



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-22	from Ch. 46, par. 4-22
10 ILCS 5/5-29	from Ch. 46, par. 5-29
10 ILCS 5/5-30	from Ch. 46, par. 5-30
10 ILCS 5/6-66	from Ch. 46, par. 6-66
10 ILCS 5/6-67	from Ch. 46, par. 6-67
10 ILCS 5/7-2	from Ch. 46, par. 7-2
10 ILCS 5/7-3	from Ch. 46, par. 7-3
10 ILCS 5/7-5	from Ch. 46, par. 7-5
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/7-43	from Ch. 46, par. 7-43
10 ILCS 5/7-44	from Ch. 46, par. 7-44
10 ILCS 5/7-60	from Ch. 46, par. 7-60
10 ILCS 5/19-3	from Ch. 46, par. 19-3
10 ILCS 5/19-4.5 new	
10 ILCS 5/19-5	from Ch. 46, par. 19-5
10 ILCS 5/19-8	from Ch. 46, par. 19-8
10 ILCS 5/19-12.1	from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.1
10 ILCS 5/20-3	from Ch. 46, par. 20-3
10 ILCS 5/20-4	from Ch. 46, par. 20-4
10 ILCS 5/20-4.5 new	
10 ILCS 5/20-5	from Ch. 46, par. 20-5
10 ILCS 5/20-8	from Ch. 46, par. 20-8
10 ILCS 5/24A-5	from Ch. 46, par. 24A-5
10 ILCS 5/24A-6	from Ch. 46, par. 24A-6
10 ILCS 5/24B-6	
10 ILCS 5/24C-6	
10 ILCS 5/24C-11	
10 ILCS 5/25-10	from Ch. 46, par. 25-10
10 ILCS 5/Art. 10 rep.	

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the 2 candidates in any primary election who receive the most votes in the primary election, regardless of the party affiliation of the candidates, shall be the only 2 candidates certified to participate in the general election. Makes conforming changes. Repeals an Article concerning the making of nominations in certain other cases.

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A BILL FOR

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 Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 4-22, 5-29, 5-30, 6-66, 6-67, 7-2, 7-3, 7-5, 7-10,  
6 7-43, 7-44, 7-60, 19-3, 19-5, 19-8, 19-12.1, 20-3, 20-4, 20-5,  
7 20-8, 24A-5, 24A-6, 24B-6, 24C-6, 24C-11, and 25-10 and by  
8 adding Sections 19-4.5 and 20-4.5 as follows:

9 (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

10 Sec. 4-22. Except as otherwise provided in this Section  
11 upon application to vote each registered elector shall sign  
12 his name or make his mark as the case may be, on a certificate  
13 substantially as follows:

14 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

15 City of ..... Ward ..... Precinct .....

16 Election ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)

17 Registration Record .....

18 Checked by .....

19 Voter's number ....

20 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

21 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer  
22 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
23 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present

1 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

2 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address  
3 below and am qualified to vote.

4 Signature of voter .....

5 residence address .....

6 An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
7 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be  
8 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
9 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.  
10 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being  
11 requested to provide his social security number when the  
12 individual applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate  
13 contains a space for the individual's social security number,  
14 the following notice shall appear on the certificate,  
15 immediately above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in  
16 type the size of which equals the largest type on the  
17 certificate:

18 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT  
19 IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.  
20 HE OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER  
21 BALLOT BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO  
22 PROVIDE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

23 ~~The certificates of each State-wide political party at a~~  
24 ~~general primary election shall be separately printed upon~~  
25 ~~paper of uniform quality, texture and size, but the~~  
26 ~~certificates of no 2 State wide political parties shall be of~~

1 ~~the same color or tint. However, if the election authority~~  
2 ~~provides computer generated applications with the precinct,~~  
3 ~~ballot style and voter's name and address preprinted on the~~  
4 ~~application, a single application may be used for State-wide~~  
5 ~~political parties if it contains spaces or check off boxes to~~  
6 ~~indicate the political party. Such application shall not~~  
7 ~~entitle the voter to vote in the primary of more than one~~  
8 ~~political party at the same election.~~

9 ~~At the consolidated primary, such certificates may contain~~  
10 ~~spaces or checkoff boxes permitting the voter to request a~~  
11 ~~primary ballot of any other political party which is~~  
12 ~~established only within a political subdivision and for which~~  
13 ~~a primary is conducted on the same election day. Such~~  
14 ~~application shall not entitle the voter to vote in both the~~  
15 ~~primary of the State-wide political party and the primary of~~  
16 ~~the local political party with respect to the offices of the~~  
17 ~~same political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in~~  
18 ~~more than one State-wide primary on the same day.~~

19 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
20 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
21 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
22 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison  
23 that the applicant to vote is the identical person who is  
24 registered under the same name, the judges shall ask such  
25 applicant the questions for identification which appear on the  
26 registration card, and if the applicant does not prove to the

1 satisfaction of a majority of the judges of the election  
2 precinct that he is the identical person registered under the  
3 name in question then the vote of such applicant shall be  
4 challenged by a judge of election, and the same procedure  
5 followed as provided by law for challenged voters.

6 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of  
7 election shall check the data on the registration card and  
8 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in  
9 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

10 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate  
11 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
12 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the  
13 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
14 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
15 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record  
16 space on the registration record, to indicate whether or not  
17 the applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such  
18 certificate back to the applicant in case he is permitted to  
19 vote, and such applicant shall hand it to the judge of election  
20 in charge of the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall  
21 be filed in the order in which they are received and shall  
22 constitute an official poll record. The term "poll lists" and  
23 "poll books", where used in this Article, shall be construed  
24 to apply to such official poll record.

25 ~~After each general primary election the county clerk shall~~  
26 ~~indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each~~

1 ~~registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct~~  
2 ~~the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant~~  
3 ~~requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,~~  
4 ~~within 60 days after the general primary election, shall~~  
5 ~~provide a copy of this coded list to the chair of the county~~  
6 ~~central committee of each established political party or to~~  
7 ~~the chair's duly authorized representative.~~

8 ~~Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory~~  
9 ~~Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair of the~~  
10 ~~county central committee of each established political party~~  
11 ~~or to the chair's duly authorized representative the list of~~  
12 ~~registered voters in each precinct at the time of the general~~  
13 ~~primary election of 1982 and shall indicate on such list by~~  
14 ~~color code or other means next to the name of a registrant the~~  
15 ~~primary ballot of a political party that the registrant~~  
16 ~~requested at the general primary election of 1982.~~

17 ~~The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual~~  
18 ~~cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either~~  
19 ~~of the 2 preceding paragraphs.~~

20 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
21 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
22 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry  
23 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
24 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as  
25 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the  
26 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased

1 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register  
2 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or  
3 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of  
4 the elector's right to vote upon compliance with the  
5 provisions hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such  
6 event one of the judges of election shall require an affidavit  
7 by such person and one voter residing in the precinct before  
8 the judges of election, substantially in the form prescribed  
9 in Section 17-10 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such  
10 affidavits, a certificate shall be issued to such elector, and  
11 upon the presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he  
12 shall be entitled to vote.

13       Provided, however, that applications for ballots made by  
14 registered voters under the provisions of Article 19 of this  
15 Act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of the  
16 "Certificate of Registered Voter" provided for in this  
17 Section.

18       When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
19 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the  
20 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
21 supplemental or consolidated list to the chair of a county  
22 central committee of an established political party or to the  
23 chair's duly authorized representative.

24       Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the  
25 election authority charged with the duty of providing  
26 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so

1 that a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in  
2 which of the elections he desires to vote.

3 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
4 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
5 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
6 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
7 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
8 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
9 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective  
10 ballots which the voter is given.

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/5-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-29)

13 Sec. 5-29. Upon application to vote, except as hereinafter  
14 provided for absent electors, each registered elector shall  
15 sign his name or make his mark as the case may be, on a  
16 certificate substantially as follows:

17 "Certificate of Registered Voter  
18 Town of.....District or Precinct Number.....;  
19 City of.....Ward.....Precinct.....;  
20 Village of.....Precinct.....;  
21 Election.....

22 (date) (month) (year)

23 Registration record

24 Checked by.....

25 Voter's number.....

1                                   Instruction to voters

2           Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer  
3 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
4 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present  
5 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

6           I hereby certify that I am registered from the address  
7 below and am qualified to vote.

8                                   Signature of voter .....

9                                   Residence address ....."

10           An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
11 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be  
12 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
13 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.  
14 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being  
15 requested to provide his social security number when the  
16 individual applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate  
17 contains a space for the individual's social security number,  
18 the following notice shall appear on the certificate,  
19 immediately above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in  
20 type the size of which equals the largest type on the  
21 certificate:

22           "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT  
23 IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.  
24 HE OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER  
25 BALLOT BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO  
26 PROVIDE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

1           Certificates as above prescribed shall be furnished by the  
2 county clerk for all elections.

3           The Judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
4 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
5 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
6 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison  
7 that the applicant to vote is the identical person who is  
8 registered under the same name, the Judges shall ask such  
9 applicant the questions for identification which appear on the  
10 registration card and if the applicant does not prove to the  
11 satisfaction of a majority of the judges of the election  
12 precinct that he is the identical person registered under the  
13 name in question then the vote for such applicant shall be  
14 challenged by a Judge of Election, and the same procedure  
15 followed as provided by law for challenged voters.

16           In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a Judge of  
17 Election shall check the data on the registration card and  
18 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in  
19 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

20           One of the Judges of election shall check the certificate  
21 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
22 has been examined and shall sign his initials on the  
23 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
24 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
25 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record  
26 space on the registration record, to indicate whether or not

1 the applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such  
2 certificate back to the applicant in case he is permitted to  
3 vote, and such applicant shall hand it to the judge of election  
4 in charge of the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall  
5 be filed in the order in which they are received and shall  
6 constitute an official poll record. The term "Poll Lists" and  
7 "Poll Books" where used in this article 5 shall be construed to  
8 apply to such official poll records.

9 ~~After each general primary election the county clerk shall~~  
10 ~~indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each~~  
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12 ~~the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant~~  
13 ~~requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,~~  
14 ~~within 60 days after the general primary election, shall~~  
15 ~~provide a copy of this coded list to the chair of the county~~  
16 ~~central committee of each established political party or to~~  
17 ~~the chair's duly authorized representative.~~

18 ~~Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory~~  
19 ~~Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair of the~~  
20 ~~county central committee of each established political party~~  
21 ~~or to the chair's duly authorized representative the list of~~  
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23 ~~primary election of 1982 and shall indicate on such list by~~  
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26 ~~requested at the general primary election of 1982.~~

1       ~~The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual~~  
2       ~~cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either~~  
3       ~~of the 2 preceding paragraphs.~~

4       Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
5       presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
6       registration record card is not found in the precinct registry  
7       of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
8       in such precinct upon the printed precinct list of voters and  
9       whose name has not been erased or withdrawn from such  
10      register, it shall be the duty of one of the Judges of Election  
11      to require an affidavit by such person and two voters residing  
12      in the precinct before the judges of election that he is the  
13      same person whose name appears upon the precinct register and  
14      that he resides in the precinct stating the street number of  
15      his residence. Forms for such affidavit shall be supplied by  
16      the county clerk for all elections. Upon the making of such  
17      affidavit and the presentation of his certificate such elector  
18      shall be entitled to vote. All affidavits made under this  
19      paragraph shall be preserved and returned to the county clerk  
20      in an envelope. It shall be the duty of the county clerk within  
21      30 days after such election to take steps provided by Section  
22      5-27 of this article 5 for the execution of new registration  
23      affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of  
24      this paragraph.

25      Provided, however, that the applications for ballots made  
26      by registered voters and under the provisions of article 19 of

1 this act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of  
2 the "certificate of registered voter" provided for in this  
3 section.

4 When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
5 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the  
6 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
7 supplemental or consolidated list to the chair of a county  
8 central committee of an established political party or to the  
9 chair's duly authorized representative.

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11 election authority charged with the duty of providing  
12 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so  
13 that a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in  
14 which of the elections he desires to vote.

15 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
16 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
17 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
18 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
19 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
20 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
21 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective  
22 ballots which the voter is given.

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/5-30) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-30)

25 Sec. 5-30. Upon application to vote at a general primary

1 election each registered elector shall sign his name or mark  
2 and write his address on a certificate substantially the same  
3 as that used in the general election. The application shall  
4 contain a space for a voter to indicate the voter's political  
5 party ~~except that it shall have a place for party affiliation~~  
6 ~~which is to be filled in by the elector, or by the officer in~~  
7 ~~charge if the elector is unable to write. The certificates of~~  
8 ~~each State wide political party at a primary election shall be~~  
9 ~~separately printed upon paper of uniform quality, texture and~~  
10 ~~size, but the certificates of no 2 State wide political~~  
11 ~~parties shall be of the same color or tint. However, if the~~  
12 ~~election authority provides computer generated applications~~  
13 ~~with the precinct, ballot style and voter's name and address~~  
14 ~~preprinted on the application, a single application may be~~  
15 ~~used for State wide political parties if it contains spaces or~~  
16 ~~check off boxes to indicate the political party. Such~~  
17 ~~application shall not entitle the voter to vote in the primary~~  
18 ~~of more than one political party at the same election. Such~~  
19 ~~applications may contain spaces or check off boxes permitting~~  
20 ~~the voter to request a primary ballot of any other political~~  
21 ~~party which is established only within a political subdivision~~  
22 ~~and for which a primary is conducted on the same election day.~~  
23 ~~Such application shall not entitle the voter to vote in both~~  
24 ~~the primary of the State wide political party and the primary~~  
25 ~~of the local political party with respect to the offices of the~~  
26 ~~same political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in~~

1 more than one State-wide primary on the same day. Such  
 2 certificates when checked and initialed by the Judge in charge  
 3 shall constitute the primary poll record. Such certificates at  
 4 the close of the election shall be placed in an envelope,  
 5 sealed and returned with the ballots. Nothing herein shall be  
 6 construed to conflict with sections 7-44 and 7-45 of article 7  
 7 of this act. Provided, however, that the applications for  
 8 ballots made by registered voters under the provisions of  
 9 article 19 of this act shall be accepted by the Judges of  
 10 election in lieu of the "certificate of registered voter"  
 11 provided for in this section.

12 (Source: P.A. 83-1362.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/6-66) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-66)

14 Sec. 6-66. Upon application to vote each registered  
 15 elector shall sign his name or make his mark as the case may  
 16 be, on a certificate substantially as follows:

17 "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

18 City of ..... Ward .... Precinct .... Election  
 19 ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)  
 20 Registration Record ..... Checked by ..... Voter's  
 21 number .....

22 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

23 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officers  
 24 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
 25 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present

1 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

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3 ~~and address preprinted on the application, a single~~  
4 ~~application may be used for State-wide political parties if it~~  
5 ~~contains spaces or check off boxes to indicate the political~~  
6 ~~party. Such applications may contain spaces or check off boxes~~  
7 ~~permitting the voter to also request a primary ballot of any~~  
8 ~~political party which is established only within a political~~  
9 ~~subdivision and for which a primary is conducted on the same~~  
10 ~~election day.~~ Such applications shall not entitle the voter to  
11 vote in both the primary of a State-wide political party and  
12 the primary of a local political party with respect to the  
13 offices of the same political subdivision or to vote in the  
14 primary of more than one State-wide political party on the  
15 same day.

16 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
17 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
18 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
19 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison  
20 that the applicant to vote is the identical person who is  
21 registered under the same name, the judges shall ask such  
22 applicant the questions for identification which appear on the  
23 registration card, and if the applicant does not prove to the  
24 satisfaction of a majority of the judges of the election  
25 precinct that he is the identical person registered under the  
26 name in question then the vote of such applicant shall be

1 challenged by a judge of election, and the same procedure  
2 followed as provided in this Article and Act for challenged  
3 voters.

4 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of  
5 election shall check the data on the registration card and  
6 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in  
7 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

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9 of such applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
10 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the  
11 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
12 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
13 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record  
14 space on the registration record, to indicate whether or not  
15 the applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such  
16 certificate back to the applicant in case he is permitted to  
17 vote, and such applicant shall hand it to the judge of election  
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19 be filed in the order in which they are received and shall  
20 constitute an official poll record. The terms "poll lists" and  
21 "poll books", where used in this Article and Act, shall be  
22 construed to apply to such official poll record.

23 ~~After each general primary election the board of election~~  
24 ~~commissioners shall indicate by color code or other means next~~  
25 ~~to the name of each registrant on the list of registered voters~~  
26 ~~in each precinct the primary ballot of a political party that~~

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2 ~~board of election commissioners, within 60 days after that~~  
3 ~~general primary election, shall provide a copy of this coded~~  
4 ~~list to the chairman of the county central committee of each~~  
5 ~~established political party or to the chair's duly authorized~~  
6 ~~representative.~~

7 ~~Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory~~  
8 ~~Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall provide~~  
9 ~~to the chairman of the county central committee of each~~  
10 ~~established political party or to the chair's duly authorized~~  
11 ~~representative the list of registered voters in each precinct~~  
12 ~~at the time of the general primary election of 1982 and shall~~  
13 ~~indicate on such list by color code or other means next to the~~  
14 ~~name of a registrant the primary ballot of a political party~~  
15 ~~that the registrant requested at the general primary election~~  
16 ~~of 1982.~~

17 ~~The board of election commissioners may charge a fee to~~  
18 ~~reimburse the actual cost of duplicating each copy of a list~~  
19 ~~provided under either of the 2 preceding paragraphs.~~

20 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
21 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
22 registration card is not found in the precinct registry of  
23 voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter in  
24 such precinct upon the printed precinct register as corrected  
25 or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the consolidated  
26 list, if any provided by this Article and whose name has not

1 been erased or withdrawn from such register, the printed  
2 precinct register as corrected or revised by the supplemental  
3 list, or consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie  
4 evidence of the elector's right to vote upon compliance with  
5 the provisions hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such  
6 event it shall be the duty of one of the judges of election to  
7 require an affidavit by such person and 2 voters residing in  
8 the precinct before the judges of election that he is the same  
9 person whose name appears upon the printed precinct register  
10 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or  
11 consolidated list, if any, and that he resides in the  
12 precinct, stating the street and number of his residence, and  
13 upon the presentation of such affidavits, a certificate shall  
14 be issued to such elector, and upon the presentation of such  
15 certificate and affidavits, he shall be entitled to vote. Any  
16 elector whose name does not appear as a registered voter on the  
17 printed precinct register or supplemental list but who has a  
18 certificate issued by the board of election commissioners as  
19 provided in Section 6-43 of this Article, shall be entitled to  
20 vote upon the presentation of such certificate accompanied by  
21 the affidavits of 2 voters residing in the precinct that the  
22 elector is the same person described in such certificate and  
23 that he resides in the precinct, stating the street and number  
24 of his residence. Forms for all affidavits required hereunder  
25 shall be supplied by the board of election commissioners. All  
26 affidavits made under this paragraph shall be preserved and

1 returned to the board of election commissioners in the manner  
2 provided by this Article and Article 18 of this Act. It shall  
3 be the duty of the board of election commissioners, within 30  
4 days after such election, to take the steps provided by  
5 Section 6-64 of this Article for the execution of new  
6 registration affidavits by electors who have voted under the  
7 provisions of this paragraph.

8 When the board of election commissioners delivers to the  
9 judges of election for use at the polls a supplemental or  
10 consolidated list of the printed precinct register, it shall  
11 give a copy of the supplemental or consolidated list to the  
12 chair of a county central committee of an established  
13 political party or to the chair's duly authorized  
14 representative.

15 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the  
16 election official or officials charged with the duty of  
17 providing application certificates may prescribe the form  
18 thereof so that a voter is required to execute only one,  
19 indicating in which of the elections he desires to vote.

20 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
21 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
22 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
23 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
24 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
25 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
26 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective

1 ballots which the voter is given.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/6-67) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-67)

4 Sec. 6-67. Upon application to vote at a primary election  
5 each registered elector shall sign his name or mark and write  
6 his address on a certificate substantially the same as that  
7 used in the general election ~~except that it shall have a place~~  
8 ~~for party affiliation which is to be filled in by the elector,~~  
9 ~~or by the officer in charge if the elector is unable to write.~~  
10 Such certificates when checked and initialed by the judge in  
11 charge, shall constitute the primary poll record. Such  
12 certificates at the close of the primary election shall be  
13 placed in an envelope, sealed and returned with the ballots.  
14 Nothing herein shall be construed to conflict with sections  
15 7-44 and 7-45 of Article 7 of this Act.

16 (Source: Laws 1957, p. 1450.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-2)

18 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election  
19 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,  
20 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the  
21 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the  
22 State, ~~and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this~~  
23 ~~Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect~~  
24 ~~precinct, township, ward, and State central committee persons~~

1 ~~as herein provided.~~

2 A political party, which at the general election for State  
3 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more  
4 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any  
5 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political  
6 party within the meaning of this Article, within such  
7 congressional district, ~~and shall nominate its candidate for~~  
8 ~~Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof.~~ A  
9 political party, which at the general election for State and  
10 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than  
11 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby  
12 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
13 Article, within said county, ~~and shall nominate all county~~  
14 ~~officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall~~  
15 ~~elect precinct, township, and ward committee persons, as herein~~  
16 ~~provided.~~

17 A political party, which at the municipal election for  
18 city, village, or incorporated town officers then next  
19 preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the entire  
20 vote cast in any city, village, or incorporated town is hereby  
21 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
22 Article, within said city, village, or incorporated town, ~~and~~  
23 ~~shall nominate all city, village, or incorporated town~~  
24 ~~officers in said city, village, or incorporated town under the~~  
25 ~~provisions hereof to the extent and in the cases provided in~~  
26 ~~Section 7-1.~~

1           A political party, which at the municipal election for  
2 town officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5  
3 per cent of the entire vote cast in said town, is hereby  
4 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
5 Article, within said town,~~and shall nominate all town~~  
6 ~~officers in said town under the provisions hereof to the~~  
7 ~~extent and in the cases provided in Section 7-1.~~

8           A political party, which at the municipal election in any  
9 other municipality or political subdivision, (except townships  
10 and school districts), for municipal or other officers therein  
11 then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the  
12 entire vote cast in such municipality or political  
13 subdivision, is hereby declared to be a political party within  
14 the meaning of this Article, within said municipality or  
15 political subdivision,~~and shall nominate all municipal or~~  
16 ~~other officers therein under the provisions hereof to the~~  
17 ~~extent and in the cases provided in Section 7-1.~~

18           Provided, that no political organization or group shall be  
19 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a  
20 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or  
21 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi, or other  
22 un-American principles and engages in activities or propaganda  
23 designed to teach subservience to the political principles and  
24 ideals of foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the  
25 established constitutional form of government of the United  
26 States and the State of Illinois.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/7-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-3)

3 Sec. 7-3. In determining the total vote of a political  
4 party, whenever required by this Article 7, the test shall be  
5 the total vote cast by electors ~~such political party~~ for a ~~its~~  
6 candidate that filed a nominating petition as a member of that  
7 political party and is a registered voter of that party who  
8 received the greatest number of votes; provided however, that  
9 in applying this section to the vote cast for any candidate for  
10 an office for which cumulative voting is permitted, the total  
11 vote cast for such candidate shall be divided by that number  
12 which equals the greatest number of votes that could lawfully  
13 be cast for such candidate by one elector.

14 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/7-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-5)

16 Sec. 7-5. (a) Primary elections shall be held on the dates  
17 prescribed in Article 2A.

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

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

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

25 (d) (Blank). ~~Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection~~  
26 ~~(b) and (c) of this Section, whenever a person who has not~~

1 ~~timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to become~~  
2 ~~a write-in candidate for a political party's nomination for~~  
3 ~~any office for which the nomination is uncontested files a~~  
4 ~~written statement or notice of that intent with the local~~  
5 ~~election official where the candidate is seeking to appear on~~  
6 ~~the ballot, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a primary~~  
7 ~~shall be held for that office. Such statement or notice shall~~  
8 ~~be filed on or before the date established in this Article for~~  
9 ~~certifying candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement~~  
10 ~~or notice shall contain (i) the name and address of the person~~  
11 ~~intending to become a write-in candidate, (ii) a statement~~  
12 ~~that the person is a qualified primary elector of the~~  
13 ~~political party from whom the nomination is sought, (iii) a~~  
14 ~~statement that the person intends to become a write-in~~  
15 ~~candidate for the party's nomination, and (iv) the office the~~  
16 ~~person is seeking as a write-in candidate. An election~~  
17 ~~authority shall have no duty to conduct a primary and prepare a~~  
18 ~~primary ballot for any office for which the nomination is~~  
19 ~~uncontested, unless a statement or notice meeting the~~  
20 ~~requirements of this Section is filed in a timely manner.~~

21 (e) The polls shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

24 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
25 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or

1 township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward  
 2 committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate  
 3 delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed  
 4 upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has  
 5 been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in  
 6 substantially the following form:

7 We, the undersigned, ~~members of and affiliated with the~~  
 8 ~~.... party and~~ qualified primary electors ~~of the .... party,~~  
 9 in the .... of ....., in the county of .... and State of  
 10 Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person  
 11 or persons shall be a candidate or candidates ~~of the .... party~~  
 12 for the nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for  
 13 election to) the office or offices hereinafter specified, to  
 14 be voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert  
 15 date).

Name	Office	Address
John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	Peoria, Ill.
Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

20 Name..... Address.....

21 State of Illinois)

22 ) ss.

23 County of.....)

24 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....

1 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 2 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 3 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 4 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 5 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at  
 6 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters ~~of the ....~~  
 7 ~~party~~, and that their respective residences are correctly  
 8 stated, as above set forth.

9 .....

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

11 .....

12 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
 13 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
 14 and shall contain above the space for signatures an  
 15 appropriate heading giving the information as to name of  
 16 candidate or candidates, in whose behalf such petition is  
 17 signed; the office, the political party the candidate prefers  
 18 ~~represented~~ and place of residence; and the heading of each  
 19 sheet shall be the same.

20 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary  
 21 electors residing in the political division for which the  
 22 nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and  
 23 opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address  
 24 shall be written or printed. The residence address required to  
 25 be written or printed opposite each qualified primary

1 elector's name shall include the street address or rural route  
2 number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the  
3 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.  
4 However, the county or city, village or town, and state of  
5 residence of the electors may be printed on the petition forms  
6 where all of the electors signing the petition reside in the  
7 same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard  
8 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,  
9 including street number, if any. At the bottom of each sheet of  
10 such petition shall be added a circulator statement signed by  
11 a person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the  
12 United States, stating the street address or rural route  
13 number, as the case may be, as well as the county, city,  
14 village or town, and state; and certifying that the signatures  
15 on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or her  
16 presence and certifying that the signatures are genuine; and  
17 either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was  
18 circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on  
19 which the sheet was circulated, or (3) for elections where the  
20 petition circulation period is 90 days, certifying that none  
21 of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days  
22 preceding the last day for the filing of the petition, or (4)  
23 for the 2022 general primary election only, certify that the  
24 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of  
25 January 13, 2022 through March 14, 2022 or certify that the  
26 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of

1 January 13, 2022 through the date on which this statement was  
2 sworn or affirmed to and certifying that to the best of his or  
3 her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the  
4 time of signing the petitions qualified voters ~~of the~~  
5 ~~political party~~ for which a nomination is sought. Such  
6 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to  
7 administer oaths in this State.

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

11 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
12 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
13 signature from the petition, provided that:

14 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial  
15 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;  
16 and

17 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
18 certification listing the page number and line number of  
19 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
20 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

21 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
22 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
23 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
24 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
25 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
26 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition

1 sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
2 officials, election authorities or the State Board of  
3 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed  
4 by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not  
5 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must  
6 include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of  
7 the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is  
8 filed. This statement shall set out the address of such  
9 candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall state  
10 that the candidate is a qualified primary voter ~~of the party to~~  
11 ~~which the petition relates~~ and is qualified for the office  
12 specified (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it  
13 shall state that the candidate is at the time of filing such  
14 statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this State), may state  
15 the political party the candidate prefers, shall state that he  
16 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing  
17 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the  
18 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
19 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall  
20 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some  
21 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the  
22 State and shall be in substantially the following form:

## 23 Statement of Candidacy

24	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
25	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
26		Belvidere,			

1 Illinois

2 State of Illinois)

3 ) ss.

4 County of .....)

5 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
6 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
7 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
8 qualified primary voter ~~of the ..... party~~; that I am a  
9 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
10 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the  
11 office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to be  
12 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including  
13 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility  
14 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold  
15 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the  
16 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic  
17 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act  
18 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official  
19 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case  
20 of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates)  
21 such office.

22 Signed .....

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

25 Signed .....

1 (Official Character)

2 (Seal, if officer has one.)

3 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
4 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation  
5 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
6 authority or local election official with whom the petition is  
7 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
8 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
9 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction  
10 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

11 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
12 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
13 his or her petition for nomination.

14 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
15 convention. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a  
16 candidate seeks to run for statewide office or as a delegate or  
17 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention elected  
18 from the State at-large, then the candidate's petition for  
19 nomination must contain at least 5,000 but not more than  
20 10,000 signatures.

21 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
22 national nominating convention. Except as otherwise provided  
23 in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for United States  
24 Congress or as a congressional delegate or alternate  
25 congressional delegate to a national nominating convention

1 elected from a congressional district, then the candidate's  
2 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
3 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors ~~of~~  
4 ~~his or her party~~ in his or her congressional district. In the  
5 first primary election following a redistricting of  
6 congressional districts, a candidate's petition for nomination  
7 must contain at least 600 signatures of qualified primary  
8 electors of the candidate's political party in his or her  
9 congressional district.

10 (c) County office. Except as otherwise provided in this  
11 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for any countywide office,  
12 including, but not limited to, county board chairperson or  
13 county board member, elected on an at-large basis, in a county  
14 other than Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
15 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
16 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who  
17 cast votes at the last preceding general election in his or her  
18 county. If a candidate seeks to run for county board member  
19 elected from a county board district, then the candidate's  
20 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
21 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors ~~of~~  
22 ~~his or her party~~ in the county board district. In the first  
23 primary election following a redistricting of county board  
24 districts or the initial establishment of county board  
25 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
26 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the

1 qualified electors ~~of his or her party~~ in the entire county who  
2 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by  
3 the total number of county board districts comprising the  
4 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of  
5 signatures be less than 25.

6 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

13 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
14 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
15 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to  
16 0.5% of the qualified primary electors ~~of his or her party~~  
17 in his or her county board district. In the first primary  
18 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of  
19 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for  
20 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
21 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors ~~of his or her party~~  
22 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding  
23 general election divided by the total number of county  
24 board districts comprising the county board; provided that  
25 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

26 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a

1 candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board of Review  
2 Commissioner, which is elected from a district pursuant to  
3 subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property Tax Code,  
4 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
5 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
6 total number of registered voters in his or her board of  
7 review district in the last general election at which a  
8 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
9 that board of review district. In no event shall the  
10 number of signatures required be greater than the  
11 requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide  
12 office in Cook County under subsection (d)(1) of this  
13 Section. In the first primary election following a  
14 redistricting of Cook County Board of Review districts, a  
15 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least  
16 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures  
17 required for a countywide candidate in Cook County,  
18 whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her  
19 party in the district.

20 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
21 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
22 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
23 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors ~~of~~  
24 ~~his or her party~~ in the municipality or township. If a  
25 candidate seeks to run for alderperson of a municipality, then  
26 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least

1 the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified  
2 primary electors ~~of his or her party~~ of the ward. In the first  
3 primary election following redistricting of wards or trustee  
4 districts of a municipality or the initial establishment of  
5 wards or districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must  
6 contain the number of signatures equal to at least 0.5% of the  
7 total number of votes cast for the candidate ~~of that political~~  
8 ~~party~~ who received the highest number of votes in the entire  
9 municipality at the last regular election at which an officer  
10 was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire  
11 municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts. In  
12 no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

13 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
14 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's  
15 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures  
16 of the primary electors ~~of his or her party~~ of his or her  
17 congressional district.

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

1 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors ~~of~~  
2 ~~his or her party~~ in the ward of that sanitary district. In the  
3 first primary election following redistricting of sanitary  
4 districts elected from wards, a candidate's petition for  
5 nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150  
6 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary  
7 district.

8 (h) Judicial office. Except as otherwise provided in this  
9 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a  
10 district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
11 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.4% of the number of  
12 votes cast in that district for the candidate ~~for his or her~~  
13 ~~political party~~ for the office of Governor at the last general  
14 election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less  
15 than 500 signatures. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial  
16 office in a circuit or subcircuit, then the candidate's  
17 petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures  
18 equal to 0.25% of the number of votes cast for the judicial  
19 candidate ~~of his or her political party~~ who received the  
20 highest number of votes at the last general election at which a  
21 judicial officer from the same circuit or subcircuit was  
22 regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than  
23 1,000 signatures in circuits and subcircuits located in the  
24 First Judicial District or 500 signatures in every other  
25 Judicial District.

26 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. Except

1 as otherwise provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run  
2 for precinct committeeperson, then the candidate's petition  
3 for nomination must contain at least 10 signatures of the  
4 primary electors ~~of his or her party~~ for the precinct. If a  
5 candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson, then the  
6 candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less than  
7 the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary electors  
8 ~~of his or her party~~ of the ward, but no more than 16% of those  
9 same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures  
10 may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater.  
11 If a candidate seeks to run for township committeeperson, then  
12 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less  
13 than the number of signatures equal to 5% of the primary  
14 electors ~~of his or her party~~ of the township, but no more than  
15 8% of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of  
16 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever  
17 is greater.

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

25 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other  
26 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must

1 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
2 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
3 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
4 whichever is greater.

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

23 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
24 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
25 party.

26 The changes made to this Section by Public Act 93-574 are

1 declarative of existing law, except for item (3) of subsection  
2 (d).

3 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
4 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
5 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
6 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
7 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
8 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;  
10 102-692, eff. 1-7-22.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/7-43) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-43)

12 Sec. 7-43. (a) Every person having resided in this State 6  
13 months and in the precinct 30 days next preceding any primary  
14 therein who shall be a citizen of the United States of the age  
15 of 18 or more years shall be entitled to vote at such primary.

16 ~~The following regulations shall be applicable to~~  
17 ~~primaries:~~

18 ~~No person shall be entitled to vote at a primary:~~

19 ~~(a) Unless he declares his party affiliations as~~  
20 ~~required by this Article.~~

21 ~~(b) (Blank).~~

22 ~~(c) (Blank).~~

23 ~~(c.5) If that person has participated in the town~~  
24 ~~political party caucus, under Section 45-50 of the~~  
25 ~~Township Code, of another political party by signing~~

1 ~~an affidavit of voters attending the caucus within 45~~  
2 ~~days before the first day of the calendar month in~~  
3 ~~which the primary is held.~~

4 ~~(d) (Blank).~~

5 (b) In cities, villages, and incorporated towns having a  
6 board of election commissioners, only voters registered as  
7 provided by Article 6 of this Code shall be entitled to vote at  
8 such primary.

9 (c) No person shall be entitled to vote at a primary unless  
10 he is registered under the provisions of Article 4, 5, or 6 of  
11 this Code, when his registration is required by any of said  
12 Articles to entitle him to vote at the election with reference  
13 to which the primary is held.

14 ~~A person (i) who filed a statement of candidacy for a~~  
15 ~~partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established~~  
16 ~~political party or (ii) who voted the ballot of an established~~  
17 ~~political party at a general primary election may not file a~~  
18 ~~statement of candidacy as a candidate of a different~~  
19 ~~established political party, a new political party, or as an~~  
20 ~~independent candidate for a partisan office to be filled at~~  
21 ~~the general election immediately following the general primary~~  
22 ~~for which the person filed the statement or voted the ballot. A~~  
23 ~~person may file a statement of candidacy for a partisan office~~  
24 ~~as a qualified primary voter of an established political party~~  
25 ~~regardless of any prior filing of candidacy for a partisan~~  
26 ~~office or voting the ballot of an established political party~~

1 ~~at any prior election.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-44) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-44)

4 Sec. 7-44. Voters; primary ballot. Any person desiring to  
5 vote at a primary shall state the person's ~~his~~ name and ~~7~~  
6 residence ~~and party affiliation~~ to the primary judges, one of  
7 whom shall thereupon announce the same in a distinct tone of  
8 voice, sufficiently loud to be heard by all persons in the  
9 polling place. When article 4, 5 or 6 is applicable the  
10 Certificate of Registered Voter therein prescribed shall be  
11 made and signed and the official poll record shall be made. If  
12 the person desiring to vote is not challenged, one of the  
13 primary judges shall give to the person ~~him~~ one, and only one,  
14 primary ballot that lists each candidate for office  
15 participating in the primary election, regardless of party  
16 affiliation ~~of the political party with which he declares~~  
17 ~~himself affiliated~~, on the back of which such primary judge  
18 shall endorse the person's ~~his~~ initials in such manner that  
19 they may be seen when the primary ballot is properly folded. If  
20 the person desiring to vote is challenged the person ~~he~~ shall  
21 not receive a primary ballot from the primary judges until the  
22 person ~~he~~ shall have established the person's ~~his~~ right to  
23 vote as hereinafter provided. ~~No person who refuses to state~~  
24 ~~his party affiliation shall be allowed to vote at a primary.~~

25 ~~A person who declares his party affiliation with a~~

1 ~~statewide established political party and requests a primary~~  
2 ~~ballot of such party may nonetheless also declare his~~  
3 ~~affiliation with a political party established only within a~~  
4 ~~political subdivision, and may also vote in the primary of~~  
5 ~~such local party on the same election day, provided that such~~  
6 ~~voter may not vote in both such party primaries with respect to~~  
7 ~~offices of the same political subdivision. However, no person~~  
8 ~~declaring his affiliation with a statewide established~~  
9 ~~political party may vote in the primary of any other statewide~~  
10 ~~political party on the same election day.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 81-1535.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60)

13 Sec. 7-60. Not less than 74 days before the date of the  
14 general election, the State Board of Elections shall certify  
15 to the county clerks the names of each of the candidates who  
16 have been nominated as shown by the proclamation of the State  
17 Board of Elections as a canvassing board or who have been  
18 nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination and direct the  
19 election authority to place upon the official ballot for the  
20 general election the names of such candidates in the same  
21 manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification,  
22 except as otherwise provided in this Code.

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 2  
24 candidates in any primary election who receive the most votes  
25 in the primary election, regardless of the party affiliation

1 of the candidates, shall be the only 2 candidates certified to  
2 participate in the general election.

3 Except as otherwise provided in this Code, not less than  
4 68 days before the date of the general election, each county  
5 clerk shall certify the names of each of the candidates for  
6 county offices who have been nominated as shown by the  
7 proclamation of the county election authority or who have been  
8 nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination and declare that the  
9 names of such candidates for the respective offices shall be  
10 placed upon the official ballot for the general election in  
11 the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the  
12 certification, except as otherwise provided by this Section.  
13 Each county clerk shall place a copy of the certification on  
14 file in his or her office and at the same time issue to the  
15 State Board of Elections a copy of such certification. In  
16 addition, each county clerk in whose county there is a board of  
17 election commissioners shall, not less than 68 days before the  
18 date of the general election, issue to such board a copy of the  
19 certification that has been filed in the county clerk's  
20 office, together with a copy of the certification that has  
21 been issued to the clerk by the State Board of Elections, with  
22 directions to the board of election commissioners to place  
23 upon the official ballot for the general election in that  
24 election jurisdiction the names of all candidates that are  
25 listed on such certifications, in the same manner and in the  
26 same order as shown upon such certifications, except as

1 otherwise provided in this Section.

2 Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the  
3 same political party for multiple offices for any board, the  
4 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest  
5 number of votes in the primary election as a candidate for such  
6 office, as shown by the official election returns of the  
7 primary, shall be certified first under the name of such  
8 offices, and the names of the remaining candidates of such  
9 party for such offices shall follow in the order of the number  
10 of votes received by them respectively at the primary election  
11 as shown by the official election results.

12 No person who is shown by the final proclamation to have  
13 been nominated or elected at the primary as a write-in  
14 candidate shall have his or her name certified unless such  
15 person shall have filed with the certifying office or board  
16 within 10 days after the election authority's proclamation a  
17 statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10, a statement  
18 pursuant to Section 7-10.1, and a receipt for the filing of a  
19 statement of economic interests in relation to the unit of  
20 government to which he or she has been elected or nominated.

21 Each county clerk and board of election commissioners  
22 shall determine by a fair and impartial method of random  
23 selection the order of placement of established political  
24 party candidates for the general election ballot. Such  
25 determination shall be made within 30 days following the  
26 canvass and proclamation of the results of the general primary

1 in the office of the county clerk or board of election  
2 commissioners and shall be open to the public. Seven days  
3 written notice of the time and place of conducting such random  
4 selection shall be given, by each such election authority, to  
5 the County Chair of each established political party, and to  
6 each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction  
7 which was entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding  
8 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.  
9 Each election authority shall post in a conspicuous, open and  
10 public place, at the entrance of the election authority  
11 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. However,  
12 a board of election commissioners may elect to place  
13 established political party candidates on the general election  
14 ballot in the same order determined by the county clerk of the  
15 county in which the city under the jurisdiction of such board  
16 is located.

17 Each certification shall indicate, where applicable, the  
18 following:

19 (1) The political party affiliation of the candidates  
20 for the respective offices;

21 (2) If there is to be more than one candidate elected  
22 to an office from the State, political subdivision or  
23 district;

24 (3) If the voter has the right to vote for more than  
25 one candidate for an office;

26 (4) The term of office, if a vacancy is to be filled

1 for less than a full term or if the offices to be filled in  
2 a political subdivision are for different terms.

3 The State Board of Elections or the county clerk, as the  
4 case may be, shall issue an amended certification whenever it  
5 is discovered that the original certification is in error.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

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

11 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

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

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

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

1 14th day following election day.

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

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

10 . . . .

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

12 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

13 .....

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

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

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

25 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

26 I am currently a registered voter and wish to apply for

1 permanent vote by mail status.

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

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

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

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

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

23 .....

24 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

25 .....

26 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots

1 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
2 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by  
3 mail status and shall include:

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

10 (c) (Blank). ~~However, if application is made for a primary~~  
11 ~~election ballot, such application shall require the applicant~~  
12 ~~to designate the name of the political party with which the~~  
13 ~~applicant is affiliated. The election authority shall allow~~  
14 ~~any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her~~  
15 ~~party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method~~  
16 ~~and deadline published and selected by the election authority.~~

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

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

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;  
26 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-4.5 new)

2 Sec. 19-4.5. Absentee primary ballots.

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
4 entitled to vote by absentee ballot in a primary election  
5 shall not be required to declare his or her political party  
6 affiliation and shall be provided with the ballot listing all  
7 candidates for offices for which the absentee voter is  
8 entitled to vote in that primary election. The ballots  
9 provided to absentee voters shall be the same open-primary  
10 ballots as provided under Section 7-44.

11 (b) With respect to the marking, casting, and counting of  
12 primary election ballots, absentee voting shall be conducted  
13 in accordance with Sections 7-44 and other provisions of this  
14 Article.

15 (10 ILCS 5/19-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-5)

16 Sec. 19-5. Folding and enclosure of ballots in unsealed  
17 envelope; address on envelope; certification; instructions for  
18 marking and returning ballots. It shall be the duty of the  
19 election authority to fold the ballot or ballots in the manner  
20 specified by the statute for folding ballots prior to their  
21 deposit in the ballot box, and to enclose such ballot or  
22 ballots in an envelope unsealed to be furnished by the  
23 election authority, which envelope shall bear upon the face  
24 thereof the name, official title and post office address of

1 the election authority, and upon the other side a printed  
2 certification in substantially the following form:

3 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
4 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
5 for at least 30 days; and that I am lawfully entitled to cast a  
6 ballot.

7 I further state that I personally marked the enclosed  
8 ballot in secret.

9 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to  
10 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies  
11 that the statements set forth in this certification are true  
12 and correct.

13 .....

14 If the ballot is to go to an elector who is physically  
15 incapacitated and needs assistance marking the ballot, the  
16 envelope shall bear upon the back thereof a certification in  
17 substantially the following form:

18 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
19 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
20 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to cast a  
21 ballot; and that I am physically incapable of personally  
22 marking the ballot for this election.

23 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in  
24 secret with the assistance of

25 .....

26 (Individual rendering assistance)

1 .....  
2

(Residence Address)

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

7 .....  
8

9 In the case of a voter with a physical incapacity, marking  
10 a ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the  
11 assistance of another individual, other than a candidate whose  
12 name appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a  
13 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the  
14 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or  
15 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical  
16 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

17 In the case of a physically incapacitated voter, marking a  
18 ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the assistance  
19 of another individual, other than a candidate whose name  
20 appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a  
21 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the  
22 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or  
23 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical  
24 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

25 ~~Provided, that if the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a~~  
26 ~~primary election, the certification shall designate the name~~  
~~of the political party with which the voter is affiliated.~~

1           In addition to the above, the election authority shall  
2 provide printed slips, or an electronic version thereof for  
3 voters voting by mail pursuant to Section 19-2.6, giving full  
4 instructions regarding the manner of marking and returning the  
5 ballot in order that the same may be counted, and shall furnish  
6 one of such printed slips or the electronic version thereof  
7 for voters voting by mail pursuant to Section 19-2.6 to each of  
8 such applicants at the same time the ballot is delivered to  
9 him. Such instructions shall include the following statement:  
10 "In signing the certification on the vote by mail ballot  
11 envelope, you are attesting that you personally marked this  
12 vote by mail ballot in secret. If you are physically unable to  
13 mark the ballot, a friend or relative may assist you after  
14 completing the enclosed affidavit. Federal and State laws  
15 prohibit a candidate whose name appears on the ballot (unless  
16 you are the spouse or a parent, child, brother, or sister of  
17 the candidate), your employer, your employer's agent or an  
18 officer or agent of your union from assisting voters with  
19 physical disabilities."

20           In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an  
21 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question  
22 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory  
23 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not  
24 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such  
25 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of  
26 a notice of the public question, which shall include a

1 description of the territory in the manner required by Section  
2 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same  
3 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

4 Election authorities transmitting ballots by electronic  
5 transmission pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall, to the greatest  
6 extent possible, provide those applicants with the same  
7 instructions, certifications, and other balloting materials  
8 required when sending ballots by mail.

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

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

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

12 (a) (Blank.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

20           (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
21 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
22 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
23 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by  
24 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of  
25 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
26 authority for the period of time required for the preservation

1 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
2 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
3 election.

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

12 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 and,  
13 with respect to primary elections, the procedures set forth in  
14 Section 19-4.5, of this Code shall apply to all ballots  
15 counted under this Section. In addition, within 2 days after a  
16 vote by mail ballot is received, but in all cases before the  
17 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, the  
18 election judge or official shall compare the voter's signature  
19 on the certification envelope of that vote by mail ballot with  
20 the voter's signature on the application verified in  
21 accordance with Section 19-4 or the signature of the voter on  
22 file in the office of the election authority. If the election  
23 judge or official determines that the 2 signatures match, and  
24 that the vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified to cast a  
25 vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall cast and  
26 count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is

1 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results  
2 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the  
3 election judge or official determines that the signatures do  
4 not match, or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified to  
5 cast a vote by mail ballot, then without opening the  
6 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark  
7 across the face of the certification envelope the word  
8 "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
24 judge or official for any reason, the election authority  
25 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases  
26 before the close of the period for counting provisional

1 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot  
2 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason  
3 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the  
4 voter may appear before the election authority, on or before  
5 the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to why the  
6 ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence  
7 to the election authority supporting his or her contention  
8 that the ballot should be counted. The election authority  
9 shall appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the  
10 contested ballot, application, and certification envelope, as  
11 well as any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No  
12 more than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of  
13 the same political party. The reviewing panel of election  
14 judges shall make a final determination as to the validity of  
15 the contested vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination  
16 shall not be reviewable either administratively or judicially.

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

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

1 determination, remove the name of the voter from the list  
2 transmitted to the State Board of Elections. The State Board  
3 of Elections shall maintain the names and information in an  
4 electronic format on its website accessible to State and local  
5 political committees.

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

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

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

18 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.1)

20 Sec. 19-12.1. Any qualified elector who has secured an  
21 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card in  
22 accordance with the Illinois Identification Card Act,  
23 indicating that the person named thereon has a Class 1A or  
24 Class 2 disability or any qualified voter who has a permanent  
25 physical incapacity of such a nature as to make it improbable

1 that he will be able to be present at the polls at any future  
2 election, or any voter who is a resident of (i) a federally  
3 operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility located in  
4 Illinois or (ii) a facility licensed or certified pursuant to  
5 the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health  
6 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or  
7 the MC/DD Act and has a condition or disability of such a  
8 nature as to make it improbable that he will be able to be  
9 present at the polls at any future election, may secure a  
10 voter's identification card for persons with disabilities or a  
11 nursing home resident's identification card, which will enable  
12 him to vote under this Article as a physically incapacitated  
13 or nursing home voter. For the purposes of this Section,  
14 "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility"  
15 means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse Brown VA  
16 Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward Hines, Jr.  
17 VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain James A.  
18 Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

19 Application for a voter's identification card for persons  
20 with disabilities or a nursing home resident's identification  
21 card shall be made either: (a) in writing, with voter's sworn  
22 affidavit, to the county clerk or board of election  
23 commissioners, as the case may be, and shall be accompanied by  
24 the affidavit of the attending physician, advanced practice  
25 registered nurse, or a physician assistant specifically  
26 describing the nature of the physical incapacity or the fact

1 that the voter is a nursing home resident and is physically  
2 unable to be present at the polls on election days; or (b) by  
3 presenting, in writing or otherwise, to the county clerk or  
4 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, proof  
5 that the applicant has secured an Illinois Person with a  
6 Disability Identification Card indicating that the person  
7 named thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability. Upon the  
8 receipt of either the sworn-to application and the  
9 physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or a  
10 physician assistant's affidavit or proof that the applicant  
11 has secured an Illinois Person with a Disability  
12 Identification Card indicating that the person named thereon  
13 has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability, the county clerk or board  
14 of election commissioners shall issue a voter's identification  
15 card for persons with disabilities or a nursing home  
16 resident's identification card. Such identification cards  
17 shall be issued for a period of 5 years, upon the expiration of  
18 which time the voter may secure a new card by making  
19 application in the same manner as is prescribed for the  
20 issuance of an original card, accompanied by a new affidavit  
21 of the attending physician, advanced practice registered  
22 nurse, or a physician assistant. The date of expiration of  
23 such five-year period shall be made known to any interested  
24 person by the election authority upon the request of such  
25 person. Applications for the renewal of the identification  
26 cards shall be mailed to the voters holding such cards not less

1 than 3 months prior to the date of expiration of the cards.

2 Each voter's identification card for persons with  
3 disabilities or nursing home resident's identification card  
4 shall bear an identification number, which shall be clearly  
5 noted on the voter's original and duplicate registration  
6 record cards. In the event the holder becomes physically  
7 capable of resuming normal voting, he must surrender his  
8 voter's identification card for persons with disabilities or  
9 nursing home resident's identification card to the county  
10 clerk or board of election commissioners before the next  
11 election.

12 The holder of a voter's identification card for persons  
13 with disabilities or a nursing home resident's identification  
14 card may make application by mail for an official ballot  
15 within the time prescribed by Section 19-2. Such application  
16 shall contain the same information as is included in the form  
17 of application for ballot by a physically incapacitated  
18 elector prescribed in Section 19-3 except that it shall also  
19 include the applicant's voter's identification card for  
20 persons with disabilities card number and except that it need  
21 not be sworn to. If an examination of the records discloses  
22 that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, he shall be  
23 mailed a ballot as provided in Section 19-4 and, if  
24 applicable, as provided in Section 19-4.5. The ballot envelope  
25 shall be the same as that prescribed in Section 19-5 for voters  
26 with physical disabilities, and the manner of voting and

1 returning the ballot shall be the same as that provided in this  
2 Article for other vote by mail ballots, except that a  
3 statement to be subscribed to by the voter but which need not  
4 be sworn to shall be placed on the ballot envelope in lieu of  
5 the affidavit prescribed by Section 19-5.

6 Any person who knowingly subscribes to a false statement  
7 in connection with voting under this Section shall be guilty  
8 of a Class A misdemeanor.

9 For the purposes of this Section, "nursing home resident"  
10 includes a resident of (i) a federally operated veterans'  
11 home, hospital, or facility located in Illinois or (ii) a  
12 facility licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act, the  
13 MC/DD Act, or the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act  
14 of 2013. For the purposes of this Section, "federally operated  
15 veterans' home, hospital, or facility" means the long-term  
16 care facilities at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana  
17 Health Care System, Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA  
18 Medical Center, and Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health  
19 Care Center.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-180, eff. 7-29-15;  
21 99-581, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 6-28-16; 100-513, eff.  
22 1-1-18.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

24 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the  
25 following applications for registration by mail or vote by

1 mail ballot which shall be considered a method of application  
2 in lieu of the official postcard.

3 1. Members of the United States Service and citizens of  
4 the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial  
5 limits of the United States may make application within the  
6 periods prescribed in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may  
7 be. Such application shall be substantially in the following  
8 form:

9 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

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

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

- 20 1. ( ) a member of the United States Service,
- 21 2. ( ) a citizen of the United States temporarily
- 22 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
- 23 and that I expect to be absent from the said county of my
- 24 residence on the date of holding such election, and that I will
- 25 have no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

26 I hereby make application for an official ballot or

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

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

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

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

17 .....

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

20 .....

21 .....

22 .....

23 ....."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Name of applicant .....

19 Residence address .....

20 City/village/township.....

21 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:  
22 .....  
23 .....  
24 .....  
25 ....."

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

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

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

8 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21; 102-292, eff. 1-1-22.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/20-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-4)

10 Sec. 20-4. Immediately upon the receipt of the official  
11 postcard or an application as provided in Section 20-3 within  
12 the times heretofore prescribed, the election authority shall  
13 ascertain whether or not such applicant is legally entitled to  
14 vote as requested, including verification of the applicant's  
15 signature by comparison with the signature on the official  
16 registration record card, if any. If the election authority  
17 ascertains that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, it  
18 shall enter the name, street address, ward and precinct number  
19 of such applicant on a list to be posted in his or its office  
20 in a place accessible to the public. Within one day after  
21 posting the name and other information of an applicant for a  
22 ballot, the election authority shall transmit that name and  
23 posted information to the State Board of Elections, which  
24 shall maintain the names and other information in an  
25 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and

1 accessible to State and local political committees. As soon as  
2 the official ballot is prepared the election authority shall  
3 immediately deliver the same to the applicant in person, by  
4 mail, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission  
5 as provided in Section 20-4.5, when applicable, and this  
6 Article.

7 If any such election authority receives a second or  
8 additional application which it believes is from the same  
9 person, he or it shall submit it to the chief judge of the  
10 circuit court or any judge of that court designated by the  
11 chief judge. If the chief judge or his designate determines  
12 that the application submitted to him is a second or  
13 additional one, he shall so notify the election authority who  
14 shall disregard the second or additional application.

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

23 Election authorities may transmit by facsimile or other  
24 electronic means a ballot simultaneously with transmitting an  
25 application for vote by mail ballot; however, no such ballot  
26 shall be counted unless an application has been completed by

1 the voter and the election authority ascertains that the  
2 applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as provided in this  
3 Section.

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

5 (10 ILCS 5/20-4.5 new)

6 Sec. 20-4.5. Primary ballots.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
8 entitled to vote by absentee ballot in a primary election  
9 shall not be required to declare his or her political party  
10 affiliation and shall be provided with a ballot including all  
11 candidates for offices, regardless of the party affiliation of  
12 the candidates, for which the absentee voter is entitled to  
13 vote in that primary election.

14 (b) With respect to the marking, casting, and counting of  
15 primary ballots, absentee voting shall be conducted in  
16 accordance with Sections 7-43 and 7-44 and any other  
17 provisions of this Article.

18 (c) When voting absentee at a primary, the voter shall be  
19 instructed to discard or otherwise destroy any ballot that the  
20 voter does not intend to cast. A discarded or destroyed ballot  
21 is not the ballot the voter agreed in the absentee ballot  
22 application to return to the election authority.

23 (10 ILCS 5/20-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-5)

24 Sec. 20-5. The election authority shall fold the ballot or

1 ballots in the manner specified by the statute for folding  
 2 ballots prior to their deposit in the ballot box and shall  
 3 enclose such ballot in an envelope unsealed to be furnished by  
 4 it, which envelope shall bear upon the face thereof the name,  
 5 official title and post office address of the election  
 6 authority, and upon the other side of such envelope there  
 7 shall be printed a certification in substantially the  
 8 following form:

9 "CERTIFICATION

10 I state that I am a resident/former resident of the  
 11 ..... precinct of the city/village/township of .....,  
 12 (Designation to be made by Election Authority) or of the ....  
 13 ward in the city of ..... (Designation to be made by  
 14 Election Authority) residing at ..... in said  
 15 city/village/township in the county of ..... and State  
 16 of Illinois; that I am a

- 17 1. ( ) member of the United States Service
- 18 2. ( ) citizen of the United States temporarily residing  
 19 outside the territorial limits of the United States
- 20 3. ( ) nonresident civilian citizen

21 and desire to cast the enclosed ballot pursuant to Article 20  
 22 of the Election Code; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in  
 23 such precinct at the ..... election to be held on  
 24 .....

25 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in  
 26 secret.

1 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29  
 2 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
 3 statements set forth in this certification are true and  
 4 correct.

5 ..... (Name)  
 6 .....  
 7 (Service Address)  
 8 .....  
 9 .....  
 10 ....."

11 ~~If the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a primary~~  
 12 ~~election, the certification shall designate the name of the~~  
 13 ~~political party with which the voter is affiliated.~~

14 In addition to the above, the election authority shall  
 15 provide printed slips giving full instructions regarding the  
 16 manner of completing the forms and affidavits for registration  
 17 by mail or the manner of marking and returning the ballot in  
 18 order that the same may be counted, and shall furnish one of  
 19 the printed slips to each of the applicants at the same time  
 20 the registration materials or ballot is delivered to him.

21 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an  
 22 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question  
 23 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory  
 24 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not  
 25 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such  
 26 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of

1 a notice of the public question, which shall include a  
2 description of the territory in the manner required by Section  
3 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same  
4 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

5 The envelope in which such registration or such ballot is  
6 mailed to the voter as well as the envelope in which the  
7 registration materials or the ballot is returned by the voter  
8 shall have printed across the face thereof two parallel  
9 horizontal red bars, each one-quarter inch wide, extending  
10 from one side of the envelope to the other side, with an  
11 intervening space of one-quarter inch, the top bar to be one  
12 and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope, and with  
13 the words "Official Election Balloting Material-VIA AIR MAIL"  
14 between the bars. In the upper right corner of such envelope in  
15 a box, there shall be printed the words: "U.S. Postage Paid 42  
16 USC 1973". All printing on the face of such envelopes shall be  
17 in red, including an appropriate inscription or blank in the  
18 upper left corner of return address of sender.

19 The envelope in which the ballot is returned to the  
20 election authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage paid,  
21 (ii) in person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or  
22 sister of the voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the  
23 business of making deliveries of property and licensed as a  
24 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission  
25 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

26 Election authorities transmitting ballots by facsimile or

1 electronic transmission shall, to the extent possible, provide  
2 those applicants with the same instructions, certification,  
3 and other materials required when sending by mail.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

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

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

7 (a) (Blank.)

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

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

25 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an

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

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

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

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

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

22 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on  
23 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no  
24 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or  
25 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by  
26 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail

1 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
2 blank ballots required to be counted on election day have been  
3 counted.

4 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 and,  
5 with respect to primary elections, the procedures set forth in  
6 Section 20-4.5, of this Code shall apply to all ballots  
7 counted under this Section. In addition, within 2 days after a  
8 ballot subject to this Article is received, but in all cases  
9 before the close of the period for counting provisional  
10 ballots, the election judge or official shall compare the  
11 voter's signature on the certification envelope of that ballot  
12 with the signature of the voter on file in the office of the  
13 election authority. If the election judge or official  
14 determines that the 2 signatures match, and that the voter is  
15 otherwise qualified to cast a ballot under this Article, the  
16 election authority shall cast and count the ballot on election  
17 day or the day the ballot is determined to be valid, whichever  
18 is later, adding the results to the precinct in which the voter  
19 is registered. If the election judge or official determines  
20 that the signatures do not match, or that the voter is not  
21 qualified to cast a ballot under this Article, then without  
22 opening the certification envelope, the judge or official  
23 shall mark across the face of the certification envelope the  
24 word "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

25 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a  
26 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election

1 judge or official:

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

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

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

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

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

13 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
14 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
15 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
16 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
17 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.  
18 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
19 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear  
20 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after  
21 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be  
22 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election  
23 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot  
24 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a  
25 panel of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,  
26 application, and certification envelope, as well as any

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

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

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

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/24A-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-5)

18 Sec. 24A-5. In precincts where an electronic voting system  
19 is used, a sufficient number of voting booths shall be  
20 provided for the use of such systems according to the  
21 requirements determined by the State Board of Elections, and  
22 the booths shall be arranged in the same manner as provided for  
23 use with paper ballots. Each such booth shall be placed so that  
24 the entrance to each booth faces a wall in such a manner that  
25 no judge of election or pollwatcher is able to observe a voter

1 casting a ballot.

2 ~~Whenever at a primary election at which an electronic~~  
3 ~~voting system is used there is also an election for officers or~~  
4 ~~on propositions in which qualified voters have the right to~~  
5 ~~vote without participating in the primary of any party, a~~  
6 ~~separate voting booth may be provided for those voters who do~~  
7 ~~not wish to participate in the primary of any party. Such~~  
8 ~~determination shall be made by resolution of the county board,~~  
9 ~~municipal board of election commissioners or county board of~~  
10 ~~election commissioners, whichever is applicable. Unless paper~~  
11 ~~ballots are used for such other election, such separate voting~~  
12 ~~booth shall contain a ballot label booklet containing only~~  
13 ~~those officers and propositions on which such voters are~~  
14 ~~entitled to vote.~~

15 (Source: P.A. 84-659.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/24A-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-6)

17 Sec. 24A-6. The ballot information, whether placed on the  
18 ballot or on the marking device, shall, as far as practicable,  
19 be in the order of arrangement provided for paper ballots,  
20 except that such information may be in vertical or horizontal  
21 rows, or in a number of separate pages. Ballots for all  
22 questions or propositions to be voted on must be provided in  
23 the same manner and must be arranged on or in the marking  
24 device or on the ballot sheet in the places provided for such  
25 purposes.

1           When an electronic voting system utilizes a ballot label  
2 booklet and ballot card, ballots for candidates, ballots  
3 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional  
4 amendment ballots, judicial retention ballots, public  
5 measures, and all propositions to be voted upon may be placed  
6 on the electronic voting device by providing in the ballot  
7 booklet separate ballot label pages or series of pages  
8 distinguished by differing colors as provided below. When an  
9 electronic voting system utilizes a ballot sheet, ballots  
10 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional  
11 amendment ballots and judicial retention ballots shall be  
12 placed on the ballot sheet by providing a separate portion of  
13 the ballot sheet for each such kind of ballot which shall be  
14 printed in ink of a color distinct from the color of ink used  
15 in printing any other portion of the ballot sheet. Ballots for  
16 candidates, public measures and all other propositions to be  
17 voted upon shall be placed on the ballot sheet by providing a  
18 separate portion of the ballot sheet for each such kind of  
19 ballot. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of  
20 intent to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections  
21 17-16.1 and 18-9.1, a line on which the name of a candidate may  
22 be written by the voter shall be printed below the name of the  
23 last candidate nominated for such office, and immediately to  
24 the left of such line an area shall be provided for marking a  
25 vote for such write-in candidate. The number of write-in lines  
26 for an office shall equal the number of persons who have filed

1 declarations of intent to be write-in candidates plus an  
2 additional line or lines for write-in candidates who qualify  
3 to file declarations to be write-in candidates under Sections  
4 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot contains  
5 the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of the  
6 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may  
7 vote. More than one amendment to the constitution may be  
8 placed on the same ballot page or series of pages or on the  
9 same portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot  
10 label pages for constitutional conventions or constitutional  
11 amendments shall be on paper of blue color and shall precede  
12 all other ballot label pages in the ballot label booklet. More  
13 than one public measure or proposition may be placed on the  
14 same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same  
15 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. More than one  
16 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on  
17 the same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same  
18 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot label  
19 pages for candidates shall be on paper of white color, ~~except~~  
20 ~~that in primary elections the ballot label page or pages for~~  
21 ~~the candidates of each respective political party shall be of~~  
22 ~~the color designated by the election official in charge of the~~  
23 ~~election for that political party's candidates;~~ provided that  
24 the ballot label pages or pages for candidates for use at the  
25 nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be on paper of  
26 different colors, except blue, whenever necessary or desirable

1 to facilitate distinguishing between the pages for different  
2 political subdivisions. On each page of the candidate booklet,  
3 where the election is made to list ballot information  
4 vertically, the party affiliation of each candidate or the  
5 word "independent" shall appear immediately to the left of the  
6 candidate's name, and the name of candidates for the same  
7 office shall be listed vertically under the title of that  
8 office. If no candidate or candidates file for an office and if  
9 no person or persons file a declaration as a write-in  
10 candidate for that office, then below the title of that office  
11 the election authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In  
12 the case of nonpartisan elections for officers of political  
13 subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted  
14 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires  
15 otherwise, the listing of such nonpartisan candidates shall  
16 not include any party or "independent" designation. Ballot  
17 label pages for judicial retention ballots shall be on paper  
18 of green color, and ballot label pages for all public measures  
19 and other propositions shall be on paper of some other  
20 distinct and different color. ~~In primary elections, a separate~~  
21 ~~ballot label booklet, marking device and voting booth shall be~~  
22 ~~used for each political party holding a primary, with the~~  
23 ~~ballot label booklet arranged to include ballot label pages of~~  
24 ~~the candidates of the party and public measures and other~~  
25 ~~propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary~~  
26 ~~election.~~ One ballot card may be used for recording the

1 voter's vote or choice on all such ballots, proposals, public  
2 measures or propositions, and such ballot card shall be  
3 arranged so as to record the voter's vote or choice in a  
4 separate column or columns for each such kind of ballot,  
5 proposal, public measure or proposition.

6 If the ballot label booklet includes both candidates for  
7 office and public measures or propositions to be voted on, the  
8 election official in charge of the election shall divide the  
9 pages by protruding tabs identifying the division of the  
10 pages, and printing on such tabs "Candidates" and  
11 "Propositions".

12 The ballot card and all of its columns and the ballot card  
13 envelope shall be of the color prescribed for candidate's  
14 ballots at the general or primary election, whichever is being  
15 held. At an election where no candidates are being nominated  
16 or elected, the ballot card, its columns, and the ballot card  
17 envelope shall be of a color designated by the election  
18 official in charge of the election.

19 The ballot cards, ballot card envelopes and ballot sheets  
20 may, at the discretion of the election authority, be printed  
21 on white paper and then striped with the appropriate colors.

22 When ballot sheets are used, the various portions thereof  
23 shall be arranged to conform to the foregoing format.

24 Vote by mail ballots may consist of ballot cards,  
25 envelopes, paper ballots, or ballot sheets. Where a ballot  
26 card is used for voting by mail it must be accompanied by a

1 punching tool or other appropriate marking device, voter  
2 instructions and a specimen ballot showing the proper  
3 positions to vote on the ballot card or ballot sheet for each  
4 party, candidate, proposal, public measure or proposition, and  
5 in the case of a ballot card must be mounted on a suitable  
6 material to receive the punched out chip.

7 Any voter who spoils his ballot or makes an error may  
8 return the ballot to the judges of election and secure  
9 another. However, the protruding identifying tab for proposals  
10 for a constitutional convention or constitutional amendments  
11 shall have printed thereon "Constitutional Ballot", and the  
12 ballot label page or pages for such proposals shall precede  
13 the ballot label pages for candidates in the ballot label  
14 booklet.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/24B-6)

17 Sec. 24B-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Electronic  
18 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology Voting System;  
19 Vote by Mail Ballots; Spoiled Ballots. The ballot  
20 information, shall, as far as practicable, be in the order of  
21 arrangement provided for paper ballots, except that the  
22 information may be in vertical or horizontal rows, or on a  
23 number of separate pages or displays on the marking device.  
24 Ballots for all questions or propositions to be voted on  
25 should be provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on

1 the ballot sheet or marking device in the places provided for  
2 such purposes. Ballots shall be of white paper unless provided  
3 otherwise by administrative rule of the State Board of  
4 Elections or otherwise specified.

5 All propositions, including but not limited to  
6 propositions calling for a constitutional convention,  
7 constitutional amendment, judicial retention, and public  
8 measures to be voted upon shall be placed on separate portions  
9 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or  
10 grey screens. Candidates shall be listed on a separate portion  
11 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or  
12 grey screens. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of  
13 intent to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections  
14 17-16.1 and 18-9.1, a line or lines on which the voter may  
15 select a write-in candidate shall be printed below the name of  
16 the last candidate nominated for such office. Such line or  
17 lines shall be proximate to an area provided for marking votes  
18 for the write-in candidate or candidates. The number of  
19 write-in lines for an office shall equal the number of persons  
20 who have filed declarations of intent to be write-in  
21 candidates plus an additional line or lines for write-in  
22 candidates who qualify to file declarations to be write-in  
23 candidates under Sections 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the  
24 certification of ballot contains the words "OBJECTION PENDING"  
25 next to the name of that candidate, up to the number of  
26 candidates for which a voter may vote. In the case of write-in

1 lines for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, 2  
2 lines shall be printed within a bracket and a single square  
3 shall be printed in front of the bracket. More than one  
4 amendment to the constitution may be placed on the same  
5 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. Constitutional  
6 convention or constitutional amendment propositions shall be  
7 printed or displayed on a separate portion of the ballot sheet  
8 or marking device and designated by borders or grey screens,  
9 unless otherwise provided by administrative rule of the State  
10 Board of Elections. More than one public measure or  
11 proposition may be placed on the same portion of the ballot  
12 sheet or marking device. More than one proposition for  
13 retention of judges in office may be placed on the same portion  
14 of the ballot sheet or marking device. Names of candidates  
15 shall be printed in black. The party affiliation of each  
16 candidate or the word "independent" shall appear near or under  
17 the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for the same  
18 office shall be listed vertically under the title of that  
19 office, on separate pages of the marking device, or as  
20 otherwise approved by the State Board of Elections. If no  
21 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or  
22 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that  
23 office, then below the title of that office the election  
24 authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the case of  
25 nonpartisan elections for officers of political subdivisions,  
26 unless the statute or an ordinance adopted pursuant to Article

1 VII of the Constitution requires otherwise, the listing of  
2 nonpartisan candidates shall not include any party or  
3 "independent" designation. Judicial retention questions and  
4 ballot questions for all public measures and other  
5 propositions shall be designated by borders or grey screens on  
6 the ballot or marking device. ~~In primary elections, a separate~~  
7 ~~ballot, or displays on the marking device, shall be used for~~  
8 ~~each political party holding a primary, with the ballot or~~  
9 ~~marking device arranged to include names of the candidates of~~  
10 ~~the party and public measures and other propositions to be~~  
11 ~~voted upon on the day of the primary election.~~

12 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and  
13 public measures or propositions to be voted on, the election  
14 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot or  
15 displays on the marking device in sections for "Candidates"  
16 and "Propositions", or separate ballots may be used.

17 Vote by Mail ballots may consist of envelopes, paper  
18 ballots, or ballot sheets. Where a Precinct Tabulation Optical  
19 Scan Technology ballot is used for voting by mail it must be  
20 accompanied by voter instructions.

21 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or  
22 has a ballot returned by the automatic tabulating equipment  
23 may return the ballot to the judges of election and get another  
24 ballot.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-6)

2 Sec. 24C-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Direct  
3 Recording Electronic Voting System; Vote by Mail Ballots;  
4 Spoiled Ballots. The ballot information, shall, as far as  
5 practicable, be in the order of arrangement provided for paper  
6 ballots, except that the information may be in vertical or  
7 horizontal rows, or on a number of separate pages or display  
8 screens.

9 Ballots for all public questions to be voted on should be  
10 provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on the ballot  
11 in the places provided for such purposes. All public  
12 questions, including but not limited to public questions  
13 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional  
14 amendment, or judicial retention, shall be placed on the  
15 ballot separate and apart from candidates. Ballots for all  
16 public questions shall be clearly designated by borders or  
17 different color screens. More than one amendment to the  
18 constitution may be placed on the same portion of the ballot  
19 sheet. Constitutional convention or constitutional amendment  
20 propositions shall be placed on a separate portion of the  
21 ballot and designated by borders or unique color screens,  
22 unless otherwise provided by administrative rule of the State  
23 Board of Elections. More than one public question may be  
24 placed on the same portion of the ballot. More than one  
25 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on  
26 the same portion of the ballot.

1           The party affiliation, if any, of each candidate or the  
2 word "independent", where applicable, shall appear near or  
3 under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for  
4 the same office shall be listed vertically under the title of  
5 that office. In the case of nonpartisan elections for officers  
6 of political subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance  
7 adopted pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires  
8 otherwise, the listing of nonpartisan candidates shall not  
9 include any party or "independent" designation. If no  
10 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or  
11 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that  
12 office, then below the title of that office the election  
13 authority shall print "No Candidate". ~~In primary elections, a  
14 separate ballot shall be used for each political party holding  
15 a primary, with the ballot arranged to include names of the  
16 candidates of the party and public questions and other  
17 propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary  
18 election.~~

19           If the ballot includes both candidates for office and  
20 public questions or propositions to be voted on, the election  
21 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot in  
22 sections for "Candidates" and "Public Questions", or separate  
23 ballots may be used.

24           Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or  
25 has a ballot rejected by the automatic tabulating equipment  
26 shall be provided a means of correcting the ballot or

1 obtaining a new ballot prior to casting his or her ballot.

2 Any election authority using a Direct Recording Electronic  
3 Voting System may use voting systems approved for use under  
4 Articles 24A or 24B of this Code in conducting vote by mail or  
5 early voting.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/24C-11)

8 Sec. 24C-11. Functional requirements. A Direct Recording  
9 Electronic Voting System shall, in addition to satisfying the  
10 other requirements of this Article, fulfill the following  
11 functional requirements:

12 (a) Provide a voter in a primary election with the means of  
13 casting a ballot containing votes for any and all candidates  
14 ~~of the party or parties~~ of his or her choice, and for any and  
15 all non-partisan candidates and public questions and preclude  
16 the voter from voting for any candidate of any other political  
17 party except when legally permitted. In a general election,  
18 the system shall provide the voter with means of selecting the  
19 appropriate number of candidates for any office, and of voting  
20 on any public question on the ballot to which he or she is  
21 entitled to vote.

22 (b) If a voter is not entitled to vote for particular  
23 candidates or public questions appearing on the ballot, the  
24 system shall prevent the selection of the prohibited votes.

25 (c) Once the proper ballot has been selected, the system

1 devices shall provide a means of enabling the recording of  
2 votes and the casting of said ballot.

3 (d) System voting devices shall provide voting choices  
4 that are clear to the voter and labels indicating the names of  
5 every candidate and the text of every public question on the  
6 voter's ballot. Each label shall identify the selection button  
7 or switch, or the active area of the ballot associated with it.  
8 The system shall be able to incorporate minimal,  
9 easy-to-follow on-screen instruction for the voter on how to  
10 cast a ballot.

11 (e) Voting devices shall (i) enable the voter to vote for  
12 any and all candidates and public questions appearing on the  
13 ballot for which the voter is lawfully entitled to vote, in any  
14 legal number and combination; (ii) detect and reject all votes  
15 for an office or upon a public question when the voter has cast  
16 more votes for the office or upon the public question than the  
17 voter is entitled to cast; (iii) notify the voter if the  
18 voter's choices as recorded on the ballot for an office or  
19 public question are fewer than or exceed the number that the  
20 voter is entitled to vote for on that office or public question  
21 and the effect of casting more or fewer votes than legally  
22 permitted; (iv) notify the voter if the voter has failed to  
23 completely cast a vote for an office or public question  
24 appearing on the ballot; and (v) permit the voter, in a private  
25 and independent manner, to verify the votes selected by the  
26 voter, to change the ballot or to correct any error on the

1 ballot before the ballot is completely cast and counted. A  
2 means shall be provided to indicate each selection after it  
3 has been made or canceled.

4 (f) System voting devices shall provide a means for the  
5 voter to signify that the selection of candidates and public  
6 questions has been completed. Upon activation, the system  
7 shall record an image of the completed ballot, increment the  
8 proper ballot position registers, and shall signify to the  
9 voter that the ballot has been cast. The system shall then  
10 prevent any further attempt to vote until it has been reset or  
11 re-enabled by a judge of election.

12 (g) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a  
13 public counter that can be set to zero prior to the opening of  
14 the polling place, and that records the number of ballots cast  
15 at a particular election. The counter shall be incremented  
16 only by the casting of a ballot. The counter shall be designed  
17 to prevent disabling or resetting by other than authorized  
18 persons after the polls close. The counter shall be visible to  
19 all judges of election so long as the device is installed at  
20 the polling place.

21 (h) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a  
22 protective counter that records all of the testing and  
23 election ballots cast since the unit was built. This counter  
24 shall be designed so that its reading cannot be changed by any  
25 cause other than the casting of a ballot. The protective  
26 counter shall be incapable of ever being reset and it shall be

1 visible at all times when the device is configured for  
2 testing, maintenance, or election use.

3 (i) All system devices shall provide a means of preventing  
4 further voting once the polling place has closed and after all  
5 eligible voters have voted. Such means of control shall  
6 incorporate a visible indication of system status. Each device  
7 shall prevent any unauthorized use, prevent tampering with  
8 ballot labels and preclude its re-opening once the poll  
9 closing has been completed for that election.

10 (j) The system shall produce a printed summary report of  
11 the votes cast upon each voting device. Until the proper  
12 sequence of events associated with closing the polling place  
13 has been completed, the system shall not allow the printing of  
14 a report or the extraction of data. The printed report shall  
15 also contain all system audit information to be required by  
16 the election authority. Data shall not be altered or otherwise  
17 destroyed by report generation and the system shall ensure the  
18 integrity and security of data for a period of at least 6  
19 months after the polls close.

20 (k) If more than one voting device is used in a polling  
21 place, the system shall provide a means to manually or  
22 electronically consolidate the data from all such units into a  
23 single report even if different voting systems are used to  
24 record ballots. The system shall also be capable of merging  
25 the vote tabulation results produced by other vote tabulation  
26 systems, if necessary.

1           (1) System functions shall be implemented such that  
2           unauthorized access to them is prevented and the execution of  
3           authorized functions in an improper sequence is precluded.  
4           System functions shall be executable only in the intended  
5           manner and order, and only under the intended conditions. If  
6           the preconditions to a system function have not been met, the  
7           function shall be precluded from executing by the system's  
8           control logic.

9           (m) All system voting devices shall incorporate at least 3  
10          memories in the machine itself and in its programmable memory  
11          devices.

12          (n) The system shall include capabilities of recording and  
13          reporting the date and time of normal and abnormal events and  
14          of maintaining a permanent record of audit information that  
15          cannot be turned off. Provisions shall be made to detect and  
16          record significant events (e.g., casting a ballot, error  
17          conditions that cannot be disposed of by the system itself,  
18          time-dependent or programmed events that occur without the  
19          intervention of the voter or a judge of election).

20          (o) The system and each system voting device must be  
21          capable of creating, printing and maintaining a permanent  
22          paper record and an electronic image of each ballot that is  
23          cast such that records of individual ballots are maintained by  
24          a subsystem independent and distinct from the main vote  
25          detection, interpretation, processing and reporting path. The  
26          electronic images of each ballot must protect the integrity of

1 the data and the anonymity of each voter, for example, by means  
2 of storage location scrambling. The ballot image records may  
3 be either machine-readable or manually transcribed, or both,  
4 at the discretion of the election authority.

5 (p) The system shall include built-in test, measurement  
6 and diagnostic software and hardware for detecting and  
7 reporting the system's status and degree of operability.

8 (q) The system shall contain provisions for maintaining  
9 the integrity of memory voting and audit data during an  
10 election and for a period of at least 6 months thereafter and  
11 shall provide the means for creating an audit trail.

12 (r) The system shall be fully accessible so as to permit  
13 blind or visually impaired voters as well as voters with  
14 physical disabilities to exercise their right to vote in  
15 private and without assistance.

16 (s) The system shall provide alternative language  
17 accessibility if required pursuant to Section 203 of the  
18 Voting Rights Act of 1965.

19 (t) Each voting device shall enable a voter to vote for a  
20 person whose name does not appear on the ballot.

21 (u) The system shall record and count accurately each vote  
22 properly cast for or against any candidate and for or against  
23 any public question, including the names of all candidates  
24 whose names are written in by the voters.

25 (v) The system shall allow for accepting provisional  
26 ballots and for separating such provisional ballots from

1 precinct totals until authorized by the election authority.

2 (w) The system shall provide an effective audit trail as  
3 defined in Section 24C-2 in this Code.

4 (x) The system shall be suitably designed for the purpose  
5 used, be durably constructed, and be designed for safety,  
6 accuracy and efficiency.

7 (y) The system shall comply with all provisions of  
8 federal, State and local election laws and regulations and any  
9 future modifications to those laws and regulations.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/25-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-10)

12 Sec. 25-10. This Section applies only to counties of  
13 3,000,000 or more population. When a vacancy occurs in the  
14 office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of any of the counties in  
15 this State, it shall be the duty of the Circuit Judges of the  
16 respective judicial circuit in which such vacancy may occur,  
17 to make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the remainder of  
18 the unexpired term. However, if more than 28 months remain in  
19 the term, the appointment shall be until the next general  
20 election, at which time a clerk of the circuit court shall be  
21 elected for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointee  
22 shall ~~be a member of the same political party as the person he~~  
23 ~~succeeds was at the time of his election and shall~~ be otherwise  
24 eligible to serve as Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Circuit  
25 Judges may appoint a Clerk Pro Tempore for whatever period is

1 necessary while reviewing the qualifications of candidates for  
2 appointment to the office.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/Art. 10 rep.)

5 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing  
6 Article 10.