

**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY****State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****HB4093**

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Daniel Didech

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

5 ILCS 140/7.5

10 ILCS 5/7-10

from Ch. 46, par. 7-10

10 ILCS 5/7-10.04 new

10 ILCS 5/10-10.5

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a candidate may apply for a Residency Verification Certificate from the appropriate election authority no earlier than 180 days before the last day for filing petitions. Provides that a candidate who has received a Residency Verification Certificate may, wherever required to list a residential address, state "Residency Verified" and include a copy of the certificate. Sets forth requirements for application and certification. Makes conforming changes. Amends the Freedom of Information Act to make a conforming change.

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1           AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4           Section 5. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
5           changing Section 7.5 as follows:

6           (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

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

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

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

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

22           (d) Information and records held by the Department of  
23           Public Health and its authorized representatives relating

1 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted  
2 infection or any information the disclosure of which is  
3 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted  
4 Infection Control Act.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution  
24 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers  
25 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

26 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information

1       or driver identification information compiled by a law  
2       enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation  
3       under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

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

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

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

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

22               (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
23       investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
24       information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
25       Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and  
26       2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the

1       Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional  
2       Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the  
3       Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair  
4       County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
5       Act (repealed).

6               (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
7       Personnel Record Review Act.

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

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

12               (t) (Blank).

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

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

26               (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification

1 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under  
2 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement  
26 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent

authorized under that Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under

1 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois  
2 Public Aid Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section  
18 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil  
19 Administrative Code of Illinois.

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

24 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
25 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic  
26 Violence Fatality Review Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the

1                   Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

2                   (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section  
3                   20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

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

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

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

11                   (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
12                   40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

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

16                   (uuu) Applications and documentation submitted to an  
17                   election authority under Section 7-10.05 of the Election  
18                   Code.

19                   (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;  
20                   102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21; 102-559, eff.  
21                   8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff. 7-1-22;  
22                   102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23; 103-8, eff.  
23                   6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23; 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372,  
24                   eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff. 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23;  
25                   103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff.  
26                   7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24; 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786,

1       eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff. 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24;  
2       103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081, eff. 3-21-25.)

3           Section 10. The Election Code is amended by changing  
4       Sections 7-10, 10-5, 10-10.5 and by adding Section 7-10.04 as  
5       follows:

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

7           Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
8       candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or  
9       township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward  
10      committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate  
11      delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed  
12      upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has  
13      been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in  
14      substantially the following form:

15           We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the  
16      .... party and qualified primary electors of the .... party,  
17      in the .... of ...., in the county of .... and State of  
18      Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person  
19      or persons shall be a candidate or candidates of the .... party  
20      for the nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for  
21      election to) the office or offices hereinafter specified, to  
22      be voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert  
23      date).

|   |              |                     |                            |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Name         | Office              | Address <u>or</u>          |
|   |              |                     | <u>Verification</u>        |
| 2 | John Jones   | Governor            | Belvidere, Ill. <u>(or</u> |
|   |              |                     | <u>Residency Verified)</u> |
| 3 | Jane James   | Lieutenant Governor | Peoria, Ill. <u>(or</u>    |
|   |              |                     | <u>Residency Verified)</u> |
| 4 | Thomas Smith | Attorney General    |                            |

5 Name..... Address.....

6 State of Illinois)

7 ) ss.

8 County of.....)

9 I, ...., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....  
10 street, in the .... of ...., county of ...., and State of ....  
11 (or my residency in (district) has been verified by the  
12 appropriate election authority), that I am 18 years of age or  
13 older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the  
14 signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, and are  
15 genuine, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the  
16 persons so signing were at the time of signing the petitions  
17 qualified voters of the .... party, and that their respective  
18 residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

19 .....

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

21 .....

1        Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
2 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
3 and shall contain above the space for signatures an  
4 appropriate heading giving the information as to name of  
5 candidate or candidates, in whose behalf such petition is  
6 signed; the office, the political party represented and place  
7 of residence; and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

8        Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary  
9 electors residing in the political division for which the  
10 nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and  
11 opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address  
12 shall be written or printed. The residence address required to  
13 be written or printed opposite each qualified primary  
14 elector's name shall include the street address or rural route  
15 number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the  
16 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.  
17 However, the county or city, village or town, and state of  
18 residence of the electors may be printed on the petition forms  
19 where all of the electors signing the petition reside in the  
20 same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard  
21 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,  
22 including street number, if any. At the bottom of each sheet of  
23 such petition shall be added a circulator statement signed by  
24 a person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the  
25 United States, stating the street address or rural route

1 number, as the case may be, as well as the county, city,  
2 village or town, and state; and certifying that the signatures  
3 on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or her  
4 presence and certifying that the signatures are genuine; and  
5 either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was  
6 circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on  
7 which the sheet was circulated, or (3) for elections where the  
8 petition circulation period is 90 days, certifying that none  
9 of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days  
10 preceding the last day for the filing of the petition, or (4)  
11 for the 2022 general primary election only, certify that the  
12 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of  
13 January 13, 2022 through March 14, 2022 or certify that the  
14 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of  
15 January 13, 2022 through the date on which this statement was  
16 sworn or affirmed to and certifying that to the best of his or  
17 her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the  
18 time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the  
19 political party for which a nomination is sought. Such  
20 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to  
21 administer oaths in this State.

22 Except as otherwise provided in this Code, no petition  
23 sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last  
24 day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing of such petition.

25 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
26 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any

1       signature from the petition, provided that:

2               (1) the person striking the signature shall initial  
3               the petition at the place where the signature is struck;  
4               and

5               (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
6               certification listing the page number and line number of  
7               each signature struck from the petition. Such  
8               certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

9       Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
10      together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
11      fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
12      manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
13      The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
14      to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition  
15      sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
16      officials, election authorities or the State Board of  
17      Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed  
18      by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not  
19      photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must  
20      include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of  
21      the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is  
22      filed. This statement shall set out the address of such  
23      candidate (or that the candidate's district residency has been  
24      verified by the appropriate election authority), the office  
25      for which he is a candidate, shall state that the candidate is  
26      a qualified primary voter of the party to which the petition

1 relates and is qualified for the office specified (in the case  
2 of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state that the  
3 candidate is at the time of filing such statement a licensed  
4 attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he has filed  
5 (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a  
6 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
7 Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's  
8 name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall be  
9 subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some officer  
10 authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State and  
11 shall be in substantially the following form:

### Statement of Candidacy

| 13 | Name | Address | Office | District | Party |
|----|------|---------|--------|----------|-------|
|----|------|---------|--------|----------|-------|

or

## Verification

16 John Jones 102 Main St. Governor Statewide Republican  
17 Belvidere,

18

19 Illinois (O

20 Residency

22 *State-of-the-art* Elliptic Curves

23 ) 88

24 County of .....)

25 I, . . . . . being first duly sworn, say that I reside at . . . . .

Street in the city (or village) of ...., in the county of ...., State of Illinois (or my residency in (district) has been verified by the appropriate election authority); that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a candidate for nomination (for election in the case of committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates) such office.

Signed .....

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by . . . .  
who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

Signed .....

(Official Character)

(Seal, if officer has one.)

24 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
25 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation

1 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
2 authority or local election official with whom the petition is  
3 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
4 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
5 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction  
6 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

7 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
8 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
9 his or her petition for nomination.

10 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
11 convention. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a  
12 candidate seeks to run for statewide office or as a delegate or  
13 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention elected  
14 from the State at-large, then the candidate's petition for  
15 nomination must contain at least 5,000 but not more than  
16 10,000 signatures.

17 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
18 national nominating convention. Except as otherwise provided  
19 in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for United States  
20 Congress or as a congressional delegate or alternate  
21 congressional delegate to a national nominating convention  
22 elected from a congressional district, then the candidate's  
23 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
24 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
25 his or her party in his or her congressional district. In the  
26 first primary election following a redistricting of

1 congressional districts, a candidate's petition for nomination  
2 must contain at least 600 signatures of qualified primary  
3 electors of the candidate's political party in his or her  
4 congressional district.

5 (c) County office. Except as otherwise provided in this  
6 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for any countywide office,  
7 including, but not limited to, county board chairperson or  
8 county board member, elected on an at-large basis, in a county  
9 other than Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
10 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
11 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who  
12 cast votes at the last preceding general election in his or her  
13 county. If a candidate seeks to run for county board member  
14 elected from a county board district, then the candidate's  
15 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
16 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
17 his or her party in the county board district. In the first  
18 primary election following a redistricting of county board  
19 districts or the initial establishment of county board  
20 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
21 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
22 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who  
23 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by  
24 the total number of county board districts comprising the  
25 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of  
26 signatures be less than 25.

(d) County office; Cook County only.

(1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election in Cook County.

(2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in his or her county board district. In the first primary election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by the total number of county board districts comprising the county board; provided that in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the

1 total number of registered voters in his or her board of  
2 review district in the last general election at which a  
3 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
4 that board of review district. In no event shall the  
5 number of signatures required be greater than the  
6 requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide  
7 office in Cook County under subsection (d)(1) of this  
8 Section. In the first primary election following a  
9 redistricting of Cook County Board of Review districts, a  
10 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least  
11 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures  
12 required for a countywide candidate in Cook County,  
13 whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her  
14 party in the district.

15 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
16 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
17 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
18 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
19 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a  
20 candidate seeks to run for alderperson of a municipality, then  
21 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least  
22 the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified  
23 primary electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first  
24 primary election following redistricting of wards or trustee  
25 districts of a municipality or the initial establishment of  
26 wards or districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must

1 contain the number of signatures equal to at least 0.5% of the  
2 total number of votes cast for the candidate of that political  
3 party who received the highest number of votes in the entire  
4 municipality at the last regular election at which an officer  
5 was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire  
6 municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts. In  
7 no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

8 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
9 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's  
10 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures  
11 of the primary electors of his or her party of his or her  
12 congressional district.

13 (g) Sanitary district trustee. Except as otherwise  
14 provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for trustee  
15 of a sanitary district in which trustees are not elected from  
16 wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
17 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
18 primary electors of his or her party from the sanitary  
19 district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary  
20 district in which trustees are elected from wards, then the  
21 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
22 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of  
23 his or her party in the ward of that sanitary district. In the  
24 first primary election following redistricting of sanitary  
25 districts elected from wards, a candidate's petition for  
26 nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150

1 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary  
2 district.

3 (h) Judicial office. Except as otherwise provided in this  
4 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a  
5 district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
6 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.4% of the number of  
7 votes cast in that district for the candidate for his or her  
8 political party for the office of Governor at the last general  
9 election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less  
10 than 500 signatures. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial  
11 office in a circuit or subcircuit, then the candidate's  
12 petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures  
13 equal to 0.25% of the number of votes cast for the judicial  
14 candidate of his or her political party who received the  
15 highest number of votes at the last general election at which a  
16 judicial officer from the same circuit or subcircuit was  
17 regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than  
18 1,000 signatures in circuits and subcircuits located in the  
19 First Judicial District or 500 signatures in every other  
20 Judicial District.

21 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. Except  
22 as otherwise provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run  
23 for precinct committeeperson, then the candidate's petition  
24 for nomination must contain at least 10 signatures of the  
25 primary electors of his or her party for the precinct. If a  
26 candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson, then the

1 candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less than  
2 the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary electors  
3 of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16% of those  
4 same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures  
5 may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater.  
6 If a candidate seeks to run for township committeeperson, then  
7 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less  
8 than the number of signatures equal to 5% of the primary  
9 electors of his or her party of the township, but no more than  
10 8% of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of  
11 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever  
12 is greater.

13 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools  
14 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
15 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
16 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
17 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
18 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
19 comprising the counties.

20 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other  
21 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
22 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
23 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
24 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
25 whichever is greater.

26 For purposes of this Section the number of primary

1 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in  
2 the applicable district, for the candidate for that political  
3 party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at  
4 the last general election in the State at which electors for  
5 President of the United States were elected. For political  
6 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
7 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
8 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
9 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at  
10 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
11 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political  
12 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
13 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
14 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
15 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
16 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that  
17 ward or district.

18 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
19 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
20 party.

21 The changes made to this Section by Public Act 93-574 are  
22 declarative of existing law, except for item (3) of subsection  
23 (d).

24 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
25 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
26 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for

1 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
2 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
3 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;  
5 102-692, eff. 1-7-22.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10.04 new)

7 Sec. 7-10.04. Residency verification.

8 (a) A candidate may apply for a Residency Verification  
9 Certificate from the appropriate election authority no earlier  
10 than 180 days before the last day for filing petitions under  
11 Section 7-12. The candidate's application shall include the  
12 name of the district or political subdivision for which the  
13 candidate seeks nomination or election and shall be  
14 accompanied by at least 2 documents listed under paragraph (4)  
15 of subsection (h) of Appendix B of 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1030. The  
16 documents shall include the candidate's name and current  
17 residential address and must be dated within 90 days prior to  
18 application. The election authority may establish procedures  
19 to verify the authenticity and adequacy of the documents  
20 submitted by candidates under this subsection.

21 (b) If the election authority determines that the  
22 candidate resides within the boundaries of the district or  
23 political subdivision for which nomination or election is  
24 sought in accordance with subsection (a), the election  
25 authority shall issue a Residency Verification Certificate,

1       which shall be issued no later than 14 days after the  
2       submission of a complete application. The certificate shall  
3       include: (i) the candidate's name; (ii) the date of issuance;  
4       and (iii) a statement that the candidate's residency has been  
5       verified in accordance with this Section and that the  
6       candidate resides within the boundaries of the district or  
7       political subdivision for which nomination or election is  
8       sought.

9           (c) A candidate who has received a Residency Verification  
10       Certificate may, wherever required to list a residential  
11       address under Section 7-10 or related provisions of this Code,  
12       state "Residency Verified" and include a copy of the  
13       certificate with any filed petitions for nomination or  
14       election. If a candidate who has received a Residency  
15       Verification Certificate also circulates petitions, the  
16       candidate may indicate "Residency Verified" in the  
17       circulator's affidavit instead of providing a residential  
18       address.

19           (d) For purposes of an objection filed under Section 10-8,  
20       the issuance of a Residency Verification Certificate to a  
21       candidate shall create a rebuttable presumption that the  
22       candidate was a resident of the district or political  
23       subdivision in which nomination or election is sought on the  
24       date the certificate was issued.

25           (e) All applications and documentation submitted to an  
26       election authority pursuant to this Section is exempt from

1 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

2 (f) This Section shall be liberally construed to permit a  
3 candidate who has been issued a Residency Verification  
4 Certificate to indicate "Residency Verified" instead of  
5 listing the candidate's residential address for any relevant  
6 purpose under this Code.

7 (10 ILCS 5/10-10.5)

8 Sec. 10-10.5. Removal of candidate's judicial officer's  
9 address information from the certificate of nomination or  
10 nomination papers.

11 (a) Upon expiration of the period for filing an objection  
12 to a judicial candidate's certificate of nomination or  
13 nomination papers, a judicial officer who is a judicial  
14 candidate may file a written request with the State Board of  
15 Elections or the appropriate election authority for redaction  
16 of the candidate's judicial officer's home address information  
17 from his or her certificate of nomination or nomination  
18 papers. After receipt of the candidate's judicial officer's  
19 written request, the State Board of Elections or appropriate  
20 election authority shall redact or cause redaction of the  
21 candidate's judicial officer's home address from his or her  
22 certificate of nomination or nomination papers within 5  
23 business days.

24 (b) Prior to expiration of the period for filing an  
25 objection to a judicial candidate's certificate of nomination

1 or nomination papers, the home address information from the  
2 certificate of nomination or nomination papers of a ~~judicial~~  
3 ~~officer who is a judicial~~ candidate is available for public  
4 inspection, unless the candidate's residency has been verified  
5 as described in Section 7-10.04. After redaction of a  
6 candidate's judicial officer's home address information under  
7 paragraph (a) of this Section, the home address information is  
8 only available for an in camera inspection by the court  
9 reviewing an objection to the candidate's judicial officer's  
10 certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

11 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "home address" has  
12 the meaning as defined in Section 1-10 of the Judicial Privacy  
13 Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-847, eff. 9-22-12; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)