Nominating petitions shall not be  
3 subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

4 (13) Upon request, the State Board of Elections or an  
5 election authority, as appropriate, shall promptly provide  
6 a requester with any requesting nominating petition filed  
7 with the appropriate election authority within the  
8 preceding 6 months.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;  
10 103-586, eff. 5-3-24; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

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

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

1           B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
2           public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
3           State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
4           the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
5           objections can be filed.

6           Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
7           in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
8           any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
9           amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
10          public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
11          State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
12          nomination papers, ~~or~~ petitions, or declarations of intent to  
13          be a write-in candidate filed, shall file an objector's  
14          petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
15          office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
16          Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
17          election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
18          nomination papers, ~~or~~ petition, or declaration of intent to  
19          be a write-in candidate are on file. Objection petitions that  
20          do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the  
21          case of nomination papers, ~~or~~ certificates of nomination, or  
22          declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the State  
23          Board of Elections, election authority or local election  
24          official shall note the day and hour upon which such  
25          objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00  
26          p.m. noon on the second business day after receipt of the

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

1 day after receipt of the petition, transmit by registered mail  
2 or receipted personal delivery the petition for the public  
3 question and the original objector's petition to the chair of  
4 the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9 of this  
5 Code ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a  
6 copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, of the  
7 objector's petition to the person designated on a certificate  
8 attached to the petition as the principal proponent of the  
9 public question, or as the proponent's attorney, for the  
10 purposes of receiving notice of objections.

11 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
12 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
13 objections to the certificate of nomination, declaration of  
14 intent to be a write-in candidate, or nomination papers or  
15 petitions in question, and shall state the interest of the  
16 objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
17 electoral board.

18 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9,  
19 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections  
20 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article  
21 8, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
22 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
23 for the submission of public questions under Article 28. For  
24 purposes of this Section and Section 10-10, objections to  
25 declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be  
26 filed in the same manner and subject to the same jurisdiction



1 as objections to nomination papers for the same office.

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

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

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

1 shall meet for the purpose, which place shall be in the county  
2 court house in the county in the case of the County Officers  
3 Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the  
4 Township Officers Electoral Board or the Education Officers  
5 Electoral Board, except that the Municipal Officers Electoral  
6 Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the  
7 Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location  
8 where the governing body of the municipality, township, or  
9 community college district, respectively, holds its regularly  
10 scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided  
11 that voter records may be removed from the offices of an  
12 election authority only at the discretion and under the  
13 supervision of the election authority. In those cases where  
14 the State Board of Elections is the electoral board designated  
15 under Section 10-9, the chair of the State Board of Elections  
16 shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of  
17 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed  
18 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed  
19 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered  
20 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's  
21 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of  
22 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the  
23 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed  
24 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public  
25 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the  
26 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be

1 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent  
2 branch office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall  
3 not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of  
4 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
5 objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board.

6 The electoral board shall have the power to administer  
7 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the  
8 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of  
9 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas  
10 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces  
11 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records  
12 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry  
13 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses  
14 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

15 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or  
16 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and  
17 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by  
18 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes  
19 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served  
20 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena,  
21 or to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a  
22 petition in the circuit court of the county in which such  
23 hearing is to be heard, or has been attempted to be heard,  
24 setting forth the facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect,  
25 and accompanying the petition with a copy of the citation and  
26 the answer, if one has been filed, together with a copy of the

1 subpoena and the return of service thereon, and shall apply  
2 for an order of court requiring such person to attend and  
3 testify, and forthwith produce books and papers, before the  
4 electoral board. Any circuit court of the state, excluding the  
5 judge who is sitting on the electoral board, upon such showing  
6 shall order such person to appear and testify, and to  
7 forthwith produce such books and papers, before the electoral  
8 board at a place to be fixed by the court. If such person shall  
9 knowingly fail or refuse to obey such order of the court  
10 without lawful excuse, the court shall punish him or her by  
11 fine and imprisonment, as the nature of the case may require  
12 and may be lawful in cases of contempt of court.

13 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall  
14 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and  
15 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,  
16 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the  
17 objection or by other interested persons.

18 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on  
19 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the  
20 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
21 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy  
22 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the  
23 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election  
24 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of  
25 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and  
26 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of

1 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed  
2 in the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12  
3 of this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at  
4 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular  
5 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of  
6 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party  
7 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or  
8 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,  
9 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election  
10 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of  
11 valid to invalid signatures within the particular election  
12 jurisdiction.

13 The electoral board shall take up the question as to  
14 whether or not the certificate of nomination ~~or~~ nomination  
15 papers, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or  
16 petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they were  
17 filed within the time and under the conditions required by  
18 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of  
19 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they  
20 purport to be, and whether or not in the case of the  
21 certificate of nomination in question it represents accurately  
22 the decision of the caucus or convention issuing it, and in  
23 general shall decide whether or not the certificate of  
24 nomination, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
25 or nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether  
26 the objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of

1 a majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to  
2 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral  
3 board must state its findings in writing and must state in  
4 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of  
5 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the  
6 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If  
7 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the  
8 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent  
9 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally  
10 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is  
11 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or  
12 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party  
13 affected by the decision or to such party's attorney of  
14 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the  
15 files of the electoral board.

16 Upon the expiration of the period within which a  
17 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section  
18 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for  
19 judicial review has been commenced within such period,  
20 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of  
21 its ruling, together with the original certificate of  
22 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original  
23 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the  
24 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,  
25 as objected to, were on file and to the election authority to  
26 whom the ballot is certified and the appropriate county clerk,

1 and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the  
2 ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/11-8.5 new)

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

6 (a) In addition to the vote centers required in subsection  
7 (a) of Section 11-8, a county election authority may establish  
8 vote centers for the period of early voting and on election day  
9 where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote,  
10 regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and  
11 that location shall provide curbside voting. An election  
12 authority establishing vote centers under this Section shall  
13 certify to the State Board of Elections no later than December  
14 15, 2026, and shall make the locations public no later than the  
15 60th day preceding an election.

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

21 (1) For each general primary election and general  
22 election, an election authority shall designate a minimum  
23 number of vote centers, as follows:

24 (A) For counties with at least 50,000 registered  
25 voters on the day of election, at least one vote center

1           for each 12,500 registered voters.

2           (B) For counties with fewer than 50,000 registered  
3           voters, at least one vote center for each 10,000  
4           registered voters.

5           For the purposes of this paragraph, the number of  
6           registered in a county is the number of voters registered  
7           in the county on the date of the preceding presidential  
8           election or on the date of the preceding general election,  
9           whichever is greater.

10          (2) A county election authority may designate a  
11          greater number of vote centers than the minimum required  
12          by this subsection.

13          (3) In selecting the location for vote centers  
14          required under paragraph (1), each county election  
15          authority shall consider:

16               (A) proximity to the population centers of the  
17               county, including the population centers within the  
18               largest municipality or municipalities in a county;

19               (B) proximity to public transportation lines and  
20               availability of parking;

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

23               (D) geographic features that affect access and  
24               convenience;

25               (E) access for persons with disabilities;

26               (F) use of existing voting locations that



1           typically serve a significant number of voters;

2           (G) proximity to historically under-represented  
3           communities; and

4           (H) the need to locate vote centers in population  
5           centers that had lower voter turnout in previous  
6           elections.

7           (4) A county election authority must establish these  
8           vote centers no later than June 1, 2027.

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

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

19          (10 ILCS 5/11-9 new)

20          Sec. 11-9. Name standardization.

21          (a) The State Board of Elections shall develop and  
22          implement standard terminology for the naming of election  
23          districts, precincts, and polling places to streamline the  
24          reporting of election results and voter file data for the 2027  
25          Consolidated Primary Election. As part of implementing the use

1 of standard terminology and to ensure the prompt availability  
2 of voter file data, no less than 100 days before the 2027  
3 Consolidated Primary Election, the State Board of Elections  
4 shall adopt guidelines, via an order of the Board, for  
5 election authorities to follow when naming election districts,  
6 precincts, and polling places. The guidelines shall require  
7 each election district, precinct, and polling place to have a  
8 standard identification and a human-readable name. The State  
9 Board of Elections shall publish a first draft of the  
10 guidelines at least 10 days before adopting the guidelines  
11 through an order of the Board.

12 (b) Every election authority shall use the guidelines  
13 adopted under subsection (a) to name election districts,  
14 precincts, and polling places. Every election authority shall  
15 submit the names to the State Board of Elections no less than  
16 70 days before the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

17 (c) The State Board of Elections shall amend the names of  
18 any election district, precinct, or polling place that does  
19 not conform to the guidelines adopted under subsection (a).  
20 The State Board of Elections shall send those amended names to  
21 the election authority as soon as practicable.

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

26 (e) No later than the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election,

1 the State Board of Elections shall adopt administrative rules  
2 for name standardization for all elections subsequent to the  
3 2027 Consolidated Primary Election. For every election  
4 subsequent to the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election, every  
5 election authority and the State Board of Elections shall name  
6 election districts, precincts, and polling places in a manner  
7 similar to the process described in subsections (b) and (c).

8 (f) If the requirements of this Section conflict with any  
9 specific provision of this Code, the requirements of this  
10 Section prevail.

11 (10 ILCS 5/17-13.5)

12 Sec. 17-13.5. Curbside voting.

13 (a) Election authorities may establish curbside voting for  
14 individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on  
15 election day. An election authority's curbside voting program  
16 shall designate at least 2 election judges from opposite  
17 parties per vehicle, and the individual shall have the  
18 opportunity to mark the ballot without interference from the  
19 election judges.

20 (b) Election authorities shall establish curbside voting  
21 for individuals with disabilities to cast a ballot during  
22 early voting and on election day at no less than one voting  
23 location within the election authority's jurisdiction. An  
24 election authority's curbside voting program shall designate  
25 at least 2 election judges from opposite parties per vehicle,

1 and the individual shall have the opportunity to mark the  
2 ballot without interference from the election judges. No later  
3 than the 10th day preceding the start of early voting or  
4 election day voting, an election authority shall post on their  
5 publicly accessible website the voting location or locations  
6 where curbside voting is available and the method by which an  
7 individual with a disability may contact a poll worker in  
8 order to vote at the curbside voting location, including, but  
9 not limited to, a posted phone number, a doorbell device, or  
10 the stationing of a poll worker at the curbside voting  
11 location.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

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

17 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

18 To be voted at the .... election in the County of .... and  
19 State of Illinois.

20 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
21 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
22 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at  
23 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
24 by mail.

25 I hereby make application for an official ballot or

1 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I  
2 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing  
3 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the  
4 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than  
5 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
6 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
7 14th day following election day.

8 I understand that this application is made for an official  
9 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the  
10 election specified in this application and that I must submit  
11 a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
12 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

13 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
14 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
15 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

16 . . . .

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

18 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

19 .....

20 (a-5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot  
21 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
22 substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail  
23 ballot for a single election and shall include:

24 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print  
25 disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am  
26 making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot

1 electronically so that I may privately and independently  
2 mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.

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

5 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

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

8 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
9 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
10 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at  
11 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
12 by mail in:

13 ..... all subsequent elections that do not require a party  
14 designation.

15 ..... all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a  
16 ..... Party vote by mail ballot in  
17 elections that require a party designation.

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.

26 Under penalties as provided by law under Section 29-10 of

1 the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
2 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

3 . . . .

4 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

5 . . . . .

6 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots  
7 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
8 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by  
9 mail status and shall include:

10 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a  
11 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this  
12 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail  
13 ballots electronically so that I may privately and  
14 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail  
15 ballots.

16 (c) However, if application is made for a primary election  
17 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to  
18 designate the name of the political party with which the  
19 applicant is affiliated. The election authority shall allow  
20 any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her  
21 party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method  
22 and deadline published and selected by the election authority.

23 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant  
24 shall mark the box associated with the above described  
25 statement included as part of the online application  
26 certifying that the statements set forth in the application

1 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a  
2 signature is not required.

3 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or  
4 return to an election authority an application under this  
5 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box  
6 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an  
7 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a  
8 valid and current phone number for the individual or  
9 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be  
10 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7  
11 days of receipt or, if received within 2 weeks of the election  
12 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of  
13 receipt. Failure to turn over the applications in compliance  
14 with this paragraph shall constitute a violation of this Code  
15 and shall be punishable as a petty offense with a fine of \$100  
16 per application. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise  
17 knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by  
18 the election authority shall establish a rebuttable  
19 presumption of a violation of this paragraph. Upon receipt,  
20 the appropriate election authority shall accept and promptly  
21 process any application under this Section submitted in a form  
22 substantially similar to that required by this Section,  
23 including any substantially similar production or reproduction  
24 generated by the applicant.

25 (f) An election authority shall ~~may~~ combine the  
26 applications in subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the



1 distinction between the applications must be clear and the  
2 form must provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate  
3 whether he or she is applying for a single election vote by  
4 mail ballot or for permanent vote by mail status.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

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

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

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

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

1 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
2 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
3 location of the election authority during the period for  
4 counting provisional ballots.

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

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

24 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
25 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by  
26 this Article, and received by the election authority at any

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

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

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

9           (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
10 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
11 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is  
12 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for  
13 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official  
14 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification  
15 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the voter's  
16 signature on the application verified in accordance with  
17 Section 19-4 or the signature of the voter on file in the  
18 office of the election authority. If the election judge or  
19 official determines that the 2 signatures match, and that the  
20 vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified to cast a vote by  
21 mail ballot, the election authority shall cast and count the  
22 ballot on election day or the day the ballot is determined to  
23 be valid, whichever is later, adding the results to the  
24 precinct in which the voter is registered. If the election  
25 judge or official determines that the signatures do not match,  
26 or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified to cast a vote

1 by mail ballot, then without opening the certification  
2 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of  
3 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not  
4 cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
20 judge or official for any reason, the election authority  
21 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases  
22 before the close of the period for counting provisional  
23 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot  
24 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason  
25 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the  
26 voter may submit to ~~appear before~~ the election authority, on

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

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

22 If a vote by mail ballot is rejected for any reason, the  
23 election authority shall, within one day after the rejection,  
24 transmit to the State Board of Elections by electronic means  
25 the voter's name, street address, email address, and precinct,  
26 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be. If a

1 rejected vote by mail ballot is determined to be valid, the  
2 election authority shall, within one day after the  
3 determination, remove the name of the voter from the list  
4 transmitted to the State Board of Elections. The State Board  
5 of Elections shall maintain the names and information in an  
6 electronic format on its website accessible to State and local  
7 political committees.

8 Upon request by the State or local political committee,  
9 each election authority shall, within one day after the  
10 request, provide the following information about all rejected  
11 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email  
12 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers,  
13 as the case may be.

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

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

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

22 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

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

24 (a) (Blank.)

25 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an

1 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
2 and received by that election authority may be processed by  
3 the election authority beginning on the day it is received by  
4 the election authority in the central ballot counting location  
5 of the election authority, but the results of the processing  
6 may not be counted until the day of the election after 7:00  
7 p.m., except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

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

17 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
18 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
19 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
20 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
21 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
22 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed  
23 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
24 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
25 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the  
26 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements



1 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting  
2 location of the election authority during the period for  
3 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
4 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

5 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
6 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an  
7 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the  
8 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope  
9 was mailed no later than election day.

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

1 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
2 subsection (c).

3 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
4 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
5 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
6 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed  
7 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of  
8 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
9 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
10 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
11 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
12 election.

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

21 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
22 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
23 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article  
24 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period  
25 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or  
26 official shall compare the voter's signature on the

1 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of  
2 the voter on file in the office of the election authority. If  
3 the election judge or official determines that the 2  
4 signatures match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to  
5 cast a ballot under this Article, the election authority shall  
6 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot  
7 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the  
8 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If  
9 the election judge or official determines that the signatures  
10 do not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a  
11 ballot under this Article, then without opening the  
12 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark  
13 across the face of the certification envelope the word  
14 "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

25 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
26 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across

1 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
2 shall not cast or count the ballot.

3 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
4 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
5 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
6 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
7 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.  
8 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
9 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may submit  
10 to appear before the election authority, on or before the 14th  
11 day after the election, to show cause as to why the ballot  
12 should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence to the  
13 election authority supporting his or her contention that the  
14 ballot should be counted. Evidence may be submitted in person,  
15 by mail, or electronically by email. If a ballot is rejected  
16 based on the voter's signatures not matching, an affidavit or  
17 statement affirming the voter signed the certification  
18 envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and the election  
19 authority shall not require the affidavit or statement to be  
20 notarized. The election authority shall appoint a panel of 3  
21 election judges to review the contested ballot, application,  
22 and certification envelope, as well as any evidence submitted  
23 by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2 election judges on  
24 the reviewing panel shall be of the same political party. The  
25 reviewing panel of election judges shall make a final  
26 determination as to the validity of the contested ballot. The

1 judges' determination shall not be reviewable either  
2 administratively or judicially.

3 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to  
4 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for  
5 counting provisional ballots.

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

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

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

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

15 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

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

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

21 (1) Unconditional resignation. An unconditional  
22 resignation by a person holding the elective office may  
23 specify a future date, not later than 60 days after the  
24 date the resignation is received by the officer authorized

1 to fill the vacancy, at which time it becomes operative,  
2 but the resignation may not be withdrawn after it is  
3 received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy.  
4 The effective date of a resignation that does not specify  
5 a future date at which it becomes operative is the date the  
6 resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill  
7 the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that has  
8 a specified future effective date is that specified future  
9 date or the date the resignation is received by the  
10 officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
11 occurs later.

12 (2) Conditional resignation. A resignation that does  
13 not become effective unless a specified event occurs can  
14 be withdrawn at any time prior to the occurrence of the  
15 specified event, but if not withdrawn, the effective date  
16 of the resignation is the date of the occurrence of the  
17 specified event or the date the resignation is received by  
18 the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
19 occurs later.

20 (3) Vacancy upon the effective date. For the purpose  
21 of determining the time period that would require an  
22 election to fill the vacancy by resignation or the  
23 commencement of the 60-day time period referred to in  
24 subsection (e), the resignation of an elected officer is  
25 deemed to have created a vacancy as of the effective date  
26 of the resignation.

1           (4) Duty of the clerk. If a resignation is delivered  
2           to the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall forward  
3           a certified copy of the written resignation to the  
4           official who is authorized to fill the vacancy within 7  
5           business days after receipt of the resignation.

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

25          (c) Vacancy by other causes.

26               (1) Abandonment and other causes. A vacancy occurs in

1 an office by reason of abandonment of office; removal from  
2 office; or failure to qualify; or more than temporary  
3 removal of residence from the municipality; or in the case  
4 of an alderperson of a ward or councilman or trustee of a  
5 district, more than temporary removal of residence from  
6 the ward or district, as the case may be. The corporate  
7 authorities have the authority to determine whether a  
8 vacancy under this subsection has occurred. If the  
9 corporate authorities determine that a vacancy exists, the  
10 office is deemed vacant as of the date of that  
11 determination for all purposes including the calculation  
12 under subsections (e), (f), and (g).

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

25 (3) Election declared void. A vacancy occurs on the  
26 date of the decision of a competent tribunal declaring the



1 election of the officer void.

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

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

25 (B) In the event that the municipal official  
26 chooses to contest the debt, a hearing shall be held

1           within 30 days of the municipal clerk's receipt of the  
2           written notice of contest from the municipal official.  
3           An appointed municipal hearing officer shall preside  
4           over the hearing, and shall hear testimony and accept  
5           evidence relevant to the existence of the debt owed by  
6           the municipal officer to the municipality.

7           (C) Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the  
8           hearing officer shall make a determination on the  
9           basis of the evidence presented as to whether or not  
10          the municipal official is in arrears of a debt to the  
11          municipality. The determination shall be in writing  
12          and shall be designated as findings, decision, and  
13          order. The findings, decision, and order shall  
14          include: (i) the hearing officer's findings of fact;  
15          (ii) a decision of whether or not the municipal  
16          official is in arrears of a debt to the municipality  
17          based upon the findings of fact; and (iii) an order  
18          that either directs the municipal official to pay the  
19          debt within 30 days or be disqualified and his or her  
20          office vacated or dismisses the matter if a debt owed  
21          to the municipality is not proved. A copy of the  
22          hearing officer's written determination shall be  
23          served upon the municipal official in open proceedings  
24          before the hearing officer. If the municipal official  
25          does not appear for receipt of the written  
26          determination, the written determination shall be

1           deemed to have been served on the municipal official  
2           on the date when a copy of the written determination is  
3           personally served on the municipal official or on the  
4           date when a copy of the written determination is  
5           deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid,  
6           addressed to the municipal official at the address on  
7           record with the municipality.

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

1 of the petition and shall make its decision promptly  
2 after such hearing.

3 (E) If a municipal official chooses to pay the  
4 debt, or is ordered to pay the debt after the hearing,  
5 the municipal official must present proof of payment  
6 to the municipal clerk that the debt was paid in full,  
7 and, if applicable, within the required time period as  
8 ordered by a hearing officer or circuit court judge.

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

23 (G) For purposes of this paragraph, a "debt" shall  
24 mean an arrearage in a definitely ascertainable and  
25 quantifiable amount after service of written notice  
26 thereof, in the payment of any indebtedness due to the

1           municipality, which has been adjudicated before a  
2           tribunal with jurisdiction over the matter. A  
3           municipal official is considered in arrears of a debt  
4           to a municipality if a debt is more than 30 days  
5           overdue from the date the debt was due.

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

1 president is elected and has qualified for office, the acting  
2 mayor or acting-president shall return to the original office  
3 for the remainder of the term thereof.

4 (e) Appointment to fill alderperson or trustee vacancy. An  
5 appointment by the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
6 acting president, as the case may be, of a qualified person as  
7 described in Section 3.1-10-5 of this Code to fill a vacancy in  
8 the office of alderperson or trustee must be made within 60  
9 days after the vacancy occurs. Once the appointment of the  
10 qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate  
11 authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the  
12 appointment within 30 days. If the appointment fails to  
13 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities  
14 within 30 days, the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
15 acting president shall appoint and forward to the corporate  
16 authorities a second qualified person as described in Section  
17 3.1-10-5. Once the appointment of the second qualified person  
18 has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate  
19 authorities shall act upon the appointment within 30 days. If  
20 the appointment of the second qualified person also fails to  
21 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities,  
22 then the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
23 president, without the advice and consent of the corporate  
24 authorities, may make a temporary appointment from those  
25 persons who were appointed but whose appointments failed to  
26 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities.

1 The person receiving the temporary appointment shall serve  
2 until an appointment has received the advice and consent and  
3 the appointee has qualified or until a person has been elected  
4 and has qualified, whichever first occurs.

5 (f) Election to fill vacancies in municipal offices with  
6 4-year terms. If a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal  
7 office with a 4-year term and there remains an unexpired  
8 portion of the term of at least 28 months, and the vacancy  
9 occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at least 130~~  
10 ~~days before~~ the general municipal election next scheduled  
11 under the general election law, then the vacancy shall be  
12 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
13 election. Whenever an election is held for this purpose, the  
14 municipal clerk shall certify the office to be filled and the  
15 candidates for the office to the proper election authorities  
16 as provided in the general election law. If a vacancy occurs  
17 with less than 28 months remaining in the unexpired portion of  
18 the term or after the period to file petitions for ~~less than~~  
19 ~~130 days before~~ the general municipal election, then:

20 (1) Mayor or president. If the vacancy is in the  
21 office of mayor or president, the vacancy must be filled  
22 by the corporate authorities electing one of their members  
23 as acting mayor or acting president. Except as set forth  
24 in subsection (d), the acting mayor or acting president  
25 shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and  
26 powers of the mayor or president until a mayor or

1 president is elected at the next general municipal  
2 election and has qualified. However, in villages with a  
3 population of less than 5,000, if each of the trustees  
4 either declines the election as acting president or is not  
5 elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently  
6 holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting  
7 president, any other village resident who is qualified to  
8 hold municipal office, and the acting president shall  
9 exercise the powers of the president and shall vote and  
10 have veto power in the manner provided by law for a  
11 president.

12 (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the  
13 office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
14 filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
15 president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
16 subsection (e).

17 (3) Other elective office. If the vacancy is in any  
18 elective municipal office other than mayor or president or  
19 alderperson or trustee, the mayor or president or acting  
20 mayor or acting president, as the case may be, must  
21 appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the  
22 office is filled by election, subject to the advice and  
23 consent of the city council or the board of trustees, as  
24 the case may be.

25 (g) Vacancies in municipal offices with 2-year terms. In  
26 the case of an elective municipal office with a 2-year term, if



1 the vacancy occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at~~  
2 ~~least 130 days before~~ the general municipal election next  
3 scheduled under the general election law, the vacancy shall be  
4 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
5 election. If the vacancy occurs after the period to file  
6 petitions for ~~less than 130 days before~~ the general municipal  
7 election, then:

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

26 (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the

1 office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
2 filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
3 president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
4 subsection (e).

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

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

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

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

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

24 (70 ILCS 1205/2-10a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-10a)

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

5       If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
6 favor of the 7-member board, or if the board adopts a  
7 resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this Section  
8 in order to create a 7-member board, then whichever of the  
9 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be  
10 applied: At the election of commissioners next following by at  
11 least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the proposition to  
12 create a 7-member board was approved at referendum or by  
13 resolution, the number of commissioners to be elected shall be  
14 2 more than the number that would otherwise have been elected.  
15 If this results in the election, pursuant to Section 2-12 of  
16 this Act, of 4 commissioners at that election, one of the 4, to  
17 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
18 serve for a term of 4 years or 2 years as the case may be,  
19 instead of 6 years, so that his term will expire in the same  
20 year in which the term of only one of the incumbent  
21 commissioners expires. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
22 elected for 6-year terms as provided in Section 2-12. If the  
23 creation of a 7-member board results in the election of either  
24 3 or 4 commissioners, pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, at  
25 that election, 2 of them, to be determined by lot within 30  
26 days after the election, shall serve for terms of 2 years

1     instead of 4 years. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
2     elected for 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a of this  
3     Act.

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

1 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of no  
2 incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter, all  
3 commissioners shall be elected for 6-year terms as provided in  
4 Section 2-12; or (ii) if the reduction to a 5-member board  
5 results in the election of one commissioner to a 4-year term,  
6 pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, then at the next  
7 election in which 4 commissioners are scheduled to be elected  
8 to 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a, one of the 4, to  
9 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
10 serve for a term of 2 years, instead of 4 years, so that his or  
11 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of only  
12 one incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter,  
13 all commissioners shall be elected for 4-year terms as  
14 provided in Section 2-12a.

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

16 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

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

23 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
24 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board  
25 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this

1 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,  
2 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first  
3 regular park district election at least 225 ~~197~~ days after the  
4 date on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at  
5 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4  
6 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year  
7 terms to 4-year terms:

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

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

22 (A) if 3 commissioners are elected at the first  
23 regular election, 2 of the commissioners elected shall  
24 serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a 4-year term  
25 to be determined by lot between persons elected within  
26 30 days after the first election; or

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

4 In any district where the board has created 4-year terms  
5 pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by  
6 resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6  
7 years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same  
8 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year  
9 terms. No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners  
10 shall affect any commissioner holding office at the time of  
11 the referendum or to be elected within 225 ~~197~~ days after the  
12 referendum.

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

14 Article 40.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

19 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of  
20 State.

21 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State  
22 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and  
23 jointly adopted rules, shall establish an automatic voter

1 registration program that satisfies the requirements of this  
2 Section and other applicable law.

3 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for  
4 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
5 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
6 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant  
7 presents documentation that establishes that the applicant is  
8 a United States citizen, as described in subsection (g), and  
9 is of age to register to vote or if the information provided to  
10 the Office of the Secretary of State under subsection (c)  
11 indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote  
12 in Illinois and, upon reviewing the documents and information  
13 submitted by the applicant, the Office of the Secretary of  
14 State determines that the name or residence address  
15 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the  
16 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection  
17 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,  
18 then that application, unless the applicant declines in  
19 accordance with subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7 shall serve  
20 as a dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application  
21 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 a driver's license or State identification  
3 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of  
4 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information  
5 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is  
6 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 to change his or her registered residence address or~~  
12 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~  
13 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

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

24           The Office of the Secretary of State shall record the type  
25 of documents presented by the applicant that establishes the  
26 applicant is a United States citizen as described in

1 subsection (g) and shall enter United States citizenship in a  
2 designated field. Based on the entry of United States  
3 citizenship in the designated field, the Office of the  
4 Secretary of State shall initiate a dual-purpose application  
5 through an automated process that is not subject to the  
6 discretion of individual employees of the Office of the  
7 Secretary of State.

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

1 ~~on the voter registration rolls; and (3) if the applicant~~  
2 chooses to register to vote, shall also serve as an  
3 application to register to vote in Illinois. If the applicant  
4 chooses to register to vote, the applicant shall be required  
5 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
6 ~~then require the applicant~~ to attest, by a separate signature  
7 under penalty of perjury, to meeting the qualifications to  
8 register to vote in Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~  
9 residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~ dual-purpose  
10 application.

11 The dual-purpose application shall allow the applicant to  
12 notify the Office of the Secretary of State of the applicant's  
13 preferred language.

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

18 (b-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
19 (b) to provide the written affirmation described in that  
20 subsection, the ~~The~~ Office of the Secretary of State shall  
21 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
22 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;  
23 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
24 voter registration application, including the  
25 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
26 United States citizenship and of the applicant's opportunity

1 not to proceed in order to avoid the penalties; and, (iii) that  
2 the ~~, unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
3 ~~update his or her voter registration, his or her dual purpose~~  
4 application shall also serve as ~~both~~ an application to  
5 register to vote ~~and his or her attestation that he or she~~  
6 ~~meets the eligibility requirements for voter registration, and~~  
7 that the ~~his or her~~ application to register to vote or update  
8 voter ~~his or her~~ registration will be transmitted to the State  
9 Board of Elections for the purpose of registering the person  
10 to vote at the residence address to be indicated on the  
11 applicant's ~~his or her~~ driver's license or identification  
12 card, ~~and (iv) that declining to register to vote is~~  
13 ~~confidential and will not affect any services the person may~~  
14 ~~be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The~~  
15 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
16 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b).

17 (b-15) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
18 (b-5) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
19 the Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and  
20 conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the  
21 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (ii) of the  
22 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter  
23 registration application, including the immigration-related  
24 consequences of incorrectly claiming United States citizenship  
25 and of the applicant's opportunity to withdraw an application  
26 to avoid the penalties; (iii) that the application shall also

1 serve as an application to register to vote and that the  
2 application to register to vote or update voter registration  
3 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
4 purpose of registering the person to vote at the residence  
5 address to be indicated on the applicant's driver's license or  
6 identification card, unless the applicant withdraws the  
7 application or declines to register to vote or update the  
8 applicant's voter registration; and (iv) that declining to  
9 register to vote or withdrawing a voter application is  
10 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
11 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The  
12 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
13 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b-5).

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

1 State whether the applicant is currently registered and, if  
2 registered, at what address.

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

26 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's

1 license or permit or a State identification card issued by the  
2 Office of the Secretary of State that includes the  
3 presentation of documentation that establishes that the  
4 applicant is a United States citizen and is of age to register  
5 to vote or for which the information provided to the Office of  
6 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) indicates that the  
7 applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois,~~that~~  
8 ~~meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; or~~  
9 (ii) a completed application under subsection (b-5) of this  
10 Section with a separate signature attesting the applicant  
11 meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at  
12 his or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
13 application shall constitute a signed application to register  
14 to 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 indicate that the applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the  
20 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the  
21 specified ~~his or her~~ residence address, the application shall  
22 be marked as incomplete.

23 (f) For each completed and signed application that  
24 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or  
25 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence  
26 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall

1 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections  
2 personal information needed to complete the person's  
3 registration to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~  
4 residence address, including the applicant's choice language  
5 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
6 collected by the Office of the Secretary of State during the  
7 permitting, licensing, or identification card transaction. The  
8 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
9 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

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

12 (1) a valid, unexpired United States passport or  
13 passport card or a United States passport or passport card  
14 that has been expired for no more than 2 years;

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

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

21 (4) a Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United  
22 States Department of Homeland Security, Form N-560 or form  
23 N-561. If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is repealed,  
24 abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect,  
25 then the State Board of Elections shall establish criteria  
26 for determining reliable personal information indicating



~~citizenship status and shall adopt rules as necessary for the Secretary of State to continue processing dual purpose applications under this Section.~~

(h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application" means an application, an application for renewal or, a change of address ~~form, or a recertification form~~ for driver's license or permit or a State identification card offered by the Secretary of State, other than an application or form that pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card for an applicant who does not have and is not eligible for, a social security number ~~and does not list a social security number for the applicant~~, that also serves as an application to register to vote in Illinois. "Dual-purpose application" does not mean an application under subsection (c) of Section 6-109 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

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

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

(10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

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

(a) Each designated automatic voter registration agency shall, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly adopted ~~jointly adopted~~ rules with the State Board of Elections, agree

1 to participate in an automatic voter registration program  
2 established by the State Board of Elections that satisfies the  
3 requirements of this Section and other applicable law. If the  
4 designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
5 applications, applications for renewal, change of address  
6 forms, filing, or recertification forms to individuals for  
7 services offered by another agency, then the State Board of  
8 Elections and the designated automatic voter agency shall  
9 consult with the other agency. The State Board of Elections  
10 shall consider the current technological capabilities of the  
11 designated voter registration agency when drafting interagency  
12 contracts and jointly adopted ~~jointly adopted~~ rules. The State  
13 Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter  
14 registration agency shall amend these contracts and rules as  
15 the technological capabilities of the designated voter  
16 registration agencies improve.

17 (b) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when  
18 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
19 ~~that collects or cross references reliable personal~~  
20 ~~information indicating citizenship status may provide that an~~  
21 application or form for a license, permit, program, or service  
22 described in subsection (a) that, as part of the application  
23 or form, the applicant presents documentation that establishes  
24 that the applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
25 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, the application or form  
26 shall serve as a dual-purpose application, unless the

1 applicant declines in accordance with subsection (g) of  
2 Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose application shall:

3 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
4 in Illinois;

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

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

21 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
22 applicant's preferred language ~~unless the applicant~~  
23 ~~declines to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
24 ~~registered residence address or name, require the~~  
25 ~~applicant to attest, by signature under penalty of~~  
26 ~~perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~

1 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
2 ~~on his or her dual-purpose application.~~

3 The agency shall record the type of document presented by  
4 the applicant that establishes that the applicant is a United  
5 States citizen as described in subsection (g) of Section  
6 1A-16.1.

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

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

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

26 (3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to

1 change the applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence  
2 address or name, then require the applicant to attest, by  
3 a separate signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting  
4 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his  
5 or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
6 dual-purpose application; and-

7 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
8 applicant's preferred language.

9 (c-1) If an applicant presents documentation to the  
10 designated automatic voter registration agency that  
11 establishes that the applicant is not a United States citizen  
12 or the applicant attests that the applicant is not a United  
13 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
14 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

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

1 voter registration, and that the application ~~, unless the~~  
2 ~~applicant declines to register to vote or update his or her~~  
3 ~~voter registration, his or her application shall also serve as~~  
4 ~~both an application to register to vote and his or her~~  
5 ~~attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements~~  
6 ~~for voter registration, and that his or her application to~~  
7 ~~register to vote or update his or her registration will be~~  
8 transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of  
9 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be  
10 indicated on the dual-purpose application;7 (iv) that  
11 information identifying the agency at which he or she applied  
12 to register to vote is confidential;7 ~~(v) that declining to~~  
13 ~~register to vote is confidential and will not affect any~~  
14 ~~services the person may be seeking from the agency, and (v)~~  
15 ~~(vi)~~ any additional information needed in order to comply with  
16 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of  
17 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may  
18 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under  
19 subsection (b).

20 (c-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
21 (c) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
22 the designated automatic voter registration agency shall  
23 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
24 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;  
25 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
26 voter registration application, including the

1 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
2 United States citizenship, and of the applicant's opportunity  
3 to withdraw an application to avoid the penalties; (iii) that  
4 the application shall also serve as an application to register  
5 to vote or update the applicant's voter registration and that  
6 the application to register to vote or update voter  
7 registration will be transmitted to the State Board of  
8 Elections for the purpose of registering the person to vote at  
9 the residence address to be indicated on the dual-purpose  
10 application, unless the applicant withdraws the application or  
11 declines to register to vote or update the applicant's voter  
12 registration; (iv) that information identifying the agency at  
13 which the applicant applied to register to vote is  
14 confidential; (v) that withdrawing a voter registration  
15 application or otherwise declining to register to vote is  
16 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
17 be seeking from the agency; and (vi) any additional  
18 information needed in order to comply with Section 7 of the  
19 federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The  
20 designated automatic voter registration agency may provide  
21 additional instructions specific to applicants under  
22 subsection (c).

23 (d) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
24 shall review information provided to the agency by the State  
25 Board of Elections to inform each applicant covered by  
26 subsection (c) whether the applicant is currently registered

1 to vote in Illinois and, if registered, at what address.

2 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
3 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application  
4 to provide duplicate identification or information in order to  
5 complete an application to register to vote or change the  
6 applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence address or name.

7 Before transmitting any personal information about an  
8 applicant to the State Board of Elections, the agency shall  
9 review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents the  
10 applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in  
11 order to complete the dual-purpose application, to confirm  
12 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
13 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
14 Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address. A  
15 completed and signed dual-purpose application, including a  
16 completed application under subsection (c) of this Section  
17 with a separate signature attesting that the applicant meets  
18 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the ~~his~~  
19 ~~or her~~ residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~  
20 application, shall constitute an application to register to  
21 vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
22 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
23 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
24 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the ~~identification~~  
25 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application,  
26 or that the agency cross-references, indicate that the



1 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to  
2 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address,  
3 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the  
4 applicant provides the designated automatic voter registration  
5 agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a  
6 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
7 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual  
8 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, or is a judicial  
9 officer or peace officer who provides the designated automatic  
10 voter registration agency with a work address instead of a  
11 residence address, the applicant shall not be offered voter  
12 registration by the designated automatic voter registration  
13 agency.

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

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

3 (g) As used in this Section:

4 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or  
5 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community  
6 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of  
7 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the  
8 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the  
9 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the  
10 local, tribal, State, or federal government that ~~has been~~  
11 ~~determined by the State Board of Elections to have access~~  
12 ~~to reliable personal information and~~ has entered into an  
13 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to  
14 participate in the automatic voter registration program  
15 under this Section.

16 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an  
17 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a  
18 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or  
19 service offered by a designated automatic voter  
20 registration agency that also serves as an application to  
21 register to vote in Illinois.

22 ~~"Reliable personal information" means information~~  
23 ~~about individuals obtained from government sources that~~  
24 ~~may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to~~  
25 ~~register to vote.~~

26 (h) (Blank). ~~This Section shall be implemented no later~~

1 ~~than July 1, 2019.~~

2 (i) If an agency under this Section receives documentation  
3 that an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
4 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 for more than one person  
5 listed on an application for a license, permit, program, or  
6 service, each person for whom the agency receives the  
7 documentation may be considered an applicant under this  
8 Section and the application may serve as a dual-purpose  
9 application for each person.

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

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.3 new)

15 Sec. 1A-16.3. Language assistance.

16 (a) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
17 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
18 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
19 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
20 federal Voting Rights Act shall display and make plainly  
21 visible signage informing applicants about the type of  
22 language assistance available. The signage shall be in the  
23 covered languages applicable for the political subdivision.

24 (b) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
25 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all

1 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
2 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
3 federal Voting Rights Act shall make available, in the covered  
4 languages, all written materials and verbal communication  
5 regarding voter registration for the purpose of processing the  
6 applicant's dual-purpose application described in Sections  
7 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. Every facility operated by the Driver  
8 Services Department of the Office of the Secretary of State  
9 and all facilities of a designated voter registration agency  
10 shall make available, in the 5 most common non-English  
11 languages in this State, all written materials and verbal  
12 communications regarding voter registration for the purpose of  
13 processing an applicant's dual-purpose application described  
14 in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials shall include  
15 the notices described in subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1  
16 and subsection (e) of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
17 Code, the affirmations described in paragraph (3) of  
18 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of  
19 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2, and the attestations  
20 described in subsection (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph  
21 (3) of subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.2.

22 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsections (a)  
23 and (b), the Driver Services Department of the Office of the  
24 Secretary of State, as part of every transaction described in  
25 subsections (b) and (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 completed through  
26 its website, and each designated automatic voter registration

1 agency, as defined in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.2, as  
2 part of every transaction described in subsections (b) and (c)  
3 of Section 1A-16.2 completed through its website, shall make  
4 available, in the covered languages required in any  
5 jurisdiction in this State by Section 203 of the federal  
6 Voting Rights Act and in the 5 most common non-English  
7 languages in this State, all information and questions  
8 provided to an applicant regarding voter registration for the  
9 purpose of processing the applicant's dual-purpose application  
10 as described in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials  
11 shall include, but not be limited to, the notices described in  
12 subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1 and subsection (e) of  
13 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affirmations  
14 described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
15 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
16 1A-16.2, and the attestations described in subsection (b-5) of  
17 Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section  
18 1A-16.2. The Office of the Secretary of the State shall  
19 determine the 5 most common non-English languages in this  
20 State by referring to the best available data from the United  
21 States Census Bureau or other sources that the Office of the  
22 Secretary of the State considers relevant and reliable.

23 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

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

25 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and

1 maintain a portal for automatic government agency voter  
2 registration that permits an eligible person to electronically  
3 apply to register to vote or to update his or her existing  
4 voter registration as provided in Section 1A-16.1 or Section  
5 1A-16.2. The portal shall interface with the online voter  
6 registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this  
7 Code and shall be capable of receiving and processing voter  
8 registration application information, including electronic  
9 signatures, from the Office of the Secretary of State and each  
10 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined in  
11 Section 1A-16.2. The State Board of Elections may  
12 cross-reference voter registration information from any  
13 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined  
14 under Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, with information contained  
15 in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under  
16 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State  
17 Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration  
18 system as necessary to implement this Section.

19 (b) Voter registration data received from the Office of  
20 the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter  
21 registration agency through the online registration  
22 application system shall be processed as provided in Section  
23 1A-16.5 of this Code.

24 (c) The State Board of Elections shall establish technical  
25 specifications applicable to each automatic government  
26 registration program, including data format and transmission

1 specifications. The Office of the Secretary of State and each  
2 designated automatic voter registration agency shall maintain  
3 a data transfer mechanism capable of transmitting voter  
4 registration application information, including electronic  
5 signatures where available, to the online voter registration  
6 system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this Code.

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

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

26 (e) Whenever an applicant's data is transferred from the

1 Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic  
2 voter registration agency, the agency must transmit a  
3 signature image if available. If no signature image was  
4 provided by the agency and ~~, or if~~ no signature image is  
5 available in the Office of the Secretary of State's database  
6 or the statewide voter registration database, or other  
7 database available to the State Board of Elections, the  
8 applicant must be notified that voter ~~his or her~~ registration  
9 will remain in a pending status until the applicant: ~~, and the~~  
10 ~~applicant will be required to~~

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

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

20 (3) provides a signature in response to the notice  
21 described in subsection (g) or by other paper or  
22 electronic means determined by the State Board of  
23 Elections.

24 (f) Upon receipt of personal information collected and  
25 transferred by the Office of the Secretary of State or a  
26 designated automatic voter registration agency, the State



1 Board of Elections shall check the information against the  
2 statewide voter registration database. The State Board of  
3 Elections shall create and electronically transmit to the  
4 appropriate election authority a voter registration  
5 application for any individual who is not registered to vote  
6 in Illinois and is not disqualified as provided in this  
7 Section or whose information reliably indicates a more recent  
8 update to the name or address of a person already included in  
9 the statewide voter database. The election authority shall  
10 process the application accordingly. If the individual  
11 provides the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
12 automatic voter registration agency with an address designated  
13 by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under  
14 Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
15 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
16 Stalking Act or if the State Board of Elections otherwise  
17 determines that the individual is a program participant under  
18 Section 10 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
19 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
20 Stalking Act, the State Board of Elections shall not create or  
21 electronically transmit to an election authority a voter  
22 registration the application for the individual. The State  
23 Board of Elections may provide alternative voter registration  
24 procedures for the individuals described in this subsection.

25 (g) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
26 any applicant about whom it receives information from the

1 State Board of Elections under subsection (f) ~~who is~~  
2 ~~registered to vote or whose existing voter registration is~~  
3 ~~updated under this Section~~ is promptly sent written notice of  
4 the change. The notice required by this subsection (g) may be  
5 sent or combined with other notices required or permitted by  
6 law, including, but not limited to, any notices sent pursuant  
7 to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any notice required by this  
8 subsection (g) shall contain, at a minimum: (i) the  
9 applicant's name and residential address as reflected on the  
10 voter registration list; (ii) ~~a statement notifying the~~  
11 ~~applicant to contact the appropriate election authority if his~~  
12 ~~or her voter registration has been updated in error;~~ (iii) the  
13 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; ~~(iv) a~~  
14 ~~statement notifying the applicant that he or she may opt out of~~  
15 ~~voter registration or request a change to his or her~~  
16 ~~registration information at any time by contacting an election~~  
17 ~~official;~~ and (iii) ~~(v)~~ contact information for the  
18 appropriate election authority, including a phone number,  
19 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

20 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
21 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is not currently  
22 registered to vote in Illinois, the notice shall be sent  
23 within 5 business days after the transmission of the voter  
24 registration application to the election authority and shall  
25 contain:

26 (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit

1       to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
2       Facility, or designated automatic voter registration  
3       agency] we started an automatic voter registration process  
4       for you. You will be registered to vote unless you  
5       complete, sign, and return this card by [deadline date].";

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

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

12       For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
13       or subsections (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently  
14       registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains  
15       a change in the applicant's registered residence address or  
16       name, the notice shall be sent within 5 business days after the  
17       transmission of the voter registration application to the  
18       election authority and shall 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 update to your voter registration.  
23       Your voter registration will be updated 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           Any notice required by this subsection shall, at a  
6           minimum, be provided in languages for which there is coverage  
7           for the jurisdiction of the election authority under Section  
8           203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as identified by the  
9           United States Census Bureau in the Federal Register. Any  
10          notice required by this subsection must also comply with all  
11          applicable, federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and  
12          ordinances that relate to providing language access to  
13          individuals with limited English proficiency. If the State  
14          Board of Elections has received language preference  
15          information regarding the applicant and has transmitted that  
16          information to the appropriate election authority, the  
17          appropriate election authority shall take all practicable  
18          measures to send the notice to the applicant in the  
19          applicant's preferred language.

20          (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
21          1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
22          notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered  
23          within 23 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant  
24          shall not be registered to vote and the applicant shall be  
25          deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If an  
26          applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or

1 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the notice described  
2 in subsection (g) declining or correcting the update within 23  
3 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant's update  
4 shall be declined or corrected in the statewide voter  
5 registration database. If an applicant returns the notice  
6 described in subsection (g) but does not do so within 23 days  
7 after the mailing of the notice, then the applicant shall be  
8 registered to vote under the name and address contained in the  
9 dual-purpose application. If an applicant returns the notice  
10 described in subsection (g) declining to be registered or  
11 declining or correcting the update more than 23 days after the  
12 mailing of the notice, then the notice shall be processed as a  
13 request to cancel or update the applicant's registration.  
14 During the 23-day period specified in this subsection, an  
15 applicant's voter registration or updated voter registration  
16 shall be in a pending status.

17 (g-6) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
18 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
19 notice indicating a language preference, the language  
20 preference shall be retained as part of the person's  
21 registration information.

22 (h) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
23 any applicant whose voter registration application is not  
24 accepted or deemed incomplete is promptly sent written notice  
25 of the application's status. The notice required by this  
26 subsection may be sent or combined with other notices required

1 or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any  
2 notices sent pursuant to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any  
3 notice required by this subsection (h) shall contain, at a  
4 minimum, the reason the application was not accepted or deemed  
5 incomplete and contact information for the appropriate  
6 election authority, including a phone number, address,  
7 electronic mail address, and website address.

8 (i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
9 automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or  
10 if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter  
11 registration application, for a person who does not qualify as  
12 an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed  
13 voter registration form, and the person shall not be  
14 considered to have registered to vote.

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

1           (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the  
2 Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter  
3 registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to  
4 protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is  
5 acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including  
6 policies for the retention and preservation of voter  
7 information. Information designated as confidential under this  
8 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of  
9 Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary  
10 of State, and designated automatic voter registration  
11 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration  
12 purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the  
13 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and  
14 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The  
15 following information shall be designated as confidential:

16           (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security  
17 number;

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

20           (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter  
21 registration;

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

24           (5) the personal residence and contact information of  
25 any applicant for whom notice has been given by an  
26 appropriate legal authority; and.

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

7           This subsection (k) shall not apply to information the  
8           State Board of Elections is required to share with the  
9           Electronic Registration Information Center.

10          (1) The voter registration procedures implemented under  
11          this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter  
12          Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically  
13          require that the State Board of Elections track registration  
14          data received through the online registration system that  
15          originated from a designated automatic voter registration  
16          agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

17          Nothing in this Code shall require designated voter  
18          registration agencies to transmit information that is  
19          confidential client information under State or federal law  
20          without the consent of the applicant.

21          (m) The State Board of Elections, each election authority  
22          that maintains a website, the Office of the Secretary of  
23          State, and each designated automatic voter registration agency  
24          that maintains a website shall provide information on their  
25          websites informing the public about the new registration  
26          procedures described in this Section. The Office of the



1 Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter  
2 registration agency shall display signage or provide  
3 literature for the public containing information about the new  
4 registration procedures described in this Section.

5 (n) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, the State Board  
7 of Elections shall hold at least one public hearing on  
8 implementing this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly  
9 at which the public may provide input.

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

1 (p) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with  
2 election authorities, the Office of the Secretary of State,  
3 designated automatic voter registration agencies, and  
4 community organizations, shall adopt rules as necessary to  
5 implement the provisions of this Section.

6 (q) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
7 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
8 later than January 1, 2028.

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

10 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

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

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

22 (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,  
23 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided  
24 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration  
25 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide

1 voter registration database against databases of relevant  
2 personal information kept by designated automatic voter  
3 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's  
4 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6  
5 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with  
6 election authorities.

7 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections  
8 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as  
9 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a  
10 determination by the State Board of Elections of full  
11 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,  
12 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full  
13 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)  
14 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of  
15 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative  
16 Reference Bureau.

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

26 (c) An election authority shall automatically register any

1 voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from another  
2 jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction  
3 provided that:

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

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

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

1 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be  
2 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that  
3 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day  
4 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm  
5 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements  
6 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a  
7 provisional ballot.

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

26 This subsection shall be implemented no later than January

1 1, 2028.

2 (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an  
3 error relating to an update of registration under this  
4 Section.

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

6 Section 40-10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
7 changing Section 2-105 as follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

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

10 (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the  
11 State capital and in such other places in the State as he may  
12 deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties  
13 vested in him.

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

1 that the State be vested with absolute fee title to the  
2 premises. The exercise of the authority vested in the  
3 Secretary of State by this Section is subject to the  
4 appropriation of the necessary funds.

5 (c) Pursuant to Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.7, and 1A-25 of  
6 the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall make driver  
7 services facilities available for use as places of accepting  
8 applications for voter registration.

9 (d) (Blank).

10 (e) Each applicant ~~person~~ applying at a driver services  
11 facility for a driver's license or permit, a corrected  
12 driver's license or permit, an Illinois Identification Card  
13 ~~identification card~~ or a corrected Illinois Identification  
14 Card who has presented documentation establishing United  
15 States citizenship as set forth in subsection (g) of Section  
16 1A-16.1 of the Election Code ~~identification card~~ shall be  
17 notified, under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1  
18 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code, that the applicant's ~~unless~~  
19 ~~he or she affirmatively declines, his or her~~ personal  
20 information shall be transferred to the State Board of  
21 Elections for the purpose of creating an electronic voter  
22 registration application. Each applicant applying at a driver  
23 services facility for a driver's license or permit, a  
24 corrected driver's license or permit or a State identification  
25 card or a corrected Illinois Identification Card who presented  
26 documentation that neither establishes that the applicant is a

1 United States citizen nor establishes that the applicant is  
2 not a United States citizen, but who affirmatively indicated  
3 they wished to apply to register to vote and attested, in  
4 writing, to United States citizenship, shall be notified,  
5 under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.7  
6 of the Election Code that the applicant's personal information  
7 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
8 purpose of creating an electronic voter registration  
9 application. Such notification may be made in writing or  
10 verbally issued by an employee or the Secretary of State.

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

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



1 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity  
2 theft.

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

6 (h) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
7 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
8 later than January 1, 2028.

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

10 Article 45.

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

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

15 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

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

21 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.88 new)

1       Sec. 34-18.88. High school voter registration. Beginning  
2       with the 2026-2027 school year, the school district shall  
3       provide all eligible students graduating from high school with  
4       the opportunity to register to vote.

5                               Article 50.

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

8               (5 ILCS 430/5-5)

9       Sec. 5-5. Personnel policies.

10       (a) Each of the following shall adopt and implement  
11       personnel policies for all State employees under his, her, or  
12       its jurisdiction and control: (i) each executive branch  
13       constitutional officer, (ii) each legislative leader, (iii)  
14       the Senate Operations Commission, with respect to legislative  
15       employees under Section 4 of the General Assembly Operations  
16       Act, (iv) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with  
17       respect to legislative employees under Section 5 of the  
18       General Assembly Operations Act, (v) the Joint Committee on  
19       Legislative Support Services, with respect to State employees  
20       of the legislative support services agencies, (vi) members of  
21       the General Assembly, with respect to legislative assistants,  
22       as provided in Section 4 of the General Assembly Compensation  
23       Act, (vii) the Auditor General, (viii) the Board of Higher

1 Education, with respect to State employees of public  
2 institutions of higher learning except community colleges, and  
3 (ix) the Illinois Community College Board, with respect to  
4 State employees of community colleges. The Governor shall  
5 adopt and implement those policies for all State employees of  
6 the executive branch not under the jurisdiction and control of  
7 any other executive branch constitutional officer.

8 (b) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
9 filed with the appropriate ethics commission established under  
10 this Act or, for the Auditor General, with the Office of the  
11 Auditor General.

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

1 Whistleblower Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv)  
2 the consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
3 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
4 report. The policies shall comply with and be consistent with  
5 all other applicable laws. The policies shall require State  
6 employees to periodically submit time sheets documenting the  
7 time spent each day on official State business to the nearest  
8 quarter hour; contractual State employees may satisfy the time  
9 sheets requirement by complying with the terms of their  
10 contract, which shall provide for a means of compliance with  
11 this requirement. In addition, State employees of public  
12 institutions of higher education classified as faculty  
13 (including tenure system and nontenure system), and those not  
14 eligible for overtime pay as defined by the Fair Labor  
15 Standards Act, may satisfy the time sheets requirement by  
16 complying with the terms of their contract or employment  
17 agreement with the public institution of higher education,  
18 which shall provide for a means of compliance with this  
19 requirement. The policies for State employees shall require  
20 those time sheets to be submitted on paper, electronically, or  
21 both and to be maintained in either paper or electronic format  
22 by the applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2  
23 years.

24 (d) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
25 adopted by the applicable entity before February 1, 2004 and  
26 shall apply to State employees beginning 30 days after

1 adoption.

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

3 (5 ILCS 430/70-5)

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

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

1 whistleblower protections under this Act, the Whistleblower  
2 Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv) the  
3 consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
4 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
5 report. Within 6 months after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, each  
7 governmental unit that is not subject to the jurisdiction of a  
8 State or local Inspector General shall adopt an ordinance or  
9 resolution amending its sexual harassment policy to provide  
10 for a mechanism for reporting and independent review of  
11 allegations of sexual harassment made against an elected  
12 official of the governmental unit by another elected official  
13 of a governmental unit.

14 (b) Within 3 months after the effective date of this  
15 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Attorney  
16 General shall develop model ordinances and resolutions for the  
17 purpose of this Article. The Attorney General shall advise  
18 governmental entities on their contents and adoption.

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

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

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

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

3       (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

4       Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization,  
5       the county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July  
6       in each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
7       capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
8       Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
9       machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
10      are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
11      to which the board considers such action necessary or  
12      desirable in view of the number of voters, and shall for  
13      general elections for any precinct containing more than 600  
14      registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of  
15      election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges  
16      of election shall preside over the election during the hours  
17      the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the assistance  
18      of the holdover judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2,  
19      shall count the vote after the closing of the polls. However,  
20      the County Board of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of  
21      election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
22      required by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency  
23      referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any  
24      special primary or special election called for the purpose of

1 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the  
2 United States Congress or to nominate candidates for such  
3 purpose or (2) if the county board passes an ordinance to  
4 reduce the number of judges of election to 3 for primary  
5 elections. In a county with a population of less than 100,000  
6 persons as of the last federal decennial census, an election  
7 authority may also reduce the number of judges of election in  
8 each precinct to 3 judges of election in lieu of the 5 judges  
9 of election otherwise required by this Section. The tally  
10 judges 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 judges of  
13 election.

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

25 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
26 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3



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

1 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit  
2 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each  
3 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit  
4 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each  
5 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county  
6 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each  
7 county chair the names of all persons submitted on such  
8 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
9 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,  
10 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for  
11 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners  
12 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
13 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The  
14 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their  
15 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in  
16 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of  
17 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge  
18 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

21 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the  
22 county board shall at its meeting in July in each  
23 even-numbered year except in counties containing a population  
24 of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges  
25 are appointed by election commissioners, select in each

1 election precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet  
2 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the  
3 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. Where  
4 neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric  
5 voting systems are used, the county board may, for any  
6 precinct with respect to which the board considers such action  
7 necessary or desirable in view of the number of voters, and  
8 shall for general elections for any precinct containing more  
9 than 600 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5  
10 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts  
11 the judges of election shall preside over the election during  
12 the hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the  
13 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to  
14 Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the  
15 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications  
16 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same  
17 division between political parties as is provided for judges  
18 of election.

19 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election  
20 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required  
21 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in  
22 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or  
23 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy  
24 in the office of representative in the United States Congress  
25 or to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county  
26 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of

1 election to 3 for primary elections. In a county with a  
2 population of less than 100,000 persons as of the last federal  
3 decennial census, an election authority may also reduce the  
4 number of judges of election in each precinct to 3 judges of  
5 election in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
6 required by this Section.

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

18 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be  
19 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided  
20 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the  
21 various election precincts shall be made in the following  
22 manner: The county board shall select and approve 3 of the  
23 election judges in each precinct from a certified list  
24 furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee of the  
25 first leading political party in such election precinct and  
26 shall also select and approve 2 judges of election in each

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

1 annual meeting of the county board. The county board shall  
2 acknowledge in writing to each county chair the names of all  
3 persons submitted on such certified list and the total number  
4 of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or the list  
5 is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient number of  
6 names are furnished for certain election precincts), the  
7 county board shall make or complete such list from the names  
8 contained in the supplemental list provided for in Section  
9 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in any case where a township  
10 has been or shall be redistricted, in whole or in part,  
11 subsequent to one general election for Governor, and prior to  
12 the next, the judges of election to be selected for all new or  
13 altered precincts shall be selected in that one of the methods  
14 above detailed, which shall be applicable according to the  
15 facts and circumstances of the particular case, but the  
16 majority of such judges for each such precinct shall be  
17 selected from the first leading political party, and the  
18 minority judges from the second leading political party.  
19 Provided, further, that in counties having a population of  
20 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the selection of judges of  
21 election shall be made in the same manner in all respects as in  
22 other counties, except that the provisions relating to tally  
23 judges are inapplicable to such counties and except that the  
24 county board shall meet during the month of January for the  
25 purpose of making such selection, each township  
26 committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities given to the

1 chair of the county central committee in this Section for the  
2 precincts within his or her township, and the township  
3 committeeperson shall notify the county board by the preceding  
4 October 1 whether or not the certified list will be filed. Such  
5 judges of election shall hold their office for 2 years from  
6 their appointment and until their successors are duly  
7 appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county board  
8 shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of elections  
9 at any time in the manner herein provided.

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

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

14 Sec. 19-2. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
15 elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or  
16 electronically on the website of the appropriate election  
17 authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior to the  
18 date of such election, or by personal delivery not more than 90  
19 nor less than one day prior to the date of such election, make  
20 application to the county clerk or to the Board of Election  
21 Commissioners for an official ballot for the voter's precinct  
22 to be voted at such election. Such a ballot shall be delivered  
23 to the elector only upon separate application by the elector  
24 for each election. Voters who make an application for  
25 permanent vote by mail ballot status shall follow the

1 procedures specified in Section 19-3 and may apply year round.  
2 A voter ~~Voters~~ whose application for permanent vote by mail  
3 status is accepted by the election authority shall remain on  
4 the permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to be  
5 removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter provides  
6 notice to the election authority of a change in registration  
7 that affects the voter's ~~their~~ registration status, or the  
8 election authority receives confirmation that the voter has  
9 subsequently registered to vote in another election authority  
10 jurisdiction. Each election authority shall establish a  
11 website for eligible voters to request a vote by mail ballot by  
12 electronic form and the ~~The~~ URL address at which voters may  
13 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no  
14 later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be  
15 changed until after the election.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;  
17 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; revised  
18 6-24-25.)

19 Article 55.

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

22 (70 ILCS 2605/4) (from Ch. 42, par. 323)

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



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

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

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

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

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

20      The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
21      board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
22      intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
23      services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
24      officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
25      the direct supervision of the executive director.

26      The director of human resources must be qualified under

1 Section 4.2a of this Act.

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

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

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

18 The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
19 director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the  
20 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

21 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
22 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
23 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
24 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
25 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
26 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative

1 services officer, and acting director of information  
2 technology hold their offices at the pleasure of the executive  
3 director.

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

16 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
17 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
18 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
19 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers  
20 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
21 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

22 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
23 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
24 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
25 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
26 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority

1 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

2 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
3 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
4 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
5 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
6 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications  
7 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
8 intergovernmental agreement.

9 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
10 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
11 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint  
12 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
13 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

14 Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
15 president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
16 the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
17 the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
18 \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
19 January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary  
20 of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
21 to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
22 in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
23 salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
24 \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
25 \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
26 \$55,000 in January, 2001.

1       The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
2 shall be as follows:

3           For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
4       \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
5       \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
6       \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

7           For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
8       \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
9       \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

10          For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
11 annum.

12          For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
13       \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,  
14       \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
15 last two years;

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

19          For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
20 1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

21          For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
22 \$50,000.

23       Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the  
24 board, prior to January 1, 2007 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
25 increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
26 amount for each of the following: the president, the

1 vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
2 the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
3 shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
4 members of the board commence after the increase in  
5 compensation is adopted by the board.

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

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

23 The board of commissioners has full power to pass all  
24 necessary ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions and  
25 regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
26 business of the board of commissioners and the corporation and

1 for carrying into effect the object for which the sanitary  
2 district is formed. All ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions  
3 and regulations passed by the board of commissioners must,  
4 before they take effect, be approved by the president of the  
5 board of commissioners. If he approves thereof, he shall sign  
6 them, and such as he does not approve he shall return to the  
7 board of commissioners with his objections in writing at the  
8 next regular meeting of the board of commissioners occurring  
9 after the passage thereof. Such veto may extend to any one or  
10 more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance making  
11 an appropriation, or to the entire ordinance. If the veto  
12 extends to a part of such ordinance, the residue takes effect.  
13 If the president of such board of commissioners fails to  
14 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
15 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
16 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
17 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
18 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
19 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if  
20 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
21 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
22 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

23 It is the policy of this State that all powers granted,  
24 either expressly or by necessary implication, by this Act or  
25 any other Illinois statute to the District may be exercised by  
26 the District notwithstanding effects on competition. It is the



1 intention of the General Assembly that the "State action  
2 exemption" to the application of federal antitrust statutes be  
3 fully available to the District to the extent its activities  
4 are authorized by law as stated herein.

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

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

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

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

3           The executive director must be a resident of the sanitary  
4 district and a citizen of the United States. He must be  
5 selected solely upon his administrative and technical  
6 qualifications and without regard to his political  
7 affiliations.

8           In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
9 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of the  
10 executive director, or treasurer, the board of commissioners  
11 may appoint an acting officer from outside its own number, to  
12 perform the duties and responsibilities of the office during  
13 the term of the absence or vacancy.

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

1       The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
2 board of commissioners, may appoint a deputy executive  
3 director. The deputy executive director must be selected  
4 solely upon administrative and technical qualifications and  
5 without regard to political affiliations and shall serve under  
6 the direct supervision of the executive director.

7       The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
8 board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
9 intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
10 services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
11 officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
12 the direct supervision of the executive director.

13       The director of human resources must be qualified under  
14 Section 4.2a of this Act.

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

17       In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death,  
18 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of director of  
19 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
20 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
21 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
22 research, public and intergovernmental affairs officer,  
23 administrative services officer, or director of information  
24 technology, the executive director shall appoint an acting  
25 officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
26 office during the term of the absence or vacancy. Any such

1 officers appointed in an acting capacity are under the direct  
2 supervision of the executive director.

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

5 The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
6 director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the  
7 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

8 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
9 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
10 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
11 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
12 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
13 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative  
14 services officer, acting director of information technology,  
15 and deputy executive director hold their offices at the  
16 pleasure of the executive director.

17 The director of engineering, director of maintenance and  
18 operations, director of human resources, director of  
19 procurement and materials management, clerk, general counsel,  
20 director of monitoring and research, public and  
21 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
22 officer, and director of information technology may be removed  
23 from office for cause by the executive director. Prior to  
24 removal, such officers are entitled to a public hearing before  
25 the executive director at which hearing they may be  
26 represented by counsel. Before the hearing, the executive

1 director shall notify the board of commissioners of the date,  
2 time, place and nature of the hearing.

3 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
4 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
5 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
6 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers  
7 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
8 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

9 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
10 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
11 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
12 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
13 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority  
14 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

15 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
16 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
17 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
18 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
19 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications  
20 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
21 intergovernmental agreement.

22 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
23 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
24 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint  
25 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
26 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

1       Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
2       president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
3       the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
4       the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
5       \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
6       January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary  
7       of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
8       to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
9       in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
10      salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
11      \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
12      \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
13      \$55,000 in January, 2001.

14      The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
15      shall be as follows:

16           For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
17           \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
18           \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
19           \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

20           For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
21           \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
22           \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

23           For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
24           annum.

25           For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
26           \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,

1       \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
2       last two years;

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

6       For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
7       1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

8       For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
9       \$50,000.

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

19       Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the  
20       board, prior to May 1, 2026 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
21       increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
22       amount for each of the following: the president, the  
23       vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
24       the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
25       shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
26       officers or members of the board commence after the increase

1 in compensation is adopted by the board.

2 After 2030, the annual rate of compensation shall equal  
3 the previous year increased by a percentage equal to the  
4 percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for  
5 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United  
6 States Department of Labor for the previous year. The  
7 increased annual rate of compensation that begins after 2030  
8 shall apply to all officers and members whose terms as  
9 officers or members of the board commence after the increase.

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



1 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
2 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
3 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
4 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
5 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
6 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if  
7 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
8 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
9 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

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

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

19 Article 60.

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

22 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

23 Sec. 24B-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;

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

1 during the canvass of votes between the certificate of results  
2 and the set of totals which has been affixed to the certificate  
3 of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be retabulated  
4 to correct the return. As an additional part of this check  
5 prior to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where  
6 in-precinct counting equipment is used, the election authority  
7 shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the  
8 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of  
9 the voting devices used in early voting and at vote centers.  
10 The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated shall  
11 be selected after election day on a random basis by the State  
12 Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the election  
13 jurisdiction and every voting device used in early voting or  
14 at a vote center 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 which are to be retabulated. 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 retabulation shall consist of counting the ballots which  
22 were originally counted and shall not involve any  
23 determination of which ballots were, in fact, properly  
24 counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for the  
25 retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody and  
26 control of the election authority and shall be transported and

1     retabulated by the designated staff of the election authority.

2           As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall  
3     test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the  
4     selected early voting devices. The test shall be conducted by  
5     processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a  
6     predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on  
7     each public question, and shall include for each office one or  
8     more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed  
9     by law to test the ability of the equipment and the marking  
10    device to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the  
11    cause shall be determined and corrected, and an errorless  
12    count shall be made prior to the official canvass and  
13    proclamation of election results.

14           The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
15    other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
16    of each established political party and qualified civic  
17    organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time  
18    and place of the retabulation and may be represented at the  
19    retabulation.

20           The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the  
21    same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
22    discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.  
23    Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority  
24    shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation  
25    with the original precinct return printed by the automatic  
26    tabulating equipment. The comparison shall be done for each

1 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing  
2 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that  
3 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the  
4 public. Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall  
5 be open to the public.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

8 Sec. 24C-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;  
9 audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording  
10 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include  
11 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate  
12 and public question and shall constitute the official return  
13 of each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the  
14 election authority shall provide the number of applications  
15 for ballots in each precinct, the total number of ballots and  
16 vote by mail ballots counted in each precinct for each  
17 political subdivision and district and the number of  
18 registered voters in each precinct. However, the election  
19 authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct return  
20 and, if there is an obvious discrepancy regarding the total  
21 number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the ballots  
22 for that precinct audited to correct the return. The  
23 procedures for this audit shall apply prior to and after the  
24 proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation of  
25 results, the election authority must obtain a court order to

1 unseal voted ballots or voting devices except for election  
2 contests and discovery recounts. The certificate of results,  
3 which has been prepared and signed by the judges of election  
4 after the ballots have been tabulated, shall be the document  
5 used for the canvass of votes for such precinct. Whenever a  
6 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the  
7 unofficial results and the certificate of results, or whenever  
8 a discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the  
9 certificate of results and the set of totals reflected on the  
10 certificate of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be  
11 audited to correct the return.

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

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

25      The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
26      other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair

1 of each established political party and qualified civic  
2 organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time  
3 and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

4 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in  
5 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
6 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.  
7 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

8 Article 65.

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

12 (5 ILCS 120/2.07)

13 Sec. 2.07. Meetings on election days; prohibited.

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

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



1 Constitution.

2 (Source: 10400SB0243enr.)

3 Article 99.

4 Section 99-95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act  
5 makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by  
6 text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a  
7 Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that  
8 text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the  
9 changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any  
10 other Public Act.

11 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.".