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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1010

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1010 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 1A-6, 1A-6.1, 1A-7, 2A-1.2, 4-6.2, 4-11, 4-12, 4-22,  
6 5-14, 5-15, 5-16.2, 5-29, 6-24, 6-44, 6-50.2, 6-60, 6-66, 6-70,  
7 6A-3, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-7, 7-8, 7-8.01, 7-8.02, 7-9, 7-9.1,  
8 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14.1, 7-17, 7-19, 7-25, 7-34, 7-46,  
9 7-51, 7-53, 7-55, 7-56, 7-58, 7-59, 7-60, 7-60.1, 8-5, 8-6,  
10 8-7, 9-1.3, 9-1.8, 9-2, 9-8.10, 9-11, 9-15, 9-20, 10-2, 10-6.2,  
11 10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 11-6, 13-1, 13-1.1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 14-1,  
12 14-3.1, 14-3.2, 14-5, 17-18.1, 17-22, 17-23, 18-1, 18-14, 21-1,  
13 22-1, 22-4, 22-8, 22-15, 22-15.1, 24-13, 24A-10, 24A-11,  
14 24A-15, 24B-10, 24B-11, 24B-15, 24C-13, 24C-15, 25-6, 25-11,  
15 28-13, 29B-10, 29B-20, 29B-25, and 29B-30 as follows:

16 (10 ILCS 5/1A-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-6)

1           Sec. 1A-6. One member of the State Board of Elections shall  
2 be elected by the members of the Board to be chairperson  
3 ~~chairman~~ and shall serve as chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the Board  
4 for a term ending June 30, 1979. On July 1 of 1979 and on July 1  
5 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, a chairperson ~~chairman~~  
6 shall be elected by the members of the Board for a 2 year term  
7 ending June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. If July 1 of any  
8 odd-numbered year does not fall on a business day, said  
9 election shall be held on the first business day thereafter.  
10 The chairperson ~~chairman~~ elected for each 2 year term shall not  
11 be of the same political party affiliation as the prior  
12 chairperson ~~chairman~~. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office  
13 of chairperson ~~chairman~~, a new chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the same  
14 political party affiliation shall be elected for the remainder  
15 of the vacating chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ term. Whenever a  
16 chairperson ~~chairman~~ is elected, the Board shall elect from  
17 among its members, a vice chairperson ~~chairman~~ who shall not be  
18 of the same political party affiliation as the chairperson  
19 ~~chairman~~.

20           Upon the confirmation of all of the members of the State  
21 Board of Elections initially appointed under the amendatory Act  
22 of 1978, the Governor shall designate one of the members as  
23 interim chairperson ~~chairman~~ who shall preside over the Board  
24 until a chairperson ~~chairman~~ is elected pursuant to this  
25 Section.

26           (Source: P.A. 80-1178.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/1A-6.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-6.1)

2 Sec. 1A-6.1. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State Board of  
3 Elections shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except  
4 that the vice chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall preside at any meeting  
5 when the chairperson ~~chairman~~ is absent. The salary of the  
6 chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall be \$25,000 per year, or as set by  
7 the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, and the  
8 salary of the vice-chairperson ~~vice-chairman~~ shall be \$20,000  
9 per year, or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever  
10 is greater. The salary of the other Board members shall be  
11 \$15,000 per year, or as set by the Compensation Review Board,  
12 whichever is greater. Each member shall be reimbursed for  
13 actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

14 (Source: P.A. 83-1177.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/1A-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-7)

16 Sec. 1A-7. The State Board of Elections shall meet at such  
17 time or times as the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or any 4 members  
18 shall direct, but at least once per month. Five members of the  
19 Board are necessary to constitute a quorum and 5 votes are  
20 necessary for any action of the Board to become effective,  
21 including the appointment of the executive director, the  
22 employment of technical consultants and the employment of other  
23 persons.

24 If a quorum is present at a meeting of the Board, one of

1 the members present may vote for the absent member pursuant to  
2 a written proxy signed by the absent member. A member voting by  
3 proxy who is not in attendance may not be counted towards the  
4 presence of a quorum.

5 (Source: P.A. 80-1178.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

7 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections - Offices  
8 Designated.

9 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
10 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or  
11 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

12 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
13 United States;

14 (2) United States Senator and United States  
15 Representative;

16 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

17 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

18 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
19 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
20 elected President of the County Board or County Chief  
21 Executive;

22 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

23 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in  
24 counties or educational service regions in which that  
25 office has been abolished;

1 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
2 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and  
3 newly created judicial offices;

4 (9) (Blank);

5 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of  
6 Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary Districts;

7 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
8 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
9 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual  
10 election and permits or requires election of candidates of  
11 political parties.

12 (b) At the general primary election:

13 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political  
14 parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled  
15 at the general election in that year, except where pursuant  
16 to law nomination of candidates of political parties is  
17 made by caucus.

18 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the  
19 political party offices of State central committeeperson  
20 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, ward  
21 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and precinct committeeperson  
22 ~~committeeman~~ shall be filled and delegates and alternate  
23 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be  
24 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the  
25 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is to  
26 be held, candidates in the Presidential preference primary

1 shall also be on the ballot.

2 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality  
3 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal  
4 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article  
5 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal  
6 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of  
7 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held  
8 on the date of the general primary election, provided that  
9 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election  
10 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan  
11 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to  
12 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at  
13 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6  
14 weeks preceding that election.

15 (4) in each school district which has adopted the  
16 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to  
17 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in  
18 the year in which the general primary is held shall be  
19 elected.

20 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate  
21 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

22 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in  
23 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other  
24 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates  
25 of political parties, the runoff election where required by  
26 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,

1 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and  
2 provided further, in the case of municipal officers  
3 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of  
4 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of  
5 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be  
6 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided  
7 by such ordinance;

8 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

9 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

10 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

11 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

12 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
13 designated in this section, where the statute creating or  
14 authorizing the creation of the district permits or  
15 requires election of candidates of political parties;

16 (7) Township officers, including township park  
17 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
18 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
19 Assessors;

20 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

21 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which  
22 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

23 (10) The directors and chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
24 Chain O Lakes - Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

25 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected  
26 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District

1 Act;

2 (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
3 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
4 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
5 counties or educational service regions having a  
6 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of  
7 boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school  
8 districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

9 (13) Members of Community College district boards;

10 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

11 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan  
12 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

13 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
14 Districts;

15 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
16 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
17 governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
18 political parties.

19 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each  
20 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be  
21 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated  
22 election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination  
23 of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and  
24 except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of  
25 subsection (c).

26 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate

1 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen  
2 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for  
3 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law  
4 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff  
5 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be  
6 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a  
7 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law  
8 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates  
9 of political parties.

10 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
11 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or  
12 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by  
13 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality  
14 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

15 (e) (Blank).

16 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, public  
17 questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this Code and  
18 any special election otherwise required or authorized by law or  
19 by court order may be conducted pursuant to this Code.

20 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers  
21 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for  
22 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are  
23 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the  
24 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so  
25 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial  
26 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

1           Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
2 officials established in this Article, any community college  
3 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant  
4 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or  
5 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board  
6 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the  
7 effective date of the new district.

8           (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in  
9 any precinct there are no offices or public questions required  
10 to be on the ballot under this Code then no election shall be  
11 held in the precinct on that date.

12           (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance with  
13 the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

14           (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,  
15 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

16           (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

17           Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
18 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly  
19 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the  
20 registration of all qualified residents of the State.

21           The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
22 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
23 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
24 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

25           The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named

1 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
2 persons:

3 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
4 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
5 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
6 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
7 at such library.

8 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
9 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
10 vocational school situated within the election  
11 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
12 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The county  
13 clerk shall notify every principal and vice-principal of  
14 each high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
15 situated within the election jurisdiction of their  
16 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
17 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
18 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
19 every election.

20 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
21 the president, of any university, college, community  
22 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
23 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the  
24 registrations of any resident of the State, at such  
25 university, college, community college, academy or  
26 institution.

1           4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
2 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
3 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
4 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

5           5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide  
6 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
7 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
8 designated by such official, who may accept the  
9 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
10 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
11 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population  
12 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
13 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
14 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
15 jurisdiction and their location, the registration  
16 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
17 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
18 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
19 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
20 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
21 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
22 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
23 of bonafide State civic organizations. Such appointments  
24 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
25 terminating on the first business day of the month  
26 following the month of the general election, and shall be

1 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
2 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

3 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a  
4 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director  
5 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the  
6 registration of any qualified resident of the county at any  
7 such public aid office.

8 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
9 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
10 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
11 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
12 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

13 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the  
14 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
15 employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
16 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

17 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
18 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
19 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
20 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
21 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
22 appointed as deputy registrar.

23 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
24 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
25 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
26 the convenience of the public is served, giving due

1 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some  
 2 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that  
 3 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political  
 4 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
 5 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
 6 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the  
 7 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the  
 8 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County  
 9 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the  
 10 county clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may  
 11 require a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to  
 12 furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

13 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
 14 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
 15 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
 16 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
 17 oath or affirmation:

18 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
 19 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
 20 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
 21 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
 22 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
 23 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
 24 personal application before me.

25 .....  
 26 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

1           This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
2 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
3 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
4 filed with the county clerk.

5           Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
6 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
7 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
8 election of each even-numbered year; except that the terms of  
9 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
10 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
11 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
12 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
13 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
14 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
15 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
16 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

17           (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all  
18 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at  
19 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county  
20 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
21 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
22 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
23 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
24 removal for cause.

25           (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
26 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall

1 be returned to the appointing election authority by first-class  
2 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,  
3 except that completed registration materials received by the  
4 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
5 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
6 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
7 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
8 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
9 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
10 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
11 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
12 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
13 the close of registration.

14 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
15 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
16 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
17 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
18 possession.

19 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
20 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
21 her duties.

22 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
23 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
24 deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
25 county clerk.

26 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy

1 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be  
2 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to  
3 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of  
4 residence.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-11)

7 Sec. 4-11. At least 2 weeks prior to the general November  
8 election in each even numbered year and the consolidated  
9 election in each odd-numbered year the county clerk shall cause  
10 a list to be made for each precinct of all names upon the  
11 registration record cards not marked or erased, in alphabetical  
12 order, with the address, provided, that such list may be  
13 arranged geographically, by street and number, in numerical  
14 order, with respect to all precincts in which all, or  
15 substantially all residences of voters therein shall be located  
16 upon and numbered along streets, avenues, courts, or other  
17 highways which are either named or numbered, upon direction  
18 either of the county board or of the circuit court. On the  
19 list, the county clerk shall indicate, by italics, asterisk, or  
20 other means, the names of all persons who have registered since  
21 the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated  
22 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this  
23 Act. The county clerk shall cause such precinct lists to be  
24 printed or typed in sufficient numbers to meet all reasonable  
25 demands, and upon application a copy of the same shall be given

1 to any person applying therefor. By such time, the county clerk  
2 shall give the precinct lists to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a  
3 county central committee of an established political party, as  
4 such party is defined in Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the  
5 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.  
6 Within 30 days of the effective date of this Amendatory Act of  
7 1983, the county clerk shall give the precinct lists compiled  
8 prior to the general November election of 1982 to the  
9 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of county central committee of an  
10 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~  
11 duly authorized representative.

12 Prior to the opening of the polls for other elections, the  
13 county clerk shall transmit or deliver to the judges of  
14 election of each polling place a corrected list of registered  
15 voters in the precinct, or the names of persons added to and  
16 erased or withdrawn from the list for such precinct. At other  
17 times such list, currently corrected, shall be kept available  
18 for public inspection in the office of the county clerk.

19 Within 60 days after each general election the county clerk  
20 shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the  
21 list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who  
22 voted at that general election, and shall provide a copy of  
23 such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
24 committee of each established political party or to the  
25 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

26 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall indicate by italics,  
2 asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in  
3 each precinct, each registrant who voted at the general  
4 election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such coded list  
5 to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of  
6 each established political party or to the chairperson's  
7 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

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

11 (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/4-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-12)

13 Sec. 4-12. Any voter or voters in the township, city,  
14 village or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any  
15 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,  
16 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of Monday and  
17 Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in which the 1970  
18 primary election for the nomination of candidates for State and  
19 county offices or any election thereafter is to be held, make  
20 application in writing, to the county clerk, to have any name  
21 upon the register of any precinct erased. Such application  
22 shall be, in substance, in the words and figures following:

23 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. .... Street  
24 in the .... precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or  
25 town of) .... (or of the .... town of ....) do hereby solemnly

1 swear (or affirm) that .... registered from No. .... Street is  
2 not a qualified voter in the .... precinct of .... ward of the  
3 city (village or town) of .... (or of the .... town of ....)  
4 and hence I ask that his name be erased from the register of  
5 such precinct for the following reason .....

6 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the  
7 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

8 (Signed) .....

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

10 .....

11 .....

12 ....."

13 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
14 applicant before the county clerk or any deputy authorized by  
15 the county clerk for that purpose, and filed with said clerk.  
16 Thereupon notice of such application, and of the time and place  
17 of hearing thereon, with a demand to appear before the county  
18 clerk and show cause why his name shall not be erased from said  
19 register, shall be mailed, in an envelope duly stamped and  
20 directed to such person at the address upon said register, at  
21 least four days before the day fixed in said notice to show  
22 cause. If such person has provided the election authority with  
23 an e-mail address, then the election authority shall also send  
24 the same notice by electronic mail at least 4 days before the  
25 day fixed in said notice to show cause.

1           A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons  
2 making the application to have the name upon such register  
3 erased to appear and show cause why said name should be erased,  
4 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
5 voter making such application fails to appear before said clerk  
6 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or  
7 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be  
8 erased, the application to erase may be dismissed by the county  
9 clerk.

10           Any voter making the application is privileged from arrest  
11 while presenting it to the county clerk, and while going to and  
12 from the office of the county clerk.

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

14           (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

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

19                           CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

20                   City of ..... Ward ..... Precinct .....

21                   Election ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)

22                           Registration Record .....

23                                   Checked by .....

24                                   Voter's number ....

25                                   INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

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

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

7                               Signature of voter .....

8                               residence address .....

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

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

25           The certificates of each State-wide political party at a  
26 general primary election shall be separately printed upon paper

1 of uniform quality, texture and size, but the certificates of  
2 no 2 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or  
3 tint. However, if the election authority provides computer  
4 generated applications with the precinct, ballot style and  
5 voter's name and address preprinted on the application, a  
6 single application may be used for State-wide political parties  
7 if it contains spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the  
8 political party. Such application shall not entitle the voter  
9 to vote in the primary of more than one political party at the  
10 same election.

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

21 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
22 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
23 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
24 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison that  
25 the applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered  
26 under the same name, the judges shall ask such applicant the

1 questions for identification which appear on the registration  
2 card, and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction  
3 of a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is  
4 the identical person registered under the name in question then  
5 the vote of such applicant shall be challenged by a judge of  
6 election, and the same procedure followed as provided by law  
7 for challenged voters.

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

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

1           After each general primary election the county clerk shall  
2 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each  
3 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct  
4 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
5 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,  
6 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall  
7 provide a copy of this coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
8 of the county central committee of each established political  
9 party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
10 representative.

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

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

24           Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
25 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
26 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry

1 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
2 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as  
3 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the  
4 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased  
5 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register  
6 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or  
7 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of the  
8 elector's right to vote upon compliance with the provisions  
9 hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such event one of the  
10 judges of election shall require an affidavit by such person  
11 and one voter residing in the precinct before the judges of  
12 election, substantially in the form prescribed in Section 17-10  
13 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such affidavits, a  
14 certificate shall be issued to such elector, and upon the  
15 presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he shall be  
16 entitled to vote.

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

21 When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
22 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the  
23 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
24 supplemental or consolidated list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
25 of a county central committee of an established political party  
26 or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized

1 representative.

2 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the  
3 election authority charged with the duty of providing  
4 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so that  
5 a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in which of  
6 the elections he desires to vote.

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

15 (Source: P.A. 84-809.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/5-14) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-14)

17 Sec. 5-14. Either of the canvassers shall, at the end of  
18 the canvass, return the "Verification Lists" to the County  
19 Clerk and a certificate of the correctness of such return.  
20 Immediately after receipt of such Verification Lists, the  
21 County Clerk shall cause copies to be printed in plain large  
22 type in sufficient numbers to meet all demands, and upon  
23 application, a copy of the same shall be given to any person  
24 applying therefor. Thereafter a list of registered voters in  
25 each precinct shall be compiled by the County clerk, prior to

1 the General Election to be held in November of each even  
2 numbered year. On the list, the County Clerk shall indicate, by  
3 italics, asterisk, or other means, the names of all persons who  
4 have registered since the last regularly scheduled election in  
5 the consolidated schedule of elections established in Section  
6 2A-1.1 of this Act.

7 When the list of registered voters in each precinct is  
8 compiled, the County Clerk shall give a copy of it to the  
9 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an  
10 established political party, as such party is defined in  
11 Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~  
12 duly authorized representative. Within 30 days of the effective  
13 date of this Amendatory Act of 1983, the County Clerk shall  
14 give the list of registered voters in each precinct that was  
15 compiled prior to the general November election of 1982 to the  
16 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an  
17 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~  
18 duly authorized representative.

19 Within 60 days after each general election the county clerk  
20 shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the  
21 list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who  
22 voted at that general election, and shall provide a copy of  
23 such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
24 committee of each established political party or to the  
25 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

26 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall indicate by italics,  
2 asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in  
3 each precinct, each registrant who voted at the general  
4 election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such coded list  
5 to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of  
6 each established political party or to the chairperson's  
7 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

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

11 (Source: P.A. 83-1263.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/5-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-15)

13 Sec. 5-15. Any voter or voters in the township, city,  
14 village, or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any  
15 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,  
16 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of  
17 the Monday and Tuesday of the third week immediately preceding  
18 the week in which such April 10, 1962 Primary Election is to be  
19 held, make application in writing, before such County Clerk, to  
20 have any name upon such register of any precinct erased.  
21 Thereafter such application shall be made between the hours of  
22 nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of Monday and Tuesday of  
23 the second week prior to the week in which any county, city,  
24 village, township, or incorporated town election is to be held.  
25 Such application shall be in substance, in the words and

1 figures following:

2 "I, being a qualified voter, registered from No. ....  
3 Street in the .... precinct of the .... Ward of the city  
4 (village or town of .... ) of the .... District .... town of  
5 .... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that .... registered  
6 from No. .... Street is not a qualified voter in the ....  
7 precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or town) of ....  
8 or of the .... district town of .... hence I ask that his name  
9 be erased from the register of such precinct for the following  
10 reason .....

11 Affiant further says that he has personal  
12 knowledge of the facts set forth in the above affidavit.

12 (Signed) .....

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

14 .....

15 .....

16 ....."

17 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
18 applicant before the County Clerk or any Deputy authorized by  
19 the County Clerk for that purpose, and filed with the Clerk.  
20 Thereupon notice of such application, with a demand to appear  
21 before the County Clerk and show cause why his name shall not  
22 be erased from the register, shall be mailed by special  
23 delivery, duly stamped and directed, to such person, to the  
24 address upon said register at least 4 days before the day fixed  
25 in said notice to show cause. If such person has provided the  
26 election authority with an e-mail address, then the election

1 authority shall also send the same notice by electronic mail at  
2 least 4 days before the day fixed in said notice to show cause.

3 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons  
4 making the application to have the name upon such register  
5 erased to appear and show cause why the name should be erased,  
6 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
7 voter making such application fails to appear before the Clerk  
8 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or  
9 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be  
10 erased, the application may be dismissed by the County Clerk.

11 Any voter making such application or applications shall be  
12 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the County  
13 Clerk, and whilst going to and returning from the office of the  
14 County Clerk.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

17 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
18 municipal and township clerks or their duly authorized deputies  
19 as deputy registrars who may accept the registration of all  
20 qualified residents of the State.

21 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
22 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
23 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
24 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

25 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named

1 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
2 persons:

3 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
4 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
5 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
6 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
7 at such library.

8 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
9 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
10 vocational school situated within the election  
11 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
12 resident of the State, at such school. The county clerk  
13 shall notify every principal and vice-principal of each  
14 high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
15 situated within the election jurisdiction of their  
16 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
17 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
18 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
19 every election.

20 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
21 the president, of any university, college, community  
22 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
23 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the  
24 registrations of any resident of the State, at such  
25 university, college, community college, academy or  
26 institution.

1           4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
2 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
3 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
4 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

5           5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
6 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
7 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
8 designated by such official, who may accept the  
9 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
10 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
11 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population  
12 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
13 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
14 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
15 jurisdiction and their location, the registration  
16 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
17 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
18 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
19 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
20 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
21 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
22 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
23 of bona fide State civic organizations. Such appointments  
24 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
25 terminating on the first business day of the month  
26 following the month of the general election, and shall be

1 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
2 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

3 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a  
4 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director  
5 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the  
6 registration of any qualified resident of the county at any  
7 such public aid office.

8 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
9 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
10 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
11 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
12 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

13 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the  
14 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
15 employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
16 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

17 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
18 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
19 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
20 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
21 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
22 appointed as deputy registrar.

23 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
24 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
25 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
26 the convenience of the public is served, giving due

1 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some  
 2 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that  
 3 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political  
 4 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
 5 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
 6 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the  
 7 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the  
 8 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County  
 9 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the  
 10 county clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may  
 11 require a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to  
 12 furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

13 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
 14 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
 15 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
 16 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
 17 oath or affirmation:

18 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
 19 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
 20 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
 21 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
 22 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
 23 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
 24 personal application before me.

25 .....  
 26 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

1           This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
2 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
3 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
4 filed with the county clerk.

5           Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
6 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
7 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
8 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of  
9 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
10 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
11 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
12 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
13 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
14 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
15 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
16 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

17           (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all  
18 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at  
19 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county  
20 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
21 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
22 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
23 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
24 removal for cause.

25           (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
26 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall

1 be returned to the appointing election authority by first-class  
2 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,  
3 except that completed registration materials received by the  
4 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
5 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
6 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
7 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
8 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
9 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
10 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
11 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
12 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
13 the close of registration.

14 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
15 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
16 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
17 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
18 possession.

19 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
20 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
21 her duties.

22 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
23 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
24 deputy registers shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
25 county clerk.

26 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy

1 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be  
2 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to  
3 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of  
4 residence.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-29)

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

11 "Certificate of Registered Voter  
12 Town of.....District or Precinct Number.....;  
13 City of.....Ward.....Precinct.....;  
14 Village of.....Precinct.....;  
15 Election.....

16 (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  
24 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

25 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address

1 below and am qualified to vote.

2 Signature of voter .....

3 Residence address ....."

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

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

20 Certificates as above prescribed shall be furnished by the  
21 county clerk for all elections.

22 The Judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
23 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
24 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
25 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison that  
26 the applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered

1 under the same name, the Judges shall ask such applicant the  
2 questions for identification which appear on the registration  
3 card and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of  
4 a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is  
5 the identical person registered under the name in question then  
6 the vote for such applicant shall be challenged by a Judge of  
7 Election, and the same procedure followed as provided by law  
8 for challenged voters.

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

13 One of the Judges of election shall check the certificate  
14 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
15 has been examined and shall sign his initials on the  
16 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
17 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
18 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space  
19 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the  
20 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate  
21 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such  
22 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of  
23 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in  
24 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an  
25 official poll record. The term "Poll Lists" and "Poll Books"  
26 where used in this article 5 shall be construed to apply to

1 such official poll records.

2 After each general primary election the county clerk shall  
3 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each  
4 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct  
5 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
6 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,  
7 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall  
8 provide a copy of this coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
9 of the county central committee of each established political  
10 party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
11 representative.

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

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

25 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
26 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his

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

20        Provided, however, that the applications for ballots made  
21 by registered voters and under the provisions of article 19 of  
22 this act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of  
23 the "certificate of registered voter" provided for in this  
24 section.

25        When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
26 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the

1 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
2 supplemental or consolidated list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
3 of a county central committee of an established political party  
4 or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
5 representative.

6 Whenever two or more elections occur simultaneously, the  
7 election authority charged with the duty of providing  
8 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so that  
9 a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in which of  
10 the elections he desires to vote.

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

19 (Source: P.A. 84-809; 84-832.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/6-24) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-24)

21 Sec. 6-24. Within 20 days after such first appointment  
22 shall be made, such commissioners shall organize as a board by  
23 electing one of their number as chairperson ~~chairman~~ and one as  
24 secretary, and they shall perform the duties incident to such  
25 offices. And upon every new appointment of a commissioner, such

1 board shall reorganize in like manner. Each commissioner,  
2 before taking his seat in such board, shall take an oath of  
3 office before the court, which in substance shall be in the  
4 following form:

5 "I, .... do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am a citizen  
6 of the United States, and have resided in the State of Illinois  
7 for a period of 2 years last past, and that I am a legal voter  
8 and resident of the jurisdiction of the ..... Board of  
9 Election Commissioners. That I will support the Constitution of  
10 the United States and of the State of Illinois, and the laws  
11 passed in pursuance thereof, to the best of my ability, and  
12 will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office  
13 of election commissioner."

14 Where the 2 year residence requirement is waived by the  
15 appointing court, the provision pertaining to the 2 year  
16 residence requirement shall be omitted from the oath of office.

17 Which oath, when subscribed and sworn to before such court  
18 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of said county  
19 and be there preserved. Such commissioner shall also, before  
20 taking such oath, give an official bond in the sum of  
21 \$10,000.00 with two securities, to be approved by said court,  
22 conditioned for the faithful and honest performance of his  
23 duties and the preservation of the property of his office. Such  
24 board of commissioners shall at once secure and open an office  
25 sufficient for the purposes of such board, which shall be kept  
26 open during ordinary business hours of each week day and such

1 other days and such other times as the board may direct or as  
2 otherwise required by law, legal holidays excepted; provided  
3 that such office shall be kept open from the time of opening  
4 the polls on the day of any election, primary or general, and  
5 until all returns of that election have been received from each  
6 precinct under the jurisdiction of such Board. Upon the opening  
7 of such office the county clerk of the county in which such  
8 city, village or incorporated town is situated shall, upon  
9 demand, turn over to such board all registry books,  
10 registration record cards, poll books, tally sheets and ballot  
11 boxes heretofore used and all other books, forms, blanks and  
12 stationery of every description in his hands in any way  
13 relating to elections or the holding of elections within such  
14 city, village or incorporated town.

15 (Source: P.A. 80-1437.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/6-44) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-44)

17 Sec. 6-44. Any voter or voters in the ward, village or  
18 incorporated town containing such precinct, and any precinct  
19 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may, between the  
20 hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six p.m. of Monday and Tuesday  
21 of the second week prior to the week in which such election is  
22 to be held make application in writing, before such board of  
23 election commissioners, to have any name upon such register of  
24 any precinct erased. However, in municipalities having a  
25 population of more than 500,000 and having a board of election

1 commissioners (except as otherwise provided for such  
2 municipalities in Section 6-60 of this Article) and in all  
3 cities, villages and incorporated towns within the  
4 jurisdiction of such board, such application shall be made  
5 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of  
6 Monday and Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in  
7 which such election is to be held. Such application shall be,  
8 in substance, in the words and figures following:

9 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. .... street  
10 in the .... precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or  
11 town) of .... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have  
12 personal knowledge that .... registered from No. .... street is  
13 not a qualified voter in the .... precinct of the .... ward of  
14 the city (village or town) of .... and hence I ask that his  
15 name be erased from the register of such precinct for the  
16 following reason ....

17 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the  
18 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

19 (Signed)....

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

21 .....

22 ....."

23 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
24 applicant before any member of the board or the clerk thereof  
25 and filed with said board. Thereupon notice of such  
26 application, with a demand to appear before the board of

1 election commissioners and show cause why his name shall not be  
2 erased from said register, shall be personally served upon such  
3 person or left at his place of residence indicated in such  
4 register, or in the case of a homeless individual, at his or  
5 her mailing address, by a messenger of said board of election  
6 commissioners, and, as to the manner and time of serving such  
7 notice such messenger shall make affidavit; the messenger shall  
8 also make affidavit of the fact in case he cannot find such  
9 person or his place of residence, and that he went to the place  
10 named on such register as his or her place of residence. Such  
11 notice shall be served at least one day before the time fixed  
12 for such party to show cause.

13 The commissioners shall also cause a like notice or demand  
14 to be sent by mail duly stamped and directed, to such person,  
15 to the address upon the register at least 2 days before the day  
16 fixed in the notice to show cause.

17 A like notice shall be served on the person or persons  
18 making the application to have the name upon such register  
19 erased to appear and show cause why said name shall be erased,  
20 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
21 voter making such application fails to appear before said board  
22 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the notice or fails  
23 to show cause why the name upon such register shall be erased,  
24 the application may be dismissed by the board.

25 Any voter making such application or applications shall be  
26 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the board

1 of election commissioners, and while going to and returning  
2 from the board of election commissioners.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

5 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall  
6 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election  
7 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the  
8 registration of any qualified resident of the State, except  
9 during the 27 days preceding an election.

10 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of  
11 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the  
12 written request of such persons:

13 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
14 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
15 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
16 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
17 at such library.

18 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
19 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
20 vocational school situated within the election  
21 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
22 resident of the State, at such school. The board of  
23 election commissioners shall notify every principal and  
24 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school, and  
25 vocational school situated in the election jurisdiction of

1 their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
2 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
3 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
4 every election.

5 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
6 the president, of any university, college, community  
7 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
8 within the State, who may accept the registrations of any  
9 resident of the election jurisdiction, at such university,  
10 college, community college, academy or institution.

11 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
12 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
13 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
14 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

15 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
16 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
17 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
18 designated by such official, who may accept the  
19 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
20 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
21 appointed, the board of election commissioners shall  
22 consider the population of the jurisdiction, the size of  
23 the organization, the geographic size of the jurisdiction,  
24 convenience for the public, the existing number of deputy  
25 registrars in the jurisdiction and their location, the  
26 registration activities of the organization and the need to

1       appoint deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
2       registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
3       event shall a board of election commissioners fix an  
4       arbitrary number applicable to every civic organization  
5       requesting appointment of its members as deputy  
6       registrars. The State Board of Elections shall by rule  
7       provide for certification of bona fide State civic  
8       organizations. Such appointments shall be made for a period  
9       not to exceed 2 years, terminating on the first business  
10      day of the month following the month of the general  
11      election, and shall be valid for all periods of voter  
12      registration as provided by this Code during the terms of  
13      such appointments.

14           6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a  
15      reasonable number of employees designated by the Director  
16      and located at public aid offices, who may accept the  
17      registration of any qualified resident of the election  
18      jurisdiction at any such public aid office.

19           7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
20      Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
21      designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
22      offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
23      resident of the election jurisdiction at any such  
24      unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as  
25      deputy registrar is denied, the board of election  
26      commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the

1 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
2 organization with written notice setting forth the  
3 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the  
4 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

5 8. The president of any corporation, as defined by the  
6 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
7 employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
8 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

9 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many  
10 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The  
11 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional  
12 deputy registrars in such manner that the convenience of the  
13 public is served, giving due consideration to both population  
14 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy  
15 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal number  
16 from each of the 2 major political parties in the election  
17 jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners, in  
18 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
19 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the  
20 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the  
21 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County  
22 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the  
23 board by November 30 of each year. The board may require a  
24 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to furnish a  
25 supplemental list of applicants.

26 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time

1 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
2 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
3 within the election jurisdiction and shall take and subscribe  
4 to the following oath or affirmation:

5 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
6 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
7 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
8 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of registration  
9 officer to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
10 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
11 personal application before me.

12 .....

13 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

14 This oath shall be administered and certified to by one of  
15 the commissioners or by the executive director or by some  
16 person designated by the board of election commissioners, and  
17 shall immediately thereafter be filed with the board of  
18 election commissioners. The members of the board of election  
19 commissioners and all persons authorized by them under the  
20 provisions of this Article to take registrations, after  
21 themselves taking and subscribing to the above oath, are  
22 authorized to take or administer such oaths and execute such  
23 affidavits as are required by this Article.

24 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
25 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
26 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general

1 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of  
2 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
3 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
5 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
6 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
7 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
8 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
9 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

10 (b) The board of election commissioners shall be  
11 responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed  
12 pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably  
13 convenient for both the board of election commissioners and  
14 such appointees. The board of election commissioners shall be  
15 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
16 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
17 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
18 removal for cause.

19 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
20 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be  
21 returned to the appointing election authority by first-class  
22 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,  
23 except that completed registration materials received by the  
24 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
25 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
26 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours

1 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
2 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
3 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
4 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
5 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
6 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
7 the close of registration.

8 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
9 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
10 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
11 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
12 possession.

13 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
14 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
15 her duties.

16 (f) The board of election commissioners shall not be  
17 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any  
18 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to  
19 be employees of the board of election commissioners.

20 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy  
21 registrars for persons residing outside the election  
22 jurisdiction shall be transmitted by the board of election  
23 commissioners within 2 days after receipt to the election  
24 authority of the person's election jurisdiction of residence.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/6-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-60)

2 Sec. 6-60. Immediately after the last registration day  
3 before any election, except as is otherwise provided in Section  
4 6-43 of this Article, the board of election commissioners shall  
5 prepare and print precinct registers in the manner provided by  
6 Section 6-43 of this article, and make such copies available to  
7 any person applying therefor. Provided, however, that in  
8 cities, villages and incorporated towns of less than 200,000  
9 inhabitants such printed lists shall be prepared only before a  
10 general election. On the precinct registers, the board of  
11 election commissioners shall indicate, by italics, asterisk,  
12 or other means, the names of all persons who have registered  
13 since the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated  
14 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this  
15 Act.

16 Prior to the general election of even-numbered years, all  
17 boards of election commissioners shall give the precinct  
18 registers to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central  
19 committee of an established political party, as such party is  
20 defined in Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chairperson's  
21 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative. Within 30 days of  
22 the effective date of this Amendatory Act of 1983, all boards  
23 of election commissioners shall give the precinct registers  
24 compiled prior to the general November election of 1982 to the  
25 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an  
26 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~

1 duly authorized representative.

2 For the first registration under this article, such  
3 precinct register shall be printed and available to any person  
4 upon application therefor at least three days before the first  
5 day upon which any voter may make application in writing to  
6 have any name erased from the register as provided by Section  
7 6-44 of this Article. For subsequent registrations, such  
8 registers, except as otherwise provided in this section for  
9 municipalities of more than 500,000, shall be printed and shall  
10 be available to any person upon application at least five days  
11 before the first day upon which any voter may make application  
12 in writing to have any name erased from the register.

13 Application to have a name upon such register erased may be  
14 made in the manner provided by Section 6-44 of this Article,  
15 and applications to erase names, complete registration, or to  
16 register or restore names shall be heard in the same manner as  
17 is provided by Section 6-45 of this Article, with application  
18 to the circuit court and appeal to the Supreme Court as  
19 provided in Sections 6-46 and 6-47. The rights conferred and  
20 the times specified by these sections with respect to the first  
21 election under this article shall also apply to succeeding  
22 registrations and elections. Provided, however, that in  
23 municipalities having a population of more than 500,000, and  
24 having a Board of Election Commissioners, as to all elections,  
25 registrations for which are made solely with the Board of  
26 Election Commissioners, and where no general precinct

1 registrations were provided for or held within twenty-eight  
2 days before the election, an application to have a name upon  
3 such register erased, as provided for in Section 6-44, shall be  
4 made within two days after the publication of the printed  
5 precinct register, and the Board of Election Commissioners  
6 shall announce its decision on such applications within four  
7 days after said applications are made, and within four days  
8 after its decision on such applications shall cause a  
9 supplemental printed precinct register showing such correction  
10 as may be necessary by reason of such decision to be printed in  
11 like manner as hereinabove provided in Section 6-43 hereof, and  
12 upon application a copy of the same shall be given to any  
13 person applying therefor. Such list shall have printed on the  
14 bottom thereof the facsimile signatures of the members of the  
15 board of election commissioners. Said supplemental printed  
16 precinct register shall be prima facie evidence that the  
17 electors whose names appear thereon are entitled to vote. If  
18 the dates specified in this Article as to applications to  
19 complete or erase registrations or as to proceedings before the  
20 Board of Election Commissioners or the circuit court in the  
21 first registration under this Article shall not be applicable  
22 to any subsequent primary or regular or special election, the  
23 Board of Election Commissioners shall, with the approval of the  
24 circuit court, adopt and publish a schedule of dates which  
25 shall permit equal intervals of time therefor as are provided  
26 for such first registrations.

1           After action by the Board of Election Commissioners and by  
2 the circuit court, a supplemental list shall be prepared and  
3 made available in the manner provided by Section 6-48 of this  
4 Article.

5           Within 60 days after each general election the board of  
6 election commissioners shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or  
7 other means, on the list of registered voters in each precinct,  
8 each registrant who voted at that general election, and shall  
9 provide a copy of such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
10 county central committee of each established political party or  
11 to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
12 representative.

13           Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
14 Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall indicate  
15 by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered  
16 voters in each precinct, each registrant who voted at the  
17 general election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such  
18 coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
19 committee of each established political party or to the  
20 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

21           The board of election commissioners may charge a fee to  
22 reimburse the actual cost of duplicating each copy of a list  
23 provided under either of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

24           (Source: P.A. 83-1263.)

25           (10 ILCS 5/6-66) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-66)

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

4                           "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

5           City of ..... Ward .... Precinct .... Election  
6 .....(Date).....(Month).....(Year)  
7 Registration Record ..... Checked by ..... Voter's  
8 number .....

9                           INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

10           Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officers  
11 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
12 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present  
13 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

14           I hereby certify that I am registered from the address  
15 below and am qualified to vote.

16                           Signature of voter .....  
17                           Residence address ....."

18           An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
19 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be  
20 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
21 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.  
22 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested  
23 to provide his social security number when the individual  
24 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a  
25 space for the individual's social security number, the  
26 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately

1 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the  
2 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

3 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS  
4 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE  
5 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT  
6 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE  
7 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

8 The applications of each State-wide political party at a  
9 primary election shall be separately printed upon paper of  
10 uniform quality, texture and size, but the applications of no 2  
11 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or  
12 tint. If the election authority provides computer generated  
13 applications with the precinct, ballot style, and voter's name  
14 and address preprinted on the application, a single application  
15 may be used for State-wide political parties if it contains  
16 spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the political party. Such  
17 applications may contain spaces or check-off boxes permitting  
18 the voter to also request a primary ballot of any political  
19 party which is established only within a political subdivision  
20 and for which a primary is conducted on the same election day.  
21 Such applications shall not entitle the voter to vote in both  
22 the primary of a State-wide political party and the primary of  
23 a local political party with respect to the offices of the same  
24 political subdivision or to vote in the primary of more than  
25 one State-wide political party on the same day.

26 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files

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

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

17 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate  
18 of such applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
19 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the  
20 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
21 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
22 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space  
23 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the  
24 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate  
25 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such  
26 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of

1 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in  
2 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an  
3 official poll record. The terms "poll lists" and "poll books",  
4 where used in this Article and Act, shall be construed to apply  
5 to such official poll record.

6 After each general primary election the board of election  
7 commissioners shall indicate by color code or other means next  
8 to the name of each registrant on the list of registered voters  
9 in each precinct the primary ballot of a political party that  
10 the registrant requested at the general primary election. The  
11 board of election commissioners, within 60 days after that  
12 general primary election, shall provide a copy of this coded  
13 list to the chairman of the county central committee of each  
14 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~  
15 duly authorized representative.

16 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
17 Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall provide  
18 to the chairman of the county central committee of each  
19 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~  
20 duly authorized representative the list of registered voters in  
21 each precinct at the time of the general primary election of  
22 1982 and shall indicate on such list by color code or other  
23 means next to the name of a registrant the primary ballot of a  
24 political party that the registrant requested at the general  
25 primary election of 1982.

26 The board of election commissioners may charge a fee to

1 reimburse the actual cost of duplicating each copy of a list  
2 provided under either of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

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

1 certificate issued by the board of election commissioners as  
2 provided in Section 6-43 of this Article, shall be entitled to  
3 vote upon the presentation of such certificate accompanied by  
4 the affidavits of 2 voters residing in the precinct that the  
5 elector is the same person described in such certificate and  
6 that he resides in the precinct, stating the street and number  
7 of his residence. Forms for all affidavits required hereunder  
8 shall be supplied by the board of election commissioners. All  
9 affidavits made under this paragraph shall be preserved and  
10 returned to the board of election commissioners in the manner  
11 provided by this Article and Article 18 of this Act. It shall  
12 be the duty of the board of election commissioners, within 30  
13 days after such election, to take the steps provided by Section  
14 6-64 of this Article for the execution of new registration  
15 affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of  
16 this paragraph.

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

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

1       thereof so that a voter is required to execute only one,  
2       indicating in 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. 84-809.)

12             (10 ILCS 5/6-70) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-70)

13             Sec. 6-70. Such election commissioners and the executive  
14      director of the Board of Election Commissioners shall be paid  
15      by the county. In counties having a population of 500,000 or  
16      more, the city first adopting the provisions of this Act shall  
17      pay the salary of the assistant executive director. In all  
18      other counties such salary shall be paid by the county. In  
19      cities, villages and incorporated towns having a population  
20      less than 25,000 as determined by the last federal census, the  
21      election commissioners shall receive a salary of not less than  
22      \$1,800 per annum. If the population is 25,000 or more but less  
23      than 40,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary  
24      of not less than \$2,400 per annum, to be determined by the  
25      county board. If the population is 40,000 or more but less than

1 70,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of not  
2 less than \$2,100 per annum, to be determined by the county  
3 board. If the population is 70,000 or more but less than  
4 100,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of  
5 not less than \$2,700 per annum, to be determined by the county  
6 board. If the population is 100,000 or more but less than  
7 2,000,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of  
8 not less than \$3,200 per annum, to be determined by the county  
9 board. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a board of election  
10 commissioners, in counties with a population of less than  
11 2,000,000, shall be paid by the county an additional amount  
12 equal to 10% of his salary as an election commissioner. If the  
13 population is less than 25,000 the executive director shall  
14 receive a salary of not less than \$4,500 per annum. If the  
15 population is 25,000 or more but less than 40,000 the executive  
16 director shall receive a salary of not less than \$8,000 per  
17 annum, and in such cities, villages and incorporated towns  
18 there may be employed one assistant executive director who  
19 shall receive a salary of not less than \$6,000 per annum. If  
20 the population is 40,000 or more but less than 70,000 the  
21 executive director shall receive a salary of not less than  
22 \$9,500 per annum, and in such cities, villages and incorporated  
23 towns there may be employed one assistant executive director  
24 who shall receive a salary of not less than \$7,500 per annum.  
25 If the population is 70,000 or more but less than 100,000 the  
26 executive director shall receive a salary of not less than

1 \$11,000 per annum, and in such cities, villages and  
2 incorporated towns there may be employed one assistant  
3 executive director who shall receive a salary of not less than  
4 \$8,000 per annum. If the population is 100,000 or more but less  
5 than 2,000,000 the executive director shall receive a salary of  
6 not less than \$12,000 per annum, and in such cities, villages  
7 and incorporated towns there may be employed one assistant  
8 executive director who shall receive a salary of not less than  
9 \$8,000 per annum. It shall be the duty of the Board of Election  
10 Commissioners in such cities, villages and incorporated towns  
11 to fix the salary of the executive director and assistant  
12 executive director at the time of appointment of the clerk. In  
13 cities, villages and incorporated towns with a population  
14 greater than 2,000,000 the election commissioners shall  
15 receive a salary of not less than \$21,000, provided, however,  
16 that the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the Board of Election  
17 Commissioners shall receive a salary, as set by and from time  
18 to time changed by the Board of County Commissioners, of not  
19 less than \$35,000 per annum and shall hold no other office. In  
20 cities, villages and incorporated towns with a population  
21 greater than 2,000,000, such other election commissioners  
22 shall hold no other office. In cities, villages and  
23 incorporated towns with a population greater than 2,000,000 the  
24 executive director and employees of the Board of Election  
25 Commissioners shall serve on a full-time basis and shall hold  
26 no other office. In cities, villages and incorporated towns

1 with a population of greater than 2,000,000, no election  
2 commissioner, executive director nor employee shall  
3 participate in any manner, in any activity or interests of any  
4 political party or of any candidate for public office or for  
5 nomination thereof, nor participate in any political campaign  
6 for the nomination or election of candidates for public office.  
7 Violation of any provision hereof shall be cause for removal  
8 from office or dismissal, as the case may be; provided, that  
9 nothing contained herein shall be deemed to interfere with the  
10 right of any person to vote for any candidate or upon any issue  
11 as his reason and conscience may dictate nor interfere with the  
12 duties of his office. All expenses incurred by such Board of  
13 Election Commissioners shall be paid by such city.

14 The salaries and expenditures are to be audited by the  
15 chief circuit judge, who may designate an independent external  
16 auditor to perform the task, and the salaries and expenditures  
17 shall be paid by the county or city treasurer, as the case may  
18 be, upon the warrant of the chief circuit judge of any money in  
19 the county or city treasury, as the case may be, not otherwise  
20 appropriated. It shall also be the duty of the governing  
21 authority of those counties and cities, respectively, to make  
22 provisions for the prompt payment of the salaries and  
23 expenditures.

24 (Source: P.A. 86-874; 87-1052.)

1           Sec. 6A-3. Commissioners; filling vacancies.

2           (a) If the county board adopts an ordinance providing for  
3 the establishment of a county board of election commissioners,  
4 or if a majority of the votes cast on a proposition submitted  
5 in accordance with Section 6A-2(a) are in favor of a county  
6 board of election commissioners, a county board of election  
7 commissioners shall be appointed in the same manner as is  
8 provided in Article 6 for boards of election commissioners in  
9 cities, villages and incorporated towns, except that the county  
10 board of election commissioners shall be appointed by the  
11 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county board rather than the  
12 circuit court. However, before any appointments are made, the  
13 appointing authority shall ascertain whether the county clerk  
14 desires to be a member of the county board of election  
15 commissioners. If the county clerk so desires, he shall be one  
16 of the members of the county board of election commissioners,  
17 and the appointing authority shall appoint only 2 other  
18 members.

19           (b) For any county board of election commissioners  
20 established under subsection (b) of Section 6A-1, within 30  
21 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
22 98th General Assembly, the chief judge of the circuit court of  
23 the county shall appoint 5 commissioners. At least 4 of those  
24 commissioners shall be selected from the 2 major established  
25 political parties of the State, with at least 2 from each of  
26 those parties. Such appointment shall be entered of record in

1 the office of the County Clerk and the State Board of  
2 Elections. Those first appointed shall hold their offices for  
3 the period of one, 2, and 3 years respectively, and the judge  
4 appointing them shall designate the term for which each  
5 commissioner shall hold his or her office, whether for one, 2  
6 or 3 years except that no more than one commissioner from each  
7 major established political party may be designated the same  
8 term. After the initial term, each commissioner or his or her  
9 successor shall be appointed to a 3 year term. No elected  
10 official or former elected official who has been out of elected  
11 office for less than 2 years may be appointed to the board.  
12 Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge of the circuit  
13 court within 30 days of the vacancy in a manner that maintains  
14 the foregoing political party representation.

15 (c) For any county board of election commissioners  
16 established under subsection (c) of Section 6A-1, within 30  
17 days after the conclusion of the election at which the  
18 proposition to establish a county board of election  
19 commissioners is approved by the voters, the municipal board  
20 shall apply to the circuit court of the county for the chief  
21 judge of the circuit court to appoint 2 additional  
22 commissioners, one of whom shall be from each major established  
23 political party and neither of whom shall reside within the  
24 limits of the municipal board, so that 3 commissioners shall  
25 reside within the limits of the municipal board and 2 shall  
26 reside within the county but not within the municipality, as it

1 may exist from time to time. Not more than 3 of the  
2 commissioners shall be members of the same major established  
3 political party. Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge  
4 of the circuit court upon application of the remaining  
5 commissioners in a manner that maintains the foregoing  
6 geographical and political party representation.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-1)

9 Sec. 7-1. Application of Article.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the  
11 nomination of all candidates for all elective State,  
12 congressional, judicial, and county officers, State's  
13 Attorneys (whether elected from a single county or from more  
14 than one county), city, village, and incorporated town and  
15 municipal officers, trustees of sanitary districts, township  
16 officers in townships of over 5,000 population coextensive with  
17 or included wholly within cities or villages not under the  
18 commission form of government, precinct, township, ward, and  
19 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
20 alternate delegates to national nominating conventions by all  
21 political parties, as defined in Section 7-2 of this Article 7,  
22 shall be made in the manner provided in this Article 7 and not  
23 otherwise. The nomination of candidates for electors of  
24 President and Vice President of the United States shall be made  
25 only in the manner provided for in Section 7-9 of this Article.

1 (b) This Article 7 shall not apply to (i) the nomination of  
2 candidates for school elections and township elections, except  
3 in those townships specifically mentioned in subsection (a) and  
4 except in those cases in which a township central committee  
5 determines under Section 6A-2 of the Township Law of 1874 or  
6 Section 45-55 of the Township Code that its candidates for  
7 township offices shall be nominated by primary in accordance  
8 with this Article, (ii) the nomination of park commissioners in  
9 park districts organized under the Park District Code, (iii)  
10 the nomination of officers of cities and villages organized  
11 under special charters, or (iv) the nomination of municipal  
12 officers for cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a  
13 population of 5,000 or less, except where a city, village, or  
14 incorporated town with a population of 5,000 or less has by  
15 ordinance determined that political parties shall nominate  
16 candidates for municipal office in the city, village, or  
17 incorporated town by primary in accordance with this Article.  
18 In that event, the municipal clerk shall certify the ordinance  
19 to the proper election officials no later than November 15 in  
20 the year preceding the consolidated primary election.

21 (c) The words "township officers" or "township offices"  
22 shall be construed, when used in this Article, to include  
23 supervisors.

24 (d) As provided in Sections 3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60 of  
25 the Illinois Municipal Code, a village may adopt a system of  
26 nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of

1 village officers.

2 (Source: P.A. 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-5, eff. 1-1-96.)

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

4 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election  
5 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,  
6 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the  
7 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the  
8 State, and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this  
9 Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect  
10 precinct, township, ward and State central committeepersons  
11 ~~committeemen~~ as herein provided.

12 A political party, which at the general election for State  
13 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more  
14 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any  
15 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political  
16 party within the meaning of this Article, within such  
17 congressional district, and shall nominate its candidate for  
18 Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof. A  
19 political party, which at the general election for State and  
20 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5  
21 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby  
22 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
23 Article, within said county, and shall nominate all county  
24 officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall  
25 elect precinct, township, and ward committeepersons

1 ~~committeemen~~, as herein provided;

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

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

18       A political party, which at the municipal election in any  
19 other municipality or political subdivision, (except townships  
20 and school districts), for municipal or other officers therein  
21 then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the  
22 entire vote cast in such municipality or political subdivision,  
23 is hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning  
24 of this Article, within said municipality or political  
25 subdivision, and shall nominate all municipal or other officers  
26 therein under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the

1 cases provided in Section 7-1.

2        Provided, that no political organization or group shall be  
3 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a  
4 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or  
5 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other un-American  
6 principles and engages in activities or propaganda designed to  
7 teach subservience to the political principles and ideals of  
8 foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the established  
9 constitutional form of government of the United States and the  
10 State of Illinois.

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

12        (10 ILCS 5/7-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-4)

13        Sec. 7-4. The following words and phrases in this Article 7  
14 shall, unless the same be inconsistent with the context, be  
15 construed as follows:

16        1. The word "primary" the primary elections provided for in  
17 this Article, which are the general primary, the consolidated  
18 primary, and for those municipalities which have annual  
19 partisan elections for any officer, the municipal primary held  
20 6 weeks prior to the general primary election date in even  
21 numbered years.

22        2. The definition of terms in Section 1-3 of this Act shall  
23 apply to this Article.

24        3. The word "precinct" a voting district heretofore or  
25 hereafter established by law within which all qualified

1 electors vote at one polling place.

2 4. The words "state office" or "state officer", an office  
3 to be filled, or an officer to be voted for, by qualified  
4 electors of the entire state, including United States Senator  
5 and Congressman at large.

6 5. The words "congressional office" or "congressional  
7 officer", representatives in Congress.

8 6. The words "county office" or "county officer," include  
9 an office to be filled or an officer to be voted for, by the  
10 qualified electors of the entire county. "County office" or  
11 "county officer" also include the assessor and board of appeals  
12 and county commissioners and president of county board of Cook  
13 County, and county board members and the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
14 of the county board in counties subject to "An Act relating to  
15 the composition and election of county boards in certain  
16 counties", enacted by the 76th General Assembly.

17 7. The words "city office" and "village office," and  
18 "incorporated town office" or "city officer" and "village  
19 officer", and "incorporated town officer" an office to be  
20 filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified electors  
21 of the entire municipality, including aldermen.

22 8. The words "town office" or "town officer", an office to  
23 be filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified  
24 electors of an entire town.

25 9. The words "town" and "incorporated town" shall  
26 respectively be defined as in Section 1-3 of this Act.

1           10. The words "delegates and alternate delegates to  
2 National nominating conventions" include all delegates and  
3 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions whether  
4 they be elected from the state at large or from congressional  
5 districts or selected by State convention unless contrary and  
6 non-inclusive language specifically limits the term to one  
7 class.

8           11. "Judicial office" means a post held by a judge of the  
9 Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Court.

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

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

12           Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain  
13 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the  
14 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the  
15 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A  
16 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but  
17 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in  
18 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to  
19 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee  
20 for each congressional district, a county central committee for  
21 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,  
22 incorporated town or village, a ward committeeperson  
23 ~~committeeman~~ for each ward in cities containing a population of  
24 500,000 or more; a township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ for  
25 each township or part of a township that lies outside of cities

1 having a population of 200,000 or more, in counties having a  
2 population of 2,000,000 or more; a precinct committeeperson  
3 ~~committeeman~~ for each precinct in counties having a population  
4 of less than 2,000,000; a county board district committee for  
5 each county board district created under Division 2-3 of the  
6 Counties Code; a State's Attorney committee for each group of 2  
7 or more counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney; a  
8 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
9 committee for each group of 2 or more counties which jointly  
10 elect a Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service  
11 Region; a judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit  
12 divided into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that  
13 circuit; and a board of review election district committee for  
14 each Cook County Board of Review election district.

15 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;  
16 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

18 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed of  
19 one or two members from each congressional district in the  
20 State and shall be elected as follows:

21 State Central Committee

22 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective  
23 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each  
24 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections  
25 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the

1 State central committee of that party.

2 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general  
3 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary  
4 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of  
5 the State central committee for the congressional district in  
6 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of  
7 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeperson  
8 ~~committeeman~~ from the district. A political party may, in lieu  
9 of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State  
10 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the  
11 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the manner  
12 following:

13 At the county convention held by such political party,  
14 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be elected  
15 in the same manner as provided in this Article for the election  
16 of officers of the county central committee, and such election  
17 shall follow the election of officers of the county central  
18 committee. Each elected ward, township or precinct  
19 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall cast as his vote one vote  
20 for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township  
21 or precinct in the last preceding primary election of his  
22 political party. In the case of a county lying partially within  
23 one congressional district and partially within another  
24 congressional district, each ward, township or precinct  
25 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall vote only with respect to  
26 the congressional district in which his ward, township, part of

1 a township or precinct is located. In the case of a  
2 congressional district which encompasses more than one county,  
3 each ward, township or precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
4 residing within the congressional district shall cast as his  
5 vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part  
6 of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary  
7 election of his political party for one candidate of his party  
8 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
9 district in which he resides and the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of  
10 the county central committee shall report the results of the  
11 election to the State Board of Elections. The State Board of  
12 Elections shall certify the candidate receiving the highest  
13 number of votes elected State central committeeperson  
14 ~~committeeman~~ for that congressional district.

15 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide  
16 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of  
17 members of the State central committee.

18 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act  
19 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson  
20 ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee, or at the end of the  
21 term of office of Chairperson ~~Chairman~~, the State central  
22 committee of each political party that has selected Alternative  
23 A shall elect a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ who shall not be required  
24 to be a member of the State Central Committee. The Chairperson  
25 ~~Chairman~~ shall be a registered voter in this State and of the  
26 same political party as the State central committee.

1           Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within  
2 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a  
3 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
4 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
5 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
6 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each  
7 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
8 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
9 each congressional district at the general primary election  
10 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
11 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
12 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female  
13 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's  
14 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be  
15 declared elected State central committeeman and State central  
16 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary  
17 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a  
18 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State  
19 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the  
20 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
21 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State  
22 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a  
23 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
24 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
25 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
26 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional

1 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
2 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
3 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or  
4 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each  
5 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
6 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

7 The Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee  
8 composed as provided in this Alternative B must be selected  
9 from the committee's members.

10 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the  
11 selection of the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the State central  
12 committee, under both of the foregoing alternatives, the State  
13 central committee of each political party shall be composed of  
14 members elected or appointed from the several congressional  
15 districts of the State, and of no other person or persons  
16 whomsoever. The members of the State central committee shall,  
17 within 41 days after each quadrennial election of the full  
18 committee, meet in the city of Springfield and organize by  
19 electing a Chairperson ~~chairman~~, and may at such time elect  
20 such officers from among their own number (or otherwise), as  
21 they may deem necessary or expedient. The outgoing chairperson  
22 ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee of the party shall, 10  
23 days before the meeting, notify each member of the State  
24 central committee elected at the primary of the time and place  
25 of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings of the  
26 State central committee, each State central committeeman and

1 State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each  
2 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the  
3 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
4 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central  
5 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central  
6 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled  
7 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees  
8 of the political party of the counties located within the  
9 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs and, if  
10 applicable, the ward and township committeepersons  
11 ~~committeemen~~ of the political party in counties of 2,000,000 or  
12 more inhabitants located within the congressional district. If  
13 the congressional district in which the vacancy occurs lies  
14 wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the  
15 ward and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the  
16 political party in that congressional district shall vote to  
17 fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the vacancy, each  
18 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee and each  
19 ward and township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of  
20 2,000,000 or more inhabitants shall have one vote for each  
21 ballot voted in each precinct of the congressional district in  
22 which the vacancy exists of his or her county, township, or  
23 ward cast by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
24 primary election immediately preceding the meeting to fill the  
25 vacancy in the State central committee. The person appointed to  
26 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional

1 district in which the vacancy occurs, shall be a qualified  
2 voter, and, in a committee composed as provided in Alternative  
3 B, shall be of the same sex as his or her predecessor. A  
4 political party may, by a majority vote of the delegates of any  
5 State convention of such party, determine to return to the  
6 election of State central committeeman and State central  
7 committeewoman by the vote of primary electors. Any action  
8 taken by a political party at a State convention in accordance  
9 with this Section shall be reported to the State Board of  
10 Elections by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of such  
11 convention within 10 days after such action.

12 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~

13 (b) At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary  
14 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
15 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one  
16 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeperson  
17 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for ward committeeperson  
18 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the ward where he  
19 seeks to be elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one  
20 having the highest number of votes shall be such ward  
21 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such ward. At  
22 the primary election in 1970 and at the general primary  
23 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
24 counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or more, outside  
25 of cities containing a population of 200,000 or more, may vote  
26 for one candidate of his party for township committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for township committeeperson  
2 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the township or part  
3 of a township (which lies outside of a city having a population  
4 of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a population of  
5 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part of a township  
6 he seeks to be elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.  
7 The one having the highest number of votes shall be such  
8 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such  
9 township or part of a township. At the primary in 1970 and at  
10 the general primary election every 2 years thereafter, each  
11 primary elector, except in counties having a population of  
12 2,000,000 or over, may vote for one candidate of his party in  
13 his precinct for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. Each  
14 candidate for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ must be a  
15 bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be elected  
16 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one having the  
17 highest number of votes shall be such precinct committeeperson  
18 ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such precinct. The official  
19 returns of the primary shall show the name of the  
20 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of each political party.

21 Terms of Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~. All precinct  
22 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected under the provisions of  
23 this Article shall continue as such committeepersons  
24 ~~committeemen~~ until the date of the primary to be held in the  
25 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided  
26 in this Section for certain State central committeepersons

1 ~~committeemen~~ who have 2 year terms, all State central  
2 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
3 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall  
4 continue as such committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ until the date  
5 of primary to be held in the fourth year after their election.  
6 However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct  
7 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ when a precinct committeeperson  
8 ~~committeeman~~ ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was  
9 elected and such precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
10 thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers or  
11 duties as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in that precinct, even  
12 if a successor has not been elected or appointed.

13 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of  
14 the precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of such party, in  
15 the multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to  
16 Section 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized  
17 for the purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township  
18 Code. In the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township  
19 Central Committee each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
20 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by  
21 the primary electors of his party at the primary at which he  
22 was elected.

23 County Central Committee

24 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
25 each county shall consist of the various township  
26 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, precinct committeepersons

1 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any,  
2 of such party in the county. In the organization and  
3 proceedings of the county central committee, each precinct  
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
5 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his  
6 party at the primary at which he was elected; each township  
7 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
8 ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the case  
9 may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
10 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
11 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
12 county central committee; and in the organization and  
13 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward  
14 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
15 ballot voted in his ward by the primary electors of his party  
16 at the primary election for the nomination of candidates for  
17 election to the General Assembly immediately preceding the  
18 meeting of the county central committee.

19 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

20 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of  
21 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
22 various township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward  
23 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of that party in the  
24 portions of the county composing the board of review election  
25 district. In the organization and proceedings of each of the 3  
26 election district committees, each township committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
2 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by  
3 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
4 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of  
5 review election district committee; and in the organization and  
6 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
7 ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
8 ballot voted in his or her ward or part of that ward, as the  
9 case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
10 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the board  
11 of review election district committee.

12 Congressional Committee

13 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each  
14 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the  
15 county central committees of the counties composing the  
16 congressional district, except that in congressional districts  
17 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, the  
18 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township  
19 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons  
20 ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the party representing the precincts  
21 within the limits of the congressional district, shall compose  
22 the congressional committee. A State central committeeperson  
23 ~~committeeman~~ in each district shall be a member and the  
24 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or, when a district has 2 State central  
25 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, a co-chairperson ~~co-chairman~~ of  
26 the congressional committee, but shall not have the right to

1 vote except in case of a tie.

2 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
3 committees composed of precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
4 or township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or ward  
5 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or any combination thereof,  
6 each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote  
7 for each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors  
8 of his party at the primary at which he was elected, each  
9 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for  
10 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the  
11 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
12 election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
13 congressional committee, and each ward committeeperson  
14 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
15 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by  
16 the primary electors of his party at the primary election  
17 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
18 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of  
19 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county  
20 central committees of the counties within such district, each  
21 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of such county central committee shall  
22 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
23 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
24 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
25 committee.

26

Judicial District Committee

1 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
2 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chairperson  
3 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committees of the counties  
4 composing the judicial district.

5 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
6 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
7 committees of the counties within such district, each  
8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of such county central committee shall  
9 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
10 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
11 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial district  
12 committee.

13 Circuit Court Committee

14 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in  
15 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of  
16 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties  
17 composing the judicial circuit.

18 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
19 committees, each chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central  
20 committee shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
21 county by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
22 election immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court  
23 committee.

24 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

25 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political  
26 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided

1 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township  
2 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the townships and wards  
3 composing the judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the  
4 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts  
5 composing the judicial subcircuit in any county other than Cook  
6 County.

7 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial  
8 subcircuit committee, each township committeeperson  
9 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
10 township or part of a township, as the case may be, in the  
11 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the  
12 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
13 judicial subcircuit committee; each precinct committeeperson  
14 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
15 precinct or part of a precinct, as the case may be, in the  
16 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the  
17 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
18 judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward committeeperson  
19 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
20 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial  
21 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
22 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial  
23 subcircuit committee.

24 Municipal Central Committee

25 (h) The municipal central committee of each political party  
26 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward

1 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, as the case may be, of such  
2 party representing the precincts or wards, embraced in such  
3 city, incorporated town or village. The voting strength of each  
4 precinct, township or ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ on the  
5 municipal central committee shall be the same as his voting  
6 strength on the county central committee.

7 For political parties, other than a statewide political  
8 party, established only within a municipality or township, the  
9 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of  
10 the party officers of the local established party. The party  
11 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the  
12 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the caucus for those  
13 municipalities and townships authorized by statute to nominate  
14 candidates by caucus shall serve as party officers for the  
15 purpose of filling vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61;  
16 for municipalities and townships authorized by statute or  
17 ordinance to nominate candidates by petition and primary  
18 election, the party officers shall be the party's candidates  
19 who are nominated at the primary. If no party primary was held  
20 because of the provisions of Section 7-5, vacancies in  
21 nomination shall be filled by the party's remaining candidates  
22 who shall serve as the party's officers.

#### 23 Powers

24 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers  
25 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers  
26 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.

1 The several committees herein provided for shall not have power  
2 to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other  
3 person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed  
4 to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership  
5 proper and necessary subcommittees.

6 (j) The State central committee of a political party which  
7 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
8 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate  
9 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy  
10 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by  
11 a national political party.

12 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a  
13 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State  
14 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State  
15 central committee of a political party which elects its members  
16 by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy  
17 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township  
18 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the wards and  
19 townships which lie entirely or partially within the  
20 Congressional District from which the absent State central  
21 committeeman or committeewoman was elected and the vote of the  
22 chairmen of the county central committees of those counties  
23 which lie entirely or partially within that Congressional  
24 District and in which there are no ward or township  
25 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. When voting for such proxy, the  
26 county chairperson ~~chairman~~, ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~

1 or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, as the case may be,  
2 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his county, ward  
3 or township, or portion thereof within the Congressional  
4 District, by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
5 at which he was elected. However, the absent State central  
6 committeeman or committeewoman may designate a proxy when  
7 permitted by the rules of a political party which elects its  
8 members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section.

9 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
10 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
11 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
12 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of  
13 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
14 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
15 automatically become vacant.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.01)

18 Sec. 7-8.01. The county board district committee of each  
19 political party in each county board district created pursuant  
20 to "An Act relating to the composition and election of county  
21 boards in certain counties", enacted by the 76th General  
22 Assembly, shall consist of the precinct committeepersons  
23 ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts included in the county board  
24 district.

25 (Source: P.A. 76-1651.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.02) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.02)

2 Sec. 7-8.02. The State's Attorney committee for each group  
3 of counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney and the  
4 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
5 committee for each group of counties which jointly elect a  
6 Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service Region  
7 shall consist of the chairmen of the county central committees  
8 of the counties composing such group of counties. In the  
9 organization and proceedings of a State's Attorney or  
10 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
11 committee, each chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central  
12 committee shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his or  
13 her county by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
14 last primary of an even-numbered year.

15 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

17 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
18 conventions.

19 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
20 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected, the county central  
21 committee of each political party shall meet within the county  
22 and proceed to organize by electing from its own number a  
23 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and either from its own number, or  
24 otherwise, such other officers as such committee may deem

1 necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the county central  
2 committee shall be known as the county convention.

3 The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county committee shall  
4 within 10 days after the organization, forward to the State  
5 Board of Elections, the names and post office addresses of the  
6 officers, precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and  
7 representative committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected by his  
8 political party.

9 The county convention of each political party shall choose  
10 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party  
11 chooses to hold a State convention; but in any county having  
12 within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or  
13 over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the  
14 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the respective wards  
15 choosing the number of delegates to which such ward is entitled  
16 on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such  
17 delegates to be members of the delegation to the State  
18 convention from such county. In all counties containing a  
19 population of 2,000,000 or more outside of cities having a  
20 population of 200,000 or more, the delegates from each of the  
21 townships or parts of townships as the case may be shall be  
22 chosen by townships or parts of townships as the case may be,  
23 the township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the respective  
24 townships or parts of townships as the case may be choosing the  
25 number of delegates to which such townships or parts of  
26 townships as the case may be are entitled, on the basis

1 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to  
2 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such  
3 county.

4 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
5 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
6 (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State Convention,  
7 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, ex officio.

8 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
9 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
10 (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the State  
11 Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
12 who must be residents of the member's Congressional District.

13 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the  
14 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.  
15 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chairperson  
16 ~~chairman~~ of a State central committee may issue a call for a  
17 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

18 The State convention of each political party, if the party  
19 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make  
20 nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
21 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
22 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined  
23 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
24 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
25 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee  
26 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the

1 State convention.

2 (c) The chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of each State  
3 convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
4 shall, within 2 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of  
5 Elections of this State a certificate setting forth the names  
6 and addresses of all persons nominated by such State convention  
7 for electors of President and Vice President of the United  
8 States, and of any persons selected by the State convention for  
9 delegates and alternate delegates at large to national  
10 nominating conventions; and the names of such candidates so  
11 chosen by such State convention for electors of President and  
12 Vice President of the United States, shall be caused by the  
13 State Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot  
14 at the general election, in the manner required by law, and  
15 shall be certified to the various county clerks of the proper  
16 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this  
17 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated  
18 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act  
19 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on  
20 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified  
21 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act  
22 applicable thereto.

23 (d) Each convention, if the party chooses to hold a State  
24 convention, may perform all other functions inherent to such  
25 political organization and not inconsistent with this Article.

26 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,

1 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the  
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee of each  
3 political party shall file in the principal office of the State  
4 Board of Elections a call for the State convention. Such call  
5 shall state, among other things, the time and place  
6 (designating the building or hall) for holding the State  
7 convention. Such call shall be signed by the chairperson  
8 ~~chairman~~ and attested by the secretary of the committee. In  
9 such convention each county shall be entitled to one delegate  
10 for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors of the party  
11 in such county at the primary to be held next after the  
12 issuance of such call; and if in such county, less than 500  
13 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so voted is  
14 not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one delegate for  
15 such group which is less than 500, or for such group  
16 representing the number of votes over the multiple of 500,  
17 which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each primary  
18 vote so represented by him. The call for such convention shall  
19 set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in full and shall  
20 direct that the number of delegates to be chosen be calculated  
21 in compliance herewith and that such number of delegates be  
22 chosen.

23 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons  
24 ~~committeemen~~ when elected as provided in this Section shall  
25 serve as though elected at large irrespective of any changes  
26 that may be made in precinct, township or ward boundaries and

1 the voting strength of each committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
2 remain as provided in this Section for the entire time for  
3 which he is elected.

4 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
5 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
6 provided in this Act.

7 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
8 called by the chairperson ~~chairman~~, or by not less than 25% of  
9 the members of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to  
10 members of such committee in writing designating the time and  
11 place at which such special meeting is to be held and the  
12 business which it is proposed to present at such special  
13 meeting.

14 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a  
15 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson  
16 ~~committeeman~~ because no one was elected to that office or  
17 because the precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ ceases to  
18 reside in the precinct or for any other reason, the chairperson  
19 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the appropriate  
20 political party may fill the vacancy in such office by  
21 appointment of a qualified resident of the county and the  
22 appointed precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall serve as  
23 though elected; however, no such appointment may be made  
24 between the general primary election and the 30th day after the  
25 general primary election.

26 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State

1 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of  
2 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
3 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
4 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
5 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
6 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
7 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
8 their terms.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/7-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9.1)

11 Sec. 7-9.1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act,  
12 whenever a vacancy exists in the office of delegate to a State  
13 or national nominating convention by reason of death or for any  
14 other reason, then the alternate receiving the highest vote  
15 shall succeed to the vacated office and exercise all the rights  
16 and prerogatives and discharge all the duties of the office.  
17 The vacated office of alternate shall be filled by the  
18 congressional committee of the district.

19 (b) Vacancies, whether temporary or permanent, in the  
20 office of delegate to the national nominating convention of a  
21 political party whose State Central Committee uses Alternative  
22 B of Section 7-14.1 shall be filled by alternate delegates in  
23 the following order:

24 1. Alternates from the same District with same Presidential  
25 preference;

1           2. Alternates from other Districts with same Presidential  
2 preference;

3           3. Alternate at-large delegates with same Presidential  
4 preference;

5           4. Alternates from the same District with different  
6 Presidential preference;

7           5. Alternates from other Districts with different  
8 Presidential preference;

9           6. Alternate at-large delegates with different  
10 Presidential preference.

11           Unpledged delegates shall be replaced by unpledged  
12 alternates.

13           Each delegate shall certify in writing the order of his  
14 succession of alternates to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
15 State's delegation.

16           The delegation shall, as soon as practicable, fill a  
17 vacancy in the position of alternate delegate by choosing, in  
18 accord with its rules, a person of the same Presidential  
19 preference and from the same political subdivision.

20           The alternate succeeding to the vacated office shall  
21 exercise all the rights and prerogatives of the office and  
22 discharge all the duties of the office.

23           (Source: P.A. 83-32.)

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

25           Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no

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

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

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

21 Name..... Address.....

22 State of Illinois)  
 23 ) ss.  
 24 County of.....)

1 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....  
 2 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 3 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 4 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 5 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 6 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at  
 7 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the ....  
 8 party, and that their respective residences are correctly  
 9 stated, as above set forth.

10 .....

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

12 .....

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

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

1 name shall include the street address or rural route number of  
2 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,  
3 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or  
4 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors  
5 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors  
6 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village  
7 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in  
8 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.  
9 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a  
10 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or  
11 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street  
12 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as  
13 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying  
14 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed  
15 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are  
16 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that  
17 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last  
18 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that  
19 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90  
20 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and  
21 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief  
22 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the  
23 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a  
24 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before  
25 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

26 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days

1 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing  
2 of such petition.

3 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
4 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
5 signature from the petition, provided that:

6 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the  
7 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

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

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

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

13 Statement of Candidacy

14	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
15	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
16		Belvidere,			
17		Illinois			

18 State of Illinois)

19 ) ss.

20 County of .....)

21 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
 22 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
 23 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
 24 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
 25 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and delegates and alternate  
 2 delegates) to the office of .... to be voted upon at the  
 3 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
 4 qualified (including being the holder of any license that may  
 5 be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the  
 6 nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I  
 7 will file before the close of the petition filing period) a  
 8 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
 9 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be  
 10 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or  
 11 election to in the case of committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and  
 12 delegates and alternate delegates) such office.

13 Signed .....

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

16 Signed .....

17 (Official Character)

18 (Seal, if officer has one.)

19 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
 20 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation  
 21 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
 22 authority or local election official with whom the petition is  
 23 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
 24 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
 25 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction

1       thereof shall be punished accordingly.

2           A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
3       obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
4       his or her petition for nomination.

5           (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
6       convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or  
7       as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating  
8       convention elected from the State at-large, then the  
9       candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000  
10      but not more than 10,000 signatures.

11          (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
12      national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for  
13      United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or  
14      alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating  
15      convention elected from a congressional district, then the  
16      candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
17      number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
18      electors of his or her party in his or her congressional  
19      district. In the first primary election following a  
20      redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's  
21      petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of  
22      qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party  
23      in his or her congressional district.

24          (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any  
25      countywide office, including but not limited to county board  
26      chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large

1 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's  
2 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
3 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or  
4 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election  
5 in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county  
6 board member elected from a county board district, then the  
7 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
8 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
9 electors of his or her party in the county board district. In  
10 the first primary election following a redistricting of county  
11 board districts or the initial establishment of county board  
12 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
13 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
14 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who  
15 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by  
16 the total number of county board districts comprising the  
17 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of  
18 signatures be less than 25.

19 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

26 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board

1 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
2 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to  
3 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party  
4 in his or her county board district. In the first primary  
5 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of  
6 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for  
7 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
8 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
9 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding  
10 general election divided by the total number of county  
11 board districts comprising the county board; provided that  
12 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

13 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
14 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district  
15 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property  
16 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
17 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
18 the total number of registered voters in his or her board  
19 of review district in the last general election at which a  
20 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
21 that board of review district. In no event shall the number  
22 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number  
23 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County  
24 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first  
25 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County  
26 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for

1 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at  
2 least the number of signatures required for a countywide  
3 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the  
4 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

5 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
6 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
7 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
8 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
9 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a  
10 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the  
11 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
12 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
13 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary  
14 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or  
15 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial  
16 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for  
17 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at  
18 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate  
19 of that political party who received the highest number of  
20 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election  
21 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
22 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or  
23 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less  
24 than 25.

25 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
26 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's

1 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of  
2 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her  
3 congressional district.

4 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
5 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not  
6 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
7 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
8 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the  
9 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a  
10 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,  
11 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at  
12 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary  
13 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary  
14 district. In the first primary election following  
15 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a  
16 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
17 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward  
18 of that sanitary district.

19 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for  
20 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition  
21 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to  
22 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the  
23 candidate for his or her political party for the office of  
24 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was  
25 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a  
26 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or

1 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
2 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number  
3 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her  
4 political party who received the highest number of votes at the  
5 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same  
6 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,  
7 but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and  
8 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500  
9 signatures in every other Judicial District.

10 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a  
11 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the  
12 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10  
13 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the  
14 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,  
15 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no  
16 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary  
17 electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%  
18 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of  
19 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is  
20 greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township  
21 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
22 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%  
23 of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,  
24 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the  
25 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum  
26 number, whichever is greater.

1           (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools  
2 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
3 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
4 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
5 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
6 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
7 comprising the counties.

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

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

1 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
2 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
3 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
4 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward  
5 or district.

6 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
7 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
8 party.

9 The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,  
11 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

12 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
13 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
14 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
15 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
16 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
17 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-11)

20 Sec. 7-11. Any candidate for President of the United States  
21 may have his name printed upon the primary ballot of his  
22 political party by filing in the office of the State Board of  
23 Elections not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to  
24 the date of the general primary, in any year in which a  
25 Presidential election is to be held, a petition signed by not

1 less than 3000 or more than 5000 primary electors, members of  
2 and affiliated with the party of which he is a candidate, and  
3 no candidate for President of the United States, who fails to  
4 comply with the provisions of this Article shall have his name  
5 printed upon any primary ballot: Provided, however, that if the  
6 rules or policies of a national political party conflict with  
7 such requirements for filing petitions for President of the  
8 United States in a presidential preference primary, the  
9 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the State central committee of such  
10 national political party shall notify the State Board of  
11 Elections in writing, citing by reference the rules or policies  
12 of the national political party in conflict, and in such case  
13 the Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in accordance  
14 with the delegate selection plan adopted by the state central  
15 committee of such national political party. Provided, further,  
16 unless rules or policies of a national political party  
17 otherwise provide, the vote for President of the United States,  
18 as herein provided for, shall be for the sole purpose of  
19 securing an expression of the sentiment and will of the party  
20 voters with respect to candidates for nomination for said  
21 office, and the vote of the state at large shall be taken and  
22 considered as advisory to the delegates and alternates at large  
23 to the national conventions of respective political parties;  
24 and the vote of the respective congressional districts shall be  
25 taken and considered as advisory to the delegates and  
26 alternates of said congressional districts to the national

1 conventions of the respective political parties.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

6 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,  
7 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a  
8 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or  
9 district which comprises more than one county or is partly  
10 in one county and partly in another county or counties,  
11 then, except as otherwise provided in this Section, such  
12 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal  
13 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 113  
14 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
15 primary, but, in the case of petitions for nomination to  
16 fill a vacancy by special election in the office of  
17 representative in Congress from this State, such petition  
18 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of  
19 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 days and not  
20 less than 82 days prior to the date of the primary.

21 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,  
22 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
23 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,  
24 petitions for nomination for the office in which the  
25 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office

1 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less  
2 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary  
3 election.

4 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or  
5 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,  
6 then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the  
7 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
8 than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of  
9 the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or  
10 policies of a national political party conflict with such  
11 requirements for filing petitions for nomination for  
12 delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating  
13 convention, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central  
14 committee of such national political party shall notify the  
15 Board in writing, citing by reference the rules or policies  
16 of the national political party in conflict, and in such  
17 case the Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in  
18 accordance with the delegate selection plan adopted by the  
19 state central committee of such national political party.

20 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county  
21 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition  
22 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not more  
23 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
24 primary.

25 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal  
26 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be

1 filed in the office of the local election official, not  
2 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the  
3 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's  
4 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the  
5 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
6 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
7 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
8 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election  
9 authority.

10 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be filed in the  
12 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
13 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
14 primary.

15 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or  
16 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be filed in the  
17 office of the county clerk not more than 113 nor less than  
18 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

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

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

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

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

23 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
24 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a  
25 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
26 Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with

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

14 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or  
15 for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or for delegate or  
16 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention has  
17 been filed may cause his name to be withdrawn by request in  
18 writing, signed by him and duly acknowledged before an  
19 officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, and  
20 filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the  
21 State Board of Elections or with the appropriate election  
22 authority or local election official, not later than the  
23 date of certification of candidates for the consolidated  
24 primary or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn  
25 shall be certified or printed on the primary ballot. If  
26 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same

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

22 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
23 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
24 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
25 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
26 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,

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

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

1 seeking the nomination of such established party for  
2 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
3 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
4 scheduled election day.

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

1 statement or notice meeting the requirements of this  
2 Section is filed in a timely manner.

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

22 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for  
23 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
24 not less than 6 months.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-221, eff. 7-31-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-13)

2 Sec. 7-13. The board of election commissioners in cities of  
3 500,000 or more population having such board, shall constitute  
4 an electoral board for the hearing and passing upon objections  
5 to nomination petitions for ward committeepersons  
6 ~~committeemen~~.

7 Such objections shall be filed in the office of the county  
8 clerk within 5 business days after the last day for filing  
9 nomination papers. The objection shall state the name and  
10 address of the objector, who may be any qualified elector in  
11 the ward, the specific grounds of objection and the relief  
12 requested of the electoral board. Upon the receipt of the  
13 objection, the county clerk shall forthwith transmit such  
14 objection and the petition of the candidate to the board of  
15 election commissioners. The board of election commissioners  
16 shall forthwith notify the objector and candidate objected to  
17 of the time and place for hearing hereon. After a hearing upon  
18 the validity of such objections, the board shall certify to the  
19 county clerk its decision stating whether or not the name of  
20 the candidate shall be printed on the ballot and the county  
21 clerk in his or her certificate to the board of election  
22 commissioners shall leave off of the certificate the name of  
23 the candidate for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ that the  
24 election commissioners order not to be printed on the ballot.  
25 However, the decision of the board of election commissioners is  
26 subject to judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1.

1           The county electoral board composed as provided in Section  
2 10-9 shall constitute an electoral board for the hearing and  
3 passing upon objections to nomination petitions for precinct  
4 and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. Such objections  
5 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk within 5  
6 business days after the last day for filing nomination papers.  
7 The objection shall state the name and address of the objector  
8 who may be any qualified elector in the precinct or in the  
9 township or part of a township that lies outside of a city  
10 having a population of 500,000 or more, the specific grounds of  
11 objection and the relief requested of the electoral board. Upon  
12 the receipt of the objection the county clerk shall forthwith  
13 transmit such objection and the petition of the candidate to  
14 the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board. The  
15 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board shall  
16 forthwith notify the objector, the candidate whose petition is  
17 objected to and the other members of the electoral board of the  
18 time and place for hearing thereon. After hearing upon the  
19 validity of such objections the board shall certify its  
20 decision to the county clerk stating whether or not the name of  
21 the candidate shall be printed on the ballot, and the county  
22 clerk, in his or her certificate to the board of election  
23 commissioners, shall leave off of the certificate the name of  
24 the candidate ordered by the board not to be printed on the  
25 ballot, and the county clerk shall also refrain from printing  
26 on the official primary ballot, the name of any candidate whose

1 name has been ordered by the electoral board not to be printed  
2 on the ballot. However, the decision of the board is subject to  
3 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1.

4 In such proceedings the electoral boards have the same  
5 powers as other electoral boards under the provisions of  
6 Section 10-10 of this Act and their decisions are subject to  
7 judicial review under Section 10-10.1.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-14.1)

10 Sec. 7-14.1. Delegates and alternate delegates to national  
11 nominating conventions shall be chosen according to one of the  
12 following alternative methods of allocating delegates for  
13 election. The State central committee of each political party  
14 established pursuant to this Article 7 shall certify to the  
15 State Board of Elections, not less than 30 days prior to the  
16 first date for filing of petitions for election as delegate or  
17 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention, which  
18 of the following alternatives it wishes to be utilized in  
19 allocating the delegates and alternate delegates to which  
20 Illinois will be entitled at its national nominating  
21 convention. The State Board of Elections shall meet promptly  
22 and, not less than 20 days prior to the first date for filing  
23 of such petitions, shall publish and certify to the county  
24 clerk in each county the number of delegates or alternate  
25 delegates to be elected from each congressional district or

1 from the State at large or State convention of a political  
2 party, as the case may be, according to the method chosen by  
3 each State central committee. If a State central committee  
4 fails to certify to the State Board of Elections its choice of  
5 one of the following methods prior to the aforementioned  
6 meeting of the State Board of Elections, the State Board of  
7 Elections shall certify delegates for that political party  
8 pursuant to whichever of the alternatives below was used by  
9 that political party pursuant to whichever of the alternatives  
10 below was used by that political party in the most recent year  
11 in which delegates were selected, subject to any subsequent  
12 amendments.

13 Prior to the aforementioned meeting of the State Board of  
14 Elections at which the Board shall publish and certify to the  
15 county clerk the number of delegates or alternate delegates to  
16 be elected from each congressional district or the State at  
17 large or State convention, the Secretary of State shall  
18 ascertain from the call of the national convention of each  
19 political party the number of delegates and alternate delegates  
20 to which Illinois will be entitled at the respective national  
21 nominating conventions. The Secretary of State shall report the  
22 number of delegates and alternate delegates to which Illinois  
23 will be entitled at the respective national nominating  
24 conventions to the State Board of Elections convened as  
25 aforesaid to be utilized by the State Board of Elections in  
26 calculating the number of delegates and alternates to be

1 elected from each congressional district in the State at large  
2 or State convention, as the case may be.

3 Alternative A: The State Board of Elections shall allocate  
4 the number of delegates and alternate delegates to which the  
5 State is entitled among the congressional districts in the  
6 State.

7 1. Of the number of delegates to which the State is  
8 entitled, 10, plus those remaining unallocated under paragraph  
9 2, shall be delegates at large. The State central committee of  
10 the appropriate political party shall determine whether the  
11 delegates at large shall be (a) elected in the primary from the  
12 State at large, (b) selected by the State convention, or (c)  
13 chosen by a combination of these 2 methods. If the State  
14 central committee determines that all or a specified number of  
15 the delegates at large shall be elected in the primary, the  
16 committee shall file with the Board a report of such  
17 determination at the same time it certifies the alternative it  
18 wishes to use in allocating its delegates.

19 2. All delegates other than the delegates at large shall be  
20 elected from the congressional districts. Two delegates shall  
21 be allocated from this number to each district. After reserving  
22 10 delegates to be delegates at large and allocating 2  
23 delegates to each district, the Board shall allocate the  
24 remaining delegates to the congressional districts pursuant to  
25 the following formula:

26 (a) For each district, the number of remaining

1 delegates shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator  
2 of which is the vote cast in the congressional district for  
3 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election, and  
4 the denominator of which is the vote cast in the State for  
5 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election.

6 (b) The Board shall first allocate to each district a  
7 number of delegates equal to the whole number in the  
8 product resulting from the multiplication procedure in  
9 subparagraph (a).

10 (c) The Board shall then allocate any remaining  
11 delegates, one to each district, in the order of the  
12 largest fractional remainder in the product resulting from  
13 the multiplication procedure in subparagraph (a), omitting  
14 those districts for which that product is less than 1.875.

15 (d) The Board shall then allocate any remaining  
16 delegates, one to each district, in the order of the  
17 largest fractional remainder in the product resulting from  
18 the multiplication procedure in subparagraph (a), among  
19 those districts for which that product is at least one but  
20 less than 1.875.

21 (e) Any delegates remaining unallocated shall be  
22 delegates at large and shall be selected as determined by  
23 the State central committee under paragraph 1 of this  
24 Alternative A.

25 3. The alternate delegates at large shall be allocated in  
26 the same manner as the delegates at large. The alternate

1 delegates other than the alternate delegates at large shall be  
2 allocated in the same manner as the delegates other than the  
3 delegates at large.

4 Alternative B: the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State  
5 central committee shall file with the State Board of Elections  
6 a statement of the number of delegates and alternate delegates  
7 to which the State is entitled and the number of such delegates  
8 and alternate delegates to be elected from congressional  
9 districts. The State Board of Elections shall allocate such  
10 number of delegates and alternate delegates, as the case may  
11 be, among the congressional districts in the State for election  
12 from the congressional districts.

13 The Board shall utilize the sum of  $1/3$  of each of the  
14 following formulae to determine the number of delegates and  
15 alternate delegates, as the case may be, to be elected from  
16 each congressional district:

17 (1) Formula 1 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs  
18 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

19 (a) The fraction derived by dividing the population of  
20 the district by the population of the State and adding to  
21 that fraction the following:  $1/2$  of the fraction calculated  
22 by dividing the total district vote for the party's  
23 candidate in the most recent presidential election by the  
24 total statewide vote for that candidate in that election,  
25 plus  $1/2$  of the fraction calculated by dividing the total  
26 district vote for the party's candidate in the second most

1 recent Presidential election by the total statewide vote  
2 for that candidate in that election;

3 (b) 1/2;

4 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as  
5 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the  
6 party's national nominating convention.

7 (2) Formula 2 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs  
8 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

9 (a) The fraction calculated by dividing the total  
10 numbers of votes in the district for the party's candidate  
11 in the most recent Gubernatorial election by the total  
12 statewide vote for that candidate in that election, plus,  
13 the fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote  
14 for the party's candidate in the most recent presidential  
15 election by the total statewide vote for that candidate in  
16 that election;

17 (b) 1/2;

18 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as  
19 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the  
20 party's national nominating convention.

21 (3) Formula 3 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs  
22 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

23 (a) 1/2 of the fraction calculated by dividing the  
24 total district vote for the party's candidate in the most  
25 recent presidential election by the total statewide vote  
26 for that candidate in that election, plus 1/2 of the

1 fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote for  
2 the party's candidate in the second most recent  
3 presidential election by the total statewide vote for that  
4 candidate in that election. This sum shall be added to the  
5 fraction calculated by dividing the total voter  
6 registration of the party in the district by the total  
7 voter registration of the party in the State as of January  
8 1 of the year prior to the year in which the national  
9 nominating convention is held;

10 (b) 1/2;

11 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as  
12 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the  
13 party's national nominating convention.

14 Fractional numbers of delegates and alternate delegates  
15 shall be rounded upward in rank order to the next whole number,  
16 largest fraction first, until the total number of delegates and  
17 alternate delegates, respectively, to be so chosen have been  
18 allocated.

19 The remainder of the delegates and alternate delegates  
20 shall be selected as determined by the State central committee  
21 of the party and shall be certified to the State Board of  
22 Elections by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central  
23 committee.

24 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein,  
25 with respect to all aspects of the selection of delegates and  
26 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention under

1 Alternative B, this Code shall be superseded by the delegate  
2 selection rules and policies of the national political party  
3 including, but not limited to, the development of an  
4 affirmative action plan.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-17)

7 Sec. 7-17. Candidate ballot name procedures.

8 (a) Each election authority in each county shall cause to  
9 be printed upon the general primary ballot of each party for  
10 each precinct in his jurisdiction the name of each candidate  
11 whose petition for nomination or for committeeperson  
12 ~~committeeman~~ has been filed in the office of the county clerk,  
13 as herein provided; and also the name of each candidate whose  
14 name has been certified to his office by the State Board of  
15 Elections, and in the order so certified, except as hereinafter  
16 provided.

17 It shall be the duty of the election authority to cause to  
18 be printed upon the consolidated primary ballot of each  
19 political party for each precinct in his jurisdiction the name  
20 of each candidate whose name has been certified to him, as  
21 herein provided and which is to be voted for in such precinct.

22 (b) In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
23 primary ballot the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
24 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
25 or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the

1 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
2 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
3 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the  
4 last day for filing the petition for nomination, nomination  
5 papers, or certificate of nomination for that office, whichever  
6 is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the primary  
7 ballot must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior  
8 names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list  
9 date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition, papers,  
10 or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit  
11 stating the candidate's previous names during the period  
12 specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was  
13 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds  
14 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the  
15 ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as  
16 appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name  
17 changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's  
18 or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or  
19 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of  
20 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation such  
21 as a political slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting  
22 or implying possession of a title, degree or professional  
23 status, or similar information may be used in connection with  
24 the candidate's surname. For purposes of this Section, a  
25 "political slogan" is defined as any word or words expressing  
26 or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate

1 may espouse, including but not limited to, any word or words  
2 conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity  
3 of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as  
4 part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the  
5 political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.

6 (c) The State Board of Elections, a local election  
7 official, or an election authority shall remove any candidate's  
8 name designation from a ballot that is inconsistent with  
9 subsection (b) of this Section. In addition, the State Board of  
10 Elections, a local election official, or an election authority  
11 shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name  
12 designation that is inconsistent with subsection (b) of this  
13 Section.

14 (d) If the State Board of Elections, a local election  
15 official, or an election authority removes a candidate's name  
16 designation from a ballot under subsection (c) of this Section,  
17 then the aggrieved candidate may seek appropriate relief in  
18 circuit court.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-1090, eff. 6-1-07.)

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

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

24 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
25 printed in large capital letters, words designating the ballot,

1 if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall be:  
2 "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
3 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and in  
4 like manner for each political party.

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

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

25 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
26 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for not

1 more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no candidate  
2 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons  
3 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,  
4 then below the title of that office the election authority  
5 instead shall print "No Candidate".

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

12 Below the name of each office shall be printed in capital  
13 letters the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in  
14 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as  
15 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.  
16 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
17 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall  
18 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for  
19 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed  
20 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front  
21 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under  
22 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
23 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
24 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
25 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

26 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are

1 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
2 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
3 is applicable.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-862, eff. 8-19-08; 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/7-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-25)

6 Sec. 7-25. The tally sheets for each political party  
7 participating in the primary election shall be substantially in  
8 the following form:

9 "Tally sheet for ....(name of political party) for the ....  
10 precinct, in the county of .... for a primary held on the ....  
11 day of .... A.D. ...."

12 The names of candidates for nomination and for State  
13 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township, and precinct  
14 and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
15 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions, shall  
16 be placed on the tally sheets of each political party by the  
17 primary judges, in the order in which they appear on the  
18 ballot.

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

21 Sec. 7-34. Pollwatchers in a primary election shall be  
22 authorized in the following manner:

23 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to  
24 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers must be

1 affiliated with the political party for which they are  
2 pollwatching and must be a registered voter in Illinois.

3 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two  
4 pollwatchers per precinct. For Federal, State, county,  
5 township, and municipal primary elections, the pollwatchers  
6 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

7 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or  
8 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or  
9 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,  
10 and which shall have registered its name and address and the  
11 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
12 election authority at least 40 days before the primary  
13 election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per  
14 precinct. For all primary elections, the pollwatcher must be  
15 registered to vote in Illinois.

16 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the  
17 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint  
18 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2  
19 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic  
20 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at  
21 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the  
22 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
23 election authority at least 40 days before the primary  
24 election. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in  
25 Illinois. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "State  
26 nonpartisan civic organization" means any corporation,

1 unincorporated association, or organization that:

2 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,  
3 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has  
4 among its stated purposes the provision of voter  
5 information and education, the protection of individual  
6 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal  
7 elections;

8 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities  
9 within the State of Illinois; and

10 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business  
11 location within the State of Illinois, together with a  
12 current listed telephone number (a post office box number  
13 without a current listed telephone number is not  
14 sufficient).

15 (4) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a  
16 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and  
17 address of its organization or committee and the name and  
18 address of its chairperson ~~chairman~~ with the proper election  
19 authority at least 40 days before the primary election, shall  
20 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The  
21 pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

22 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates for  
23 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population  
24 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a  
25 resident of a county in which any part of the municipality is  
26 situated shall be eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any

1 polling place located within such municipality, provided that  
2 such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective  
3 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this Section and  
4 is a registered voter whose residence is within Illinois.

5 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper  
6 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient  
7 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile  
8 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available  
9 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
10 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile  
11 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate  
12 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the  
13 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or opponent group, as the  
14 case may be.

15 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the  
16 following form:

17 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

18 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

19 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the  
20 undersigned hereby appoints ..... (name of pollwatcher)  
21 at ..... (address) in the county of .....,  
22 ..... (township or municipality) of ..... (name),  
23 State of Illinois and who is duly registered to vote from this  
24 address, to act as a pollwatcher in the ..... precinct of  
25 the ..... ward (if applicable) of the .....

1 (township or municipality) of ..... at the .....  
2 election to be held on (insert date).

3 ..... (Signature of Appointing Authority)

4 ..... TITLE (party official, candidate,  
5 civic organization president,  
6 proponent or opponent group

7 chairperson ~~chairman~~)

8 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10  
9 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies  
10 that he or she resides at ..... (address) in the  
11 county of ....., ..... (township or municipality) of  
12 ..... (name), State of Illinois, and is duly registered to  
13 vote in Illinois.

14 ..... .....

15 (Precinct and/or Ward in ..... (Signature of Pollwatcher)

16 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

17 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges  
18 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher  
19 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the  
20 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such  
21 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the  
22 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the  
23 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a  
24 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place  
25 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the

1 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during  
2 the course of the day, but established political parties,  
3 candidates, qualified civic organizations and proponents and  
4 opponents of a ballot proposition can have only as many  
5 pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this  
6 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the  
7 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election  
8 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to  
9 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have  
10 closed, pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the  
11 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only  
12 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so  
13 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

14 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
15 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and  
16 all polling places throughout such district or municipality  
17 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are  
18 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be  
19 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and  
20 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this  
21 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a  
22 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority  
23 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed  
24 forthwith from such polling place.

25 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
26 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to

1 polling places on election day in such district or municipality  
 2 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials  
 3 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by  
 4 and under the facsimile signature of the election authority of  
 5 the election jurisdiction where the polling place in which the  
 6 candidate seeks admittance is located, and shall be available  
 7 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
 8 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

9 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the  
 10 following form:

11 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

12 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

13 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I  
 14 ..... (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate  
 15 for ..... (name of office) and seek admittance to .....  
 16 precinct of the ..... ward (if applicable) of the .....  
 17 (township or municipality) of ..... at the ..... election  
 18 to be held on (insert date).

19	.....	.....
20	(Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
21		CANDIDATE SEEKS
22		NOMINATION OR
23		ELECTION

24 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings

1 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the  
2 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is  
3 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the  
4 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making  
5 the signature comparison between the voter application and the  
6 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such  
7 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in  
8 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to  
9 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall  
10 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.  
11 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications  
12 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of  
13 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent  
14 violations of this Code.

15 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the  
16 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so  
17 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the  
18 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable  
19 number, except that each candidate and each established or new  
20 political party shall be permitted to have at least one  
21 pollwatcher present.

22 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an  
23 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,  
24 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a  
25 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney  
26 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in

1 the performance of their official election duties, shall be  
2 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling  
3 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives  
4 shall display their official credentials or other  
5 identification to the judges of election.

6 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty  
7 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of election.

8 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to  
9 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in  
10 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

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

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

13 Sec. 7-46. On receiving from the primary judges a primary  
14 ballot of his party, the primary elector shall forthwith and  
15 without leaving the polling place, retire alone to one of the  
16 voting booths and prepare such primary ballot by marking a  
17 cross (X) in the square in front of and opposite the name of  
18 each candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, and  
19 for delegates and alternate delegates to national nominating  
20 conventions, and for committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if  
21 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are being elected at such  
22 primary. A cross (X) in the square in front of the bracket  
23 enclosing the names of a team of candidates for Governor and  
24 Lieutenant Governor counts as one vote for each of those  
25 candidates.

1 Any primary elector may, instead of voting for any  
2 candidate for nomination or for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
3 or for delegate or alternate delegate to national nominating  
4 conventions, whose name is printed on the primary ballot, write  
5 in the name of any other person affiliated with such party as a  
6 candidate for the nomination for any office, or for  
7 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or for delegates or alternate  
8 delegates to national nominating conventions, and indicate his  
9 choice of such candidate or committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or  
10 delegate or alternate delegate, by placing to the left of and  
11 opposite the name thus written a square and placing in the  
12 square a cross (X). A primary elector, however, may not by this  
13 method vote separately for Governor and Lieutenant Governor but  
14 must write in the names of candidates of his or her choice for  
15 both offices and indicate his or her choice of those names by  
16 placing a single square to the left of those names and placing  
17 in that square a cross (X).

18 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
19 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as  
20 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
21 is applicable.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/7-51) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-51)

24 Sec. 7-51. If the primary elector marks more names upon the  
25 primary ballot than there are persons to be nominated as

1 candidates for an office, or for State central committeepersons  
2 ~~committeemen~~, or precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or  
3 township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or ward  
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or delegates or alternate  
5 delegates to National nominating conventions, or if for any  
6 reason it is impossible to determine the primary elector's  
7 choice of a candidate for the nomination for an office, or  
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate, his primary ballot  
9 shall not be counted for the nomination for such office or  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

11 No primary ballot, without the endorsement of the judge's  
12 initials thereon, shall be counted.

13 No judge shall omit to endorse his initials on a primary  
14 ballot, as required by this Article, nor shall any person not  
15 authorized so to do initial a primary ballot knowing that he is  
16 not so authorized.

17 Primary ballots not counted shall be marked "defective" on  
18 the back thereof; and primary ballots to which objections have  
19 been made by either of the primary judges or challengers shall  
20 be marked "objected to" on the back thereof; and a memorandum,  
21 signed by the primary judges, stating how it was counted, shall  
22 be written on the back of each primary ballot so marked; and  
23 all primary ballots marked "defective" or "objected to" shall  
24 be enclosed in an envelope and securely sealed, and so marked  
25 and endorsed as to clearly disclose its contents. The envelope  
26 to be used for enclosing ballots marked "defective" or

1 "objected to" shall bear upon its face, in not less than 1 1/2  
2 inch type, the legend: "This envelope is for use after 6:00  
3 P.M. only." The envelope to be used for enclosing ballots  
4 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote shall bear upon its  
5 face, in not less than 1 1/2 inch type, the legend: "This  
6 envelope is for use before 6:00 P.M. only."

7 All primary ballots not voted, and all that have been  
8 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote, shall be returned  
9 to the proper election authority by the primary judges, and a  
10 receipt taken therefor, and shall be preserved 2 months. Such  
11 official shall keep a record of the number of primary ballots  
12 delivered for each polling place, and he or they shall also  
13 enter upon such record the number and character of primary  
14 ballots returned, with the time when and the persons by whom  
15 they are returned.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-53)

18 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party  
19 shall have been read and the votes of the political party  
20 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in  
21 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as  
22 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of  
23 the political party and for each candidate for State Central  
24 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and precinct committeeperson  
25 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or ward

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and delegate and alternate  
 2 delegate to National nominating conventions, and certify the  
 3 same to be correct. Thereupon, the primary judges shall set  
 4 down in a certificate of results on the tally sheet, under the  
 5 name of the political party, the name of each candidate voted  
 6 for upon the primary ballot, written at full length, the name  
 7 of the office for which he is a candidate for nomination or for  
 8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate or alternate  
 9 delegate to National nominating conventions, the total number  
 10 of votes which the candidate received, and they shall also set  
 11 down the total number of ballots voted by the primary electors  
 12 of the political party in the precinct. The certificate of  
 13 results shall be made substantially in the following form:

14 ..... Party

15 At the primary election held in the .... precinct of the  
 16 (1) \*township of ....., or (2) \*City of ....., or (3) \*.... ward  
 17 in the city of .... on (insert date), the primary electors of  
 18 the .... party voted .... ballots, and the respective  
 19 candidates whose names were written or printed on the primary  
 20 ballot of the .... party, received respectively the following  
 21 votes:

22	Name of		No. of
23	Candidate,	Title of Office,	Votes
24	John Jones	Governor	100
25	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	100
26	Sam Smith	Governor	70

1	Samantha Smythe	Lieutenant Governor	70
2	Frank Martin	Attorney General	150
3	William Preston	Rep. in Congress	200
4	Frederick John	Circuit Judge	50

5 \*Fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

6 And so on for each candidate.

7 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and  
8 correct.

9 Dated (insert date).

10	.....		
11	Name		Address
12	.....		
13	Name		Address
14	.....		
15	Name		Address
16	.....		
17	Name		Address
18	.....		
19	Name		Address

20 Judges of Primary

21 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
22 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
23 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever  
24 is applicable.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-55) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-55)

2 Sec. 7-55. The primary poll books or the official poll  
3 record, and the tally sheets with the certificates of the  
4 primary judges written thereon, together with the envelopes  
5 containing the ballots, including the envelope containing the  
6 ballots marked "defective" or "objected to", shall be carefully  
7 enveloped and sealed up together, properly endorsed, and the  
8 primary judges shall elect 2 judges (one from each of the major  
9 political parties), who shall immediately deliver the same to  
10 the clerk from whom the primary ballots were obtained, which  
11 clerk shall safely keep the same for 2 months, and thereafter  
12 shall safely keep the poll books until the next primary. Each  
13 election authority shall keep the office of the election  
14 authority, or any receiving stations designated by such  
15 authority, open for at least 12 consecutive hours after the  
16 polls close, or until the judges of each precinct under the  
17 jurisdiction of the election authority have delivered to the  
18 election authority all the above materials sealed up together  
19 and properly endorsed as provided herein. Materials delivered  
20 to the election authority which are not in the condition  
21 required by this Section shall not be accepted by the election  
22 authority until the judges delivering the same make and sign  
23 the necessary corrections. Upon acceptance of the materials by  
24 the election authority, the judges delivering the same shall  
25 take a receipt signed by the election authority and stamped

1 with the time and date of such delivery. The election judges  
2 whose duty it is to deliver any materials as above provided  
3 shall, in the event such materials cannot be found when needed,  
4 on proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take  
5 as above provided.

6 The county clerk or board of election commissioners shall  
7 deliver a copy of each tally sheet to the county chairmen of  
8 the two largest political parties.

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

13 (Source: P.A. 83-764.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/7-56) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-56)

15 Sec. 7-56. As soon as complete returns are delivered to the  
16 proper election authority, the returns shall be canvassed for  
17 all primary elections as follows. The election authority acting  
18 as the canvassing board pursuant to Section 1-8 of this Code  
19 shall also open and canvass the returns of a primary. Upon the  
20 completion of the canvass of the returns by the election  
21 authority, the election authority shall make a tabulated  
22 statement of the returns for each political party separately,  
23 stating in appropriate columns and under proper headings, the  
24 total number of votes cast in said county for each candidate  
25 for nomination or election by said party, including candidates

1 for President of the United States and for State central  
2 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and for delegates and alternate  
3 delegates to National nominating conventions, and for precinct  
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~, and for ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~.  
6 Within 2 days after the completion of said canvass by the  
7 election authority, the county clerk shall mail to the State  
8 Board of Elections a certified copy of such tabulated statement  
9 of returns. The election authority shall also determine and set  
10 down as to each precinct the number of ballots voted by the  
11 primary electors of each party at the primary.

12 In the case of the nomination or election of candidates for  
13 offices, including President of the United States and the State  
14 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
15 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions,  
16 certified tabulated statement of returns for which are filed  
17 with the State Board of Elections, said returns shall be  
18 canvassed by the election authority. And, provided, further,  
19 that within 5 days after said returns shall be canvassed by the  
20 said Board, the Board shall cause to be published in one daily  
21 newspaper of general circulation at the seat of the State  
22 government in Springfield a certified statement of the returns  
23 filed in its office, showing the total vote cast in the State  
24 for each candidate of each political party for President of the  
25 United States, and showing the total vote for each candidate of  
26 each political party for President of the United States, cast

1 in each of the several congressional districts in the State.

2 Within 48 hours of conducting a canvass, as required by  
3 this Code, of the consolidated primary, the election authority  
4 shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local  
5 election official, with respect to whose political  
6 subdivisions nominations were made at such primary, for each  
7 precinct in his jurisdiction in which such nominations were on  
8 the ballot. Such original certificate of results need not  
9 include any offices or nominations for any other political  
10 subdivisions.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
12 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-58) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-58)

14 Sec. 7-58. Each county clerk or board of election  
15 commissioners shall, upon completion of the canvassing of the  
16 returns, make and transmit to the State Board of Elections and  
17 to each election authority whose duty it is to print the  
18 official ballot for the election for which the nomination is  
19 made a proclamation of the results of the primary. The  
20 proclamation shall state the name of each candidate of each  
21 political party so nominated or elected, as shown by the  
22 returns, together with the name of the office for which he or  
23 she was nominated or elected, including precinct, township and  
24 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and including in the case  
25 of the State Board of Elections, candidates for State central

1 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate  
2 delegates to National nominating conventions. If a notice of  
3 contest is filed, the election authority shall, within one  
4 business day after receiving a certified copy of the court's  
5 judgment or order, amend its proclamation accordingly and  
6 proceed to file an amended proclamation with the appropriate  
7 election authorities and with the State Board of Elections.

8 The State Board of Elections shall issue a certificate of  
9 election to each of the persons shown by the returns and the  
10 proclamation thereof to be elected State central  
11 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate  
12 delegates to National nomination conventions; and the county  
13 clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person  
14 shown by the returns to be elected precinct, township or ward  
15 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The certificate issued to such  
16 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number  
17 of ballots voted in his or her precinct by the primary electors  
18 of his or her party at the primary at which he or she was  
19 elected. The certificate issued to such township  
20 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number of ballots  
21 voted in his or her township or part of a township, as the case  
22 may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
23 primary at which he or she was elected. The certificate issued  
24 to such ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the  
25 number of ballots voted in his or her ward by the primary  
26 electors of his or her party at the primary at which he or she

1 was elected.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

4 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of  
5 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination  
6 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such  
7 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the  
8 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,  
9 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for  
10 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons  
11 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and  
12 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the  
13 following election.

14 Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,  
15 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party  
16 for State central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
17 congressional district shall be declared elected State central  
18 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said congressional district.

19 Unless a national political party specifies that delegates  
20 and alternate delegates to a National nominating convention be  
21 allocated by proportional selection representation according  
22 to the results of a Presidential preference primary, the  
23 requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
24 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
25 National nominating conventions from the State at large, and

1 the requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
2 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
3 National nominating conventions in their respective  
4 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates  
5 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions  
6 of their party.

7 A political party which elects the members to its State  
8 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
9 Section 7-8 shall select its congressional district delegates  
10 and alternate delegates to its national nominating convention  
11 by proportional selection representation according to the  
12 results of a Presidential preference primary in each  
13 congressional district in the manner provided by the rules of  
14 the national political party and the State Central Committee,  
15 when the rules and policies of the national political party so  
16 require.

17 A political party which elects the members to its State  
18 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
19 Section 7-8 shall select its at large delegates and alternate  
20 delegates to its national nominating convention by  
21 proportional selection representation according to the results  
22 of a Presidential preference primary in the whole State in the  
23 manner provided by the rules of the national political party  
24 and the State Central Committee, when the rules and policies of  
25 the national political party so require.

26 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his

1 party for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
2 precinct shall be declared elected precinct committeeperson  
3 ~~committeeman~~ from said precinct.

4 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
5 party for township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
6 township or part of a township as the case may be, shall be  
7 declared elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from  
8 said township or part of a township as the case may be. In  
9 cities where ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected,  
10 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party  
11 for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his ward shall be  
12 declared elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said  
13 ward.

14 When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest  
15 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
16 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the same political party, or  
17 where more than one person of the same political party is to be  
18 nominated as a candidate for office or committeeperson  
19 ~~committeeman~~, if it appears that more than the number of  
20 persons to be nominated for an office or elected  
21 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ have the highest and an equal  
22 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
23 election as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, the election  
24 authority by which the returns of the primary are canvassed  
25 shall decide by lot which of said persons shall be nominated or  
26 elected, as the case may be. In such case the election

1 authority shall issue notice in writing to such persons of such  
2 tie vote stating therein the place, the day (which shall not be  
3 more than 5 days thereafter) and the hour when such nomination  
4 or election shall be so determined.

5 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who  
6 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in  
7 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities  
8 not later than 61 days prior to the primary. However, whenever  
9 an objection to a candidate's nominating papers or petitions  
10 for any office is sustained under Section 10-10 after the 61st  
11 day before the election, then write-in votes shall be counted  
12 for that candidate if he or she has filed a notarized  
13 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that  
14 office with the proper election authority or authorities not  
15 later than 7 days prior to the election.

16 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
17 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. Such  
18 declaration shall specify the office for which the person seeks  
19 nomination or election as a write-in candidate.

20 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list  
21 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election  
22 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the primary.

23 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
24 Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been  
25 printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to  
26 an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the

1 party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
2 primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's  
3 primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to  
4 the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a  
5 result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of  
6 votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures  
7 required on a petition for nomination for that office; or  
8 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of  
9 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names  
10 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or  
11 election to the same office.

12 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply where  
13 the number of candidates whose names have been printed on the  
14 party's ballot for nomination for or election to the office at  
15 the primary equals or exceeds the number of persons the party  
16 is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
17 primary.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60)

20 Sec. 7-60. Not less than 74 days before the date of the  
21 general election, the State Board of Elections shall certify to  
22 the county clerks the names of each of the candidates who have  
23 been nominated as shown by the proclamation of the State Board  
24 of Elections as a canvassing board or who have been nominated  
25 to fill a vacancy in nomination and direct the election

1 authority to place upon the official ballot for the general  
2 election the names of such candidates in the same manner and in  
3 the same order as shown upon the certification, except as  
4 otherwise provided in this Section.

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

1 manner and in the same order as shown upon such certifications,  
2 except as otherwise provided in this Section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           (4) The term of office, if a vacancy is to be filled  
2           for less than a full term or if the offices to be filled in  
3           a political subdivision are for different terms.

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

7           (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

8           (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60.1)

9           Sec. 7-60.1. Certification of Candidates - Consolidated  
10          Election. Each local election official of a political  
11          subdivision in which candidates for the respective local  
12          offices are nominated at the consolidated primary shall, no  
13          later than 5 days following the canvass and proclamation of the  
14          results of the consolidated primary, certify to each election  
15          authority whose duty it is to prepare the official ballot for  
16          the consolidated election in that political subdivision the  
17          names of each of the candidates who have been nominated as  
18          shown by the proclamation of the appropriate election authority  
19          or who have been nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination and  
20          direct the election authority to place upon the official ballot  
21          for the consolidated election the names of such candidates in  
22          the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the  
23          certification, except as otherwise provided by this Section.

24          Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the  
25          same political party for multiple offices for any board, the

1 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest  
2 number of votes in the consolidated primary election as a  
3 candidate for such consolidated primary, shall be certified  
4 first under the name of such office, and the names of the  
5 remaining candidates of such party for such offices shall  
6 follow in the order of the number of votes received by them  
7 respectively at the consolidated primary election as shown by  
8 the official election results.

9 No person who is shown by the election authority's  
10 proclamation to have been nominated at the consolidated primary  
11 as a write-in candidate shall have his or her name certified  
12 unless such person shall have filed with the certifying office  
13 or board within 5 days after the election authority's  
14 proclamation a statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10  
15 and a statement pursuant to Section 7-10.1.

16 Each board of election commissioners of the cities in which  
17 established political party candidates for city offices are  
18 nominated at the consolidated primary shall determine by a fair  
19 and impartial method of random selection the order of placement  
20 of the established political party candidates for the  
21 consolidated ballot. Such determination shall be made within 5  
22 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of  
23 the consolidated primary and shall be open to the public. Three  
24 days written notice of the time and place of conducting such  
25 random selection shall be given, by each such election  
26 authority, to the County Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each

1 established political party, and to each organization of  
2 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was entitled,  
3 under this Article, at the next preceding election, to have  
4 pollwatchers present on the day of election. Each election  
5 authority shall post in a conspicuous, open and public place,  
6 at the entrance of the election authority office, notice of the  
7 time and place of such lottery.

8 Each local election official of a political subdivision in  
9 which established political party candidates for the  
10 respective local offices are nominated by primary shall  
11 determine by a fair and impartial method of random selection  
12 the order of placement of the established political party  
13 candidates for the consolidated election ballot and, in the  
14 case of certain municipalities having annual elections, on the  
15 general primary ballot for election. Such determination shall  
16 be made prior to the canvass and proclamation of results of the  
17 consolidated primary or special municipal primary, as the case  
18 may be, in the office of the local election official and shall  
19 be open to the public. Three days written notice of the time  
20 and place of conducting such random selection shall be given,  
21 by each such local election official, to the County Chairperson  
22 ~~Chairman~~ of each established political party, and to each  
23 organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction  
24 which was entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding  
25 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.  
26 Each local election official shall post in a conspicuous, open

1 and public place notice of such lottery. Immediately  
2 thereafter, the local election official shall certify the  
3 ballot placement order so determined to the proper election  
4 authorities charged with the preparation of the consolidated  
5 election, or general primary, ballot for that political  
6 subdivision.

7 Not less than 68 days before the date of the consolidated  
8 election, each local election official of a political  
9 subdivision in which established political party candidates  
10 for the respective local offices have been nominated by caucus  
11 or have been nominated because no primary was required to be  
12 held shall certify to each election authority whose duty it is  
13 to prepare the official ballot for the consolidated election in  
14 that political subdivision the names of each of the candidates  
15 whose certificates of nomination or nomination papers have been  
16 filed in his or her office and direct the election authority to  
17 place upon the official ballot for the consolidated election  
18 the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same  
19 order as shown upon the certification. Such local election  
20 official shall, prior to certification, determine by a fair and  
21 impartial method of random selection the order of placement of  
22 the established political party candidates for the  
23 consolidated election ballot. Such determination shall be made  
24 in the office of the local election official and shall be open  
25 to the public. Three days written notice of the time and place  
26 of conducting such random selection shall be given by each such

1 local election official to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ of  
2 each established political party, and to each organization of  
3 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was entitled,  
4 under this Article, at the next preceding election, to have  
5 pollwatchers present on the day of election. Each local  
6 election official shall post in a conspicuous, open and public  
7 place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the time and  
8 place of such lottery. The local election official shall  
9 certify the ballot placement order so determined as part of his  
10 official certification of candidates to the election  
11 authorities whose duty it is to prepare the official ballot for  
12 the consolidated election in that political subdivision.

13 The certification shall indicate, where applicable, the  
14 following:

15 (1) The political party affiliation of the candidates  
16 for the respective offices;

17 (2) If there is to be more than one candidate elected  
18 or nominated to an office from the State, political  
19 subdivision or district;

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

22 (4) The term of office, if a vacancy is to be filled  
23 for less than a full term or if the offices to be filled in  
24 a political subdivision or district are for different  
25 terms.

26 The local election official shall issue an amended

1 certification whenever it is discovered that the original  
2 certification is in error.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

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

5 Sec. 8-5. There shall be constituted one legislative  
6 committee for each political party in each legislative district  
7 and one representative committee for each political party in  
8 each representative district. Legislative and representative  
9 committees shall be composed as follows:

10 In legislative or representative districts within or  
11 including a portion of any county containing 2,000,000 or more  
12 inhabitants, the legislative or representative committee of a  
13 political party shall consist of the committeepersons  
14 ~~committeemen~~ of such party representing each township or ward  
15 of such county any portion of which township or ward is  
16 included within such legislative or representative district  
17 and the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county central committee  
18 of such party of any county containing less than 2,000,000  
19 inhabitants any portion of which county is included within such  
20 legislative or representative district.

21 In the remainder of the State, the legislative or  
22 representative committee of a political party shall consist of  
23 the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county central committee of  
24 such party, any portion of which county is included within such  
25 legislative or representative district; but if a legislative or

1 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a  
2 county, its legislative or representative committee shall  
3 consist of the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
4 committee and 2 members of the county central committee who  
5 reside in the legislative or representative district, as the  
6 case may be, elected by the county central committee.

7 Within 180 days after the primary of the even-numbered year  
8 immediately following the decennial redistricting required by  
9 Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970,  
10 the ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township  
11 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central  
12 committees within each of the redistricted legislative and  
13 representative districts shall meet and proceed to organize by  
14 electing from among their own number a chairperson ~~chairman~~  
15 and, either from among their own number or otherwise, such  
16 other officers as they may deem necessary or expedient. The  
17 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
18 ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central committees shall  
19 determine the time and place (which shall be in the limits of  
20 such district) of such meeting. Immediately upon completion of  
21 organization, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall forward to the  
22 State Board of Elections the names and addresses of the  
23 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the committee. A vacancy  
24 shall occur when a member dies, resigns or ceases to reside in  
25 the county, township or ward which he represented.

26 Within 180 days after the primary of each other

1 even-numbered year, each legislative committee and  
2 representative committee shall meet and proceed to organize by  
3 electing from among its own number a chairperson ~~chairman~~, and  
4 either from its own number or otherwise, such other officers as  
5 each committee may deem necessary or expedient. Immediately  
6 upon completion of organization, the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
7 shall forward to the State Board of Elections, the names and  
8 addresses of the chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the  
9 committee. The outgoing chairperson ~~chairman~~ of such committee  
10 shall notify the members of the time and place (which shall be  
11 in the limits of such district) of such meeting. A vacancy  
12 shall occur when a member dies, resigns, or ceases to reside in  
13 the county, township or ward, which he represented.

14 If any change is made in the boundaries of any precinct,  
15 township or ward, the committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ previously  
16 elected therefrom shall continue to serve, as if no boundary  
17 change had occurred, for the purpose of acting as a member of a  
18 legislative or representative committee until his successor is  
19 elected or appointed.

20 (Source: P.A. 84-352.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/8-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-6)

22 Sec. 8-6. In legislative or representative districts  
23 wholly contained within counties having 2,000,000 or more  
24 inhabitants each member of each legislative or representative  
25 committee shall in its organization and proceedings be entitled

1 to one vote for each ballot voted in that portion of his  
2 township or ward in the legislative or representative district  
3 by the primary electors of his party at the last primary at  
4 which members of the General Assembly were nominated. If a  
5 portion of the legislative or representative district is within  
6 a county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants then each  
7 legislative or representative committee member shall be  
8 entitled to vote as follows: (a) in the portion of the district  
9 lying within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to one vote for  
11 each ballot voted in that portion of his township or ward in  
12 the legislative or representative district by primary electors  
13 of his party at the last primary at which township or ward  
14 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ were elected; (b) in the portion  
15 of the district lying outside a county of 2,000,000 or more  
16 inhabitants, each chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central  
17 committee shall be entitled to one vote for each ballot voted  
18 in that portion of his county in the legislative or  
19 representative district by the primary electors of his party at  
20 the last primary at which members of the General Assembly were  
21 nominated. In the remainder of the State, each member shall be  
22 entitled to cast one vote for each ballot voted in that portion  
23 of his county in the legislative or representative district by  
24 the primary electors of his party at the last primary at which  
25 members of the General Assembly were nominated. However, in  
26 counties under 2,000,000 population, if the legislative or

1 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a  
2 county, each legislative or representative committee member  
3 shall be entitled to cast one vote.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

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

6 Sec. 8-7. The various political party committees now in  
7 existence are hereby recognized and shall exercise the powers  
8 and perform the duties herein prescribed until  
9 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are chosen, in accordance with  
10 the provisions of this article.

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.3)

13 Sec. 9-1.3. "Candidate" means any person who seeks  
14 nomination for election, election to or retention in public  
15 office, or any person who seeks election as ward or township  
16 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
17 population, whether or not such person is elected. A person  
18 seeks nomination for election, election or retention if he (1)  
19 takes the action necessary under the laws of this State to  
20 attempt to qualify for nomination for election, election to or  
21 retention in public office or election as ward or township  
22 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
23 population, or (2) receives contributions or makes  
24 expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to receive

1 contributions or make expenditures with a view to bringing  
2 about his nomination for election or election to or retention  
3 in public office, or his or her election as ward or township  
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
5 population.

6 (Source: P.A. 89-405, eff. 11-8-95.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

8 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

9 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political  
10 committee, a political party committee, a political action  
11 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent  
12 expenditure committee.

13 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate  
14 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,  
15 corporation, or other organization or group of persons  
16 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes  
17 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount  
18 exceeding \$5,000 on behalf of the candidate.

19 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central  
20 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a  
21 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee  
22 formed by a ward or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of a  
23 political party. For purposes of this Article, a "legislative  
24 caucus committee" means a committee established for the purpose  
25 of electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person

1 elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate,  
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the  
3 House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or  
4 more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more  
5 members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

6 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,  
7 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or  
8 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,  
9 political party, candidate political committee, or political  
10 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes  
11 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount  
12 exceeding \$5,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate  
13 or candidates for public office. "Political action committee"  
14 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,  
15 association, corporation, or other organization or group of  
16 persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate  
17 political committee, or political party committee, that makes  
18 electioneering communications during any 12-month period in an  
19 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related to any candidate or  
20 candidates for public office.

21 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural  
22 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,  
23 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that  
24 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
25 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 in  
26 support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to

1 be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"  
2 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,  
3 association, corporation, or other organization or group of  
4 persons that makes electioneering communications during any  
5 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related  
6 to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.  
7 The \$5,000 threshold applies to any contributions or  
8 expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a  
9 place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of,  
10 or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the  
11 question of public policy, regardless of the method of  
12 initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of  
13 whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the  
14 appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and  
15 certified by the governing body.

16 (f) "Independent expenditure committee" means any trust,  
17 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other  
18 organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive  
19 purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month  
20 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 in support of or  
21 in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election,  
22 retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or  
23 (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the  
24 electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes  
25 any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation,  
26 or other organization or group of persons that makes

1 electioneering communications that are not made in connection,  
2 consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion  
3 of a public official or candidate, a public official's or  
4 candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an  
5 agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political  
6 committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an  
7 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related to (i) the nomination  
8 for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public  
9 official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to  
10 be submitted to the voters.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/9-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-2)

13 Sec. 9-2. Political committee designations.

14 (a) Every political committee shall be designated as a (i)  
15 candidate political committee, (ii) political party committee,  
16 (iii) political action committee, (iv) ballot initiative  
17 committee, or (v) independent expenditure committee.

18 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, no public official or  
19 candidate for public office may maintain or establish more than  
20 one candidate political committee for each office that public  
21 official or candidate holds or is seeking. The name of each  
22 candidate political committee shall identify the name of the  
23 public official or candidate supported by the candidate  
24 political committee. If a candidate establishes separate  
25 candidate political committees for each public office, the name

1 of each candidate political committee shall also include the  
2 public office to which the candidate seeks nomination for  
3 election, election, or retention. If a candidate establishes  
4 one candidate political committee for multiple offices elected  
5 at different elections, then the candidate shall designate an  
6 election cycle, as defined in Section 9-1.9, for purposes of  
7 contribution limitations and reporting requirements set forth  
8 in this Article. No political committee, other than a candidate  
9 political committee, may include the name of a candidate in its  
10 name.

11 (c) Beginning January 1, 2011, no State central committee  
12 of a political party, county central committee of a political  
13 party, committee formed by a ward or township committeeperson  
14 ~~committeeman~~, or committee established for the purpose of  
15 electing candidates to the General Assembly may maintain or  
16 establish more than one political party committee. The name of  
17 the committee must include the name of the political party.

18 (d) Beginning January 1, 2011, no natural person, trust,  
19 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other  
20 organization or group of persons forming a political action  
21 committee shall maintain or establish more than one political  
22 action committee. The name of a political action committee must  
23 include the name of the entity forming the committee. This  
24 subsection does not apply to independent expenditure  
25 committees.

26 (e) Beginning January 1, 2011, the name of a ballot

1 initiative committee must include words describing the  
2 question of public policy and whether the group supports or  
3 opposes the question.

4 (f) Every political committee shall designate a  
5 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and a treasurer. The same person may serve  
6 as both chairperson ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of any political  
7 committee. A candidate who administers his own campaign  
8 contributions and expenditures shall be deemed a political  
9 committee for purposes of this Article and shall designate  
10 himself as chairperson ~~chairman~~, treasurer, or both  
11 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of such political  
12 committee. The treasurer of a political committee shall be  
13 responsible for keeping the records and filing the statements  
14 and reports required by this Article.

15 (g) No contribution and no expenditure shall be accepted or  
16 made by or on behalf of a political committee at a time when  
17 there is a vacancy in the office of chairperson ~~chairman~~ or  
18 treasurer thereof. No expenditure shall be made for or on  
19 behalf of a political committee without the authorization of  
20 its chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer, or their designated  
21 agents.

22 (h) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this  
23 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political  
24 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory  
25 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall make the designation  
26 required by this Section by December 31, 2010.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

3 Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other reporting  
4 organization funds.

5 (a) A political committee shall not make expenditures:

6 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of  
7 this State.

8 (2) Clearly in excess of the fair market value of the  
9 services, materials, facilities, or other things of value  
10 received in exchange.

11 (3) For satisfaction or repayment of any debts other  
12 than loans made to the committee or to the public official  
13 or candidate on behalf of the committee or repayment of  
14 goods and services purchased by the committee under a  
15 credit agreement. Nothing in this Section authorizes the  
16 use of campaign funds to repay personal loans. The  
17 repayments shall be made by check written to the person who  
18 made the loan or credit agreement. The terms and conditions  
19 of any loan or credit agreement to a committee shall be set  
20 forth in a written agreement, including but not limited to  
21 the method and amount of repayment, that shall be executed  
22 by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of the committee  
23 at the time of the loan or credit agreement. The loan or  
24 agreement shall also set forth the rate of interest for the  
25 loan, if any, which may not substantially exceed the

1 prevailing market interest rate at the time the agreement  
2 is executed.

3 (4) For the satisfaction or repayment of any debts or  
4 for the payment of any expenses relating to a personal  
5 residence. Campaign funds may not be used as collateral for  
6 home mortgages.

7 (5) For clothing or personal laundry expenses, except  
8 clothing items rented by the public official or candidate  
9 for his or her own use exclusively for a specific  
10 campaign-related event, provided that committees may  
11 purchase costumes, novelty items, or other accessories  
12 worn primarily to advertise the candidacy.

13 (6) For the travel expenses of any person unless the  
14 travel is necessary for fulfillment of political,  
15 governmental, or public policy duties, activities, or  
16 purposes.

17 (7) For membership or club dues charged by  
18 organizations, clubs, or facilities that are primarily  
19 engaged in providing health, exercise, or recreational  
20 services; provided, however, that funds received under  
21 this Article may be used to rent the clubs or facilities  
22 for a specific campaign-related event.

23 (8) In payment for anything of value or for  
24 reimbursement of any expenditure for which any person has  
25 been reimbursed by the State or any person. For purposes of  
26 this item (8), a per diem allowance is not a reimbursement.

1           (9) For the purchase of or installment payment for a  
2 motor vehicle unless the political committee can  
3 demonstrate that purchase of a motor vehicle is more  
4 cost-effective than leasing a motor vehicle as permitted  
5 under this item (9). A political committee may lease or  
6 purchase and insure, maintain, and repair a motor vehicle  
7 if the vehicle will be used primarily for campaign purposes  
8 or for the performance of governmental duties. A committee  
9 shall not make expenditures for use of the vehicle for  
10 non-campaign or non-governmental purposes. Persons using  
11 vehicles not purchased or leased by a political committee  
12 may be reimbursed for actual mileage for the use of the  
13 vehicle for campaign purposes or for the performance of  
14 governmental duties. The mileage reimbursements shall be  
15 made at a rate not to exceed the standard mileage rate  
16 method for computation of business expenses under the  
17 Internal Revenue Code.

18           (10) Directly for an individual's tuition or other  
19 educational expenses, except for governmental or political  
20 purposes directly related to a candidate's or public  
21 official's duties and responsibilities.

22           (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or  
23 his or her family member unless for compensation for  
24 services actually rendered by that person. The provisions  
25 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a  
26 political committee in an aggregate amount not exceeding

1 the amount of funds reported to and certified by the State  
2 Board or county clerk as available as of June 30, 1998, in  
3 the semi-annual report of contributions and expenditures  
4 filed by the political committee for the period concluding  
5 June 30, 1998.

6 (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate, upon  
7 receipt of a verified complaint, violations of the provisions  
8 of this Section. The Board may levy a fine on any person who  
9 knowingly makes expenditures in violation of this Section and  
10 on any person who knowingly makes a malicious and false  
11 accusation of a violation of this Section. The Board may act  
12 under this subsection only upon the affirmative vote of at  
13 least 5 of its members. The fine shall not exceed \$500 for each  
14 expenditure of \$500 or less and shall not exceed the amount of  
15 the expenditure plus \$500 for each expenditure greater than  
16 \$500. The Board shall also have the authority to render rulings  
17 and issue opinions relating to compliance with this Section.

18 (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of  
19 funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder or  
20 by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable expenses  
21 of an officeholder in connection with the performance of  
22 governmental and public service functions.

23 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits the funds of a  
24 political committee which is controlled by a person convicted  
25 of a violation of any of the offenses listed in subsection (a)  
26 of Section 10 of the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act

1 from being forfeited to the State under Section 15 of the  
2 Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-1019, eff. 1-1-11.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/9-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-11)

5 Sec. 9-11. Financial reports.

6 (a) Each quarterly report of campaign contributions,  
7 expenditures, and independent expenditures under Section 9-10  
8 shall disclose the following:

9 (1) the name and address of the political committee;

10 (2) the name and address of the person submitting the  
11 report on behalf of the committee, if other than the  
12 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer;

13 (3) the amount of funds on hand at the beginning of the  
14 reporting period;

15 (4) the full name and mailing address of each person  
16 who has made one or more contributions to or for the  
17 committee within the reporting period in an aggregate  
18 amount or value in excess of \$150, together with the  
19 amounts and dates of those contributions, and, if the  
20 contributor is an individual who contributed more than  
21 \$500, the occupation and employer of the contributor or, if  
22 the occupation and employer of the contributor are unknown,  
23 a statement that the committee has made a good faith effort  
24 to ascertain this information;

25 (5) the total sum of individual contributions made to

1 or for the committee during the reporting period and not  
2 reported under item (4);

3 (6) the name and address of each political committee  
4 from which the reporting committee received, or to which  
5 that committee made, any transfer of funds in the aggregate  
6 amount or value in excess of \$150, together with the  
7 amounts and dates of all transfers;

8 (7) the total sum of transfers made to or from the  
9 committee during the reporting period and not reported  
10 under item (6);

11 (8) each loan to or from any person, political  
12 committee, or financial institution within the reporting  
13 period by or to the committee in an aggregate amount or  
14 value in excess of \$150, together with the full names and  
15 mailing addresses of the lender and endorsers, if any; the  
16 dates and amounts of the loans; and, if a lender or  
17 endorser is an individual who loaned or endorsed a loan of  
18 more than \$500, the occupation and employer of that  
19 individual or, if the occupation and employer of the  
20 individual are unknown, a statement that the committee has  
21 made a good faith effort to ascertain this information;

22 (9) the total amount of proceeds received by the  
23 committee from (i) the sale of tickets for each dinner,  
24 luncheon, cocktail party, rally, and other fund-raising  
25 events; (ii) mass collections made at those events; and  
26 (iii) sales of items such as political campaign pins,

1 buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,  
2 literature, and similar materials;

3 (10) each contribution, rebate, refund, income from  
4 investments, or other receipt in excess of \$150 received by  
5 the committee not otherwise listed under items (4) through  
6 (9) and, if the contributor is an individual who  
7 contributed more than \$500, the occupation and employer of  
8 the contributor or, if the occupation and employer of the  
9 contributor are unknown, a statement that the committee has  
10 made a good faith effort to ascertain this information;

11 (11) the total sum of all receipts by or for the  
12 committee or candidate during the reporting period;

13 (12) the full name and mailing address of each person  
14 to whom expenditures have been made by the committee or  
15 candidate within the reporting period in an aggregate  
16 amount or value in excess of \$150; the amount, date, and  
17 purpose of each of those expenditures; and the question of  
18 public policy or the name and address of, and the office  
19 sought by, each candidate on whose behalf that expenditure  
20 was made;

21 (13) the full name and mailing address of each person  
22 to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and  
23 reimbursed expenses in excess of \$150 has been made and  
24 that is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date,  
25 and purpose of the expenditure;

26 (14) the value of each asset held as an investment, as

1 of the final day of the reporting period;

2 (15) the total sum of expenditures made by the  
3 committee during the reporting period; and

4 (16) the full name and mailing address of each person  
5 to whom the committee owes debts or obligations in excess  
6 of \$150 and the amount of those debts or obligations.

7 For purposes of reporting campaign receipts and expenses,  
8 income from investments shall be included as receipts during  
9 the reporting period they are actually received. The gross  
10 purchase price of each investment shall be reported as an  
11 expenditure at time of purchase. Net proceeds from the sale of  
12 an investment shall be reported as a receipt. During the period  
13 investments are held they shall be identified by name and  
14 quantity of security or instrument on each semi-annual report  
15 during the period.

16 (b) Each report of a campaign contribution of \$1,000 or  
17 more required under subsection (c) of Section 9-10 shall  
18 disclose the following:

19 (1) the name and address of the political committee;

20 (2) the name and address of the person submitting the  
21 report on behalf of the committee, if other than the  
22 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer; and

23 (3) the full name and mailing address of each person  
24 who has made a contribution of \$1,000 or more.

25 (c) Each quarterly report shall include the following  
26 information regarding any independent expenditures made during

1 the reporting period: (1) the full name and mailing address of  
2 each person to whom an expenditure in excess of \$150 has been  
3 made in connection with an independent expenditure; (2) the  
4 amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure; (3) a statement  
5 whether the independent expenditure was in support of or in  
6 opposition to a particular candidate; (4) the name of the  
7 candidate; (5) the office and, when applicable, district,  
8 sought by the candidate; and (6) a certification, under penalty  
9 of perjury, that such expenditure was not made in cooperation,  
10 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion  
11 of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such  
12 committee. The report shall also include (I) the total of all  
13 independent expenditures of \$150 or less made during the  
14 reporting period and (II) the total amount of all independent  
15 expenditures made during the reporting period.

16 (d) The Board shall by rule define a "good faith effort".

17 The reports of campaign contributions filed under this  
18 Article shall be cumulative during the reporting period to  
19 which they relate.

20 (e) Each report shall be verified, dated, and signed by  
21 either the treasurer of the political committee or the  
22 candidate on whose behalf the report is filed and shall contain  
23 the following verification:

24 "I declare that this report (including any accompanying  
25 schedules and statements) has been examined by me and, to the  
26 best of my knowledge and belief, is a true, correct, and

1 complete report as required by Article 9 of the Election Code.  
2 I understand that willfully filing a false or incomplete  
3 statement is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000."

4 (f) A political committee may amend a report filed under  
5 subsection (a) or (b). The Board may reduce or waive a fine if  
6 the amendment is due to a technical or inadvertent error and  
7 the political committee files the amended report, except that a  
8 report filed under subsection (b) must be amended within 5  
9 business days. The State Board shall ensure that a description  
10 of the amended information is available to the public. The  
11 Board may promulgate rules to enforce this subsection.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/9-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-15)

14 Sec. 9-15. It shall be the duty of the Board-

15 (1) to develop prescribed forms for filing statements  
16 of organization and required reports;

17 (2) to prepare, publish, and furnish to the appropriate  
18 persons a manual of instructions setting forth recommended  
19 uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting under this  
20 Article;

21 (3) to prescribe suitable rules and regulations to  
22 carry out the provisions of this Article. Such rules and  
23 regulations shall be published and made available to the  
24 public;

25 (4) to send by first class mail, after the general

1 primary election in even numbered years, to the chairperson  
2 ~~chairman~~ of each regularly constituted State central  
3 committee, county central committee and, in counties with a  
4 population of more than 3,000,000, to the committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~ of each township and ward organization of each  
6 political party notice of their obligations under this  
7 Article, along with a form for filing the statement of  
8 organization;

9 (5) to promptly make all reports and statements filed  
10 under this Article available for public inspection and  
11 copying no later than 2 business days after their receipt  
12 and to permit copying of any such report or statement at  
13 the expense of the person requesting the copy;

14 (6) to develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing  
15 system consistent with the purposes of this Article;

16 (7) to compile and maintain a list of all statements or  
17 parts of statements pertaining to each candidate;

18 (8) to prepare and publish such reports as the Board  
19 may deem appropriate;

20 (9) to annually notify each political committee that  
21 has filed a statement of organization with the Board of the  
22 filing dates for each quarterly report, provided that such  
23 notification shall be made by first-class mail unless the  
24 political committee opts to receive notification  
25 electronically via email; and

26 (10) to promptly send, by first class mail directed

1           only to the officers of a political committee, and by  
2           certified mail to the address of the political committee,  
3           written notice of any fine or penalty assessed or imposed  
4           against the political committee under this Article.

5           (Source: P.A. 96-1263, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

6           (10 ILCS 5/9-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-20)

7           Sec. 9-20. Any person who believes a violation of this  
8           Article has occurred may file a verified complaint with the  
9           Board. Such verified complaint shall be directed to a candidate  
10          or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of a political  
11          committee, and shall be subject to the following requirements:

12           (1) The complaint shall be in writing.

13           (2) The complaint shall state the name of the candidate or  
14          chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of a political committee  
15          against whom the complaint is directed.

16           (3) The complaint shall state the statutory provisions  
17          which are alleged to have been violated.

18           (4) The complaint shall state the time, place, and nature  
19          of the alleged offense.

20          The complaint shall be verified, dated, and signed by the  
21          person filing the complaint in substantially the following  
22          manner: VERIFICATION:

23           "I declare that this complaint (including any accompanying  
24          schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the  
25          best of my knowledge and belief is a true and correct complaint

1 as required by Article 9 of The Election Code. I understand  
 2 that the penalty for willfully filing a false complaint shall  
 3 be a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in a penal  
 4 institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed 6 months,  
 5 or both fine and imprisonment."

6 .....

7 (date of filing)

8 (signature of person filing the complaint)

9 (Source: P.A. 78-1183.)

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

11 Sec. 10-2. The term "political party", as hereinafter used  
 12 in this Article 10, shall mean any "established political  
 13 party", as hereinafter defined and shall also mean any  
 14 political group which shall hereafter undertake to form an  
 15 established political party in the manner provided for in this  
 16 Article 10: Provided, that no political organization or group  
 17 shall be qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a  
 18 place on a ballot, which organization or group is associated,  
 19 directly or indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other  
 20 un-American principles and engages in activities or propaganda  
 21 designed to teach subservience to the political principles and  
 22 ideals of foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the  
 23 established constitutional form of government of the United  
 24 States and the State of Illinois.

25 A political party which, at the last general election for

1 State and county officers, polled for its candidate for  
2 Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is  
3 hereby declared to be an "established political party" as to  
4 the State and as to any district or political subdivision  
5 thereof.

6 A political party which, at the last election in any  
7 congressional district, legislative district, county,  
8 township, municipality or other political subdivision or  
9 district in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire vote  
10 cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as  
11 the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of  
12 officers to serve the respective territorial area of such  
13 district or political subdivision, is hereby declared to be an  
14 "established political party" within the meaning of this  
15 Article as to such district or political subdivision.

16 Any group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
17 political party throughout the State, or in any congressional,  
18 legislative or judicial district, or in any other district or  
19 in any political subdivision (other than a municipality) not  
20 entirely within a single county, shall file with the State  
21 Board of Elections a petition, as hereinafter provided; and any  
22 such group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
23 political party within any county shall file such petition with  
24 the county clerk; and any such group of persons hereafter  
25 desiring to form a new political party within any municipality  
26 or township or within any district of a unit of local

1 government other than a county shall file such petition with  
2 the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners  
3 of such municipality, township or other unit of local  
4 government, as the case may be. Any such petition for the  
5 formation of a new political party throughout the State, or in  
6 any such district or political subdivision, as the case may be,  
7 shall declare as concisely as may be the intention of the  
8 signers thereof to form such new political party in the State,  
9 or in such district or political subdivision; shall state in  
10 not more than 5 words the name of such new political party;  
11 shall at the time of filing contain a complete list of  
12 candidates of such party for all offices to be filled in the  
13 State, or such district or political subdivision as the case  
14 may be, at the next ensuing election then to be held; and, if  
15 such new political party shall be formed for the entire State,  
16 shall be signed by 1% of the number of voters who voted at the  
17 next preceding Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified  
18 voters, whichever is less. If such new political party shall be  
19 formed for any district or political subdivision less than the  
20 entire State, such petition shall be signed by qualified voters  
21 equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who  
22 voted at the next preceding regular election in such district  
23 or political subdivision in which such district or political  
24 subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to  
25 serve its respective territorial area. However, whenever the  
26 minimum signature requirement for a district or political

1 subdivision new political party petition shall exceed the  
2 minimum number of signatures for State-wide new political party  
3 petitions at the next preceding State-wide general election,  
4 such State-wide petition signature requirement shall be the  
5 minimum for such district or political subdivision new  
6 political party petition.

7 For the first election following a redistricting of  
8 congressional districts, a petition to form a new political  
9 party in a congressional district shall be signed by at least  
10 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. For the  
11 first election following a redistricting of legislative  
12 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
13 legislative district shall be signed by at least 3,000  
14 qualified voters of the legislative district. For the first  
15 election following a redistricting of representative  
16 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
17 representative district shall be signed by at least 1,500  
18 qualified voters of the representative district.

19 For the first election following redistricting of county  
20 board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the  
21 first election following the initial establishment of such  
22 districts or wards in a county or municipality, a petition to  
23 form a new political party in a county board district or in a  
24 municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters  
25 of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total  
26 number of votes cast at the preceding general or municipal

1 election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal  
2 office voted on throughout the county or municipality for which  
3 the greatest total number of votes were cast for all  
4 candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in  
5 any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or  
6 ward.

7 In the case of a petition to form a new political party  
8 within a political subdivision in which officers are to be  
9 elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall  
10 consist of separate components for each district from which an  
11 officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated  
12 only within a district of the political subdivision and signed  
13 only by qualified electors who are residents of such district.  
14 Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the  
15 names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be  
16 filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets  
17 comprising each component shall also contain the names of those  
18 candidates to be elected from the particular district. Each  
19 component of the petition for each district from which an  
20 officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of  
21 the district equalling in number not less than 5% of the number  
22 of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in  
23 such district at which an officer was elected to serve the  
24 district. The entire petition, including all components, must  
25 be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire  
26 political subdivision equalling in number not less than 5% of

1 the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular  
2 election in such political subdivision at which an officer was  
3 elected to serve the political subdivision at large.

4 The filing of such petition shall constitute the political  
5 group a new political party, for the purpose only of placing  
6 upon the ballot at such next ensuing election such list or an  
7 adjusted list in accordance with Section 10-11, of party  
8 candidates for offices to be voted for throughout the State, or  
9 for offices to be voted for in such district or political  
10 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, under the  
11 name of and as the candidates of such new political party.

12 If, at such ensuing election, the new political party's  
13 candidate for Governor shall receive more than 5% of the entire  
14 votes cast for Governor, then such new political party shall  
15 become an "established political party" as to the State and as  
16 to every district or political subdivision thereof. If, at such  
17 ensuing election, the other candidates of the new political  
18 party, or any other candidate or candidates of the new  
19 political party shall receive more than 5% of all the votes  
20 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates  
21 at such election, in the State, or in any district or political  
22 subdivision, as the case may be, then and in that event, such  
23 new political party shall become an "established political  
24 party" within the State or within such district or political  
25 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, in which  
26 such candidate or candidates received more than 5% of the votes

1 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates.  
2 It shall thereafter nominate its candidates for public offices  
3 to be filled in the State, or such district or political  
4 subdivision, as the case may be, under the provisions of the  
5 laws regulating the nomination of candidates of established  
6 political parties at primary elections and political party  
7 conventions, as now or hereafter in force.

8 A political party which continues to receive for its  
9 candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
10 Governor, shall remain an "established political party" as to  
11 the State and as to every district or political subdivision  
12 thereof. But if the political party's candidate for Governor  
13 fails to receive more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
14 Governor, or if the political party does not nominate a  
15 candidate for Governor, the political party shall remain an  
16 "established political party" within the State or within such  
17 district or political subdivision less than the State, as the  
18 case may be, only so long as, and only in those districts or  
19 political subdivisions in which, the candidates of that  
20 political party, or any candidate or candidates of that  
21 political party, continue to receive more than 5% of all the  
22 votes cast for the office or offices for which they were  
23 candidates at succeeding general or consolidated elections  
24 within the State or within any district or political  
25 subdivision, as the case may be.

26 Any such petition shall be filed at the same time and shall

1 be subject to the same requirements and to the same provisions  
2 in respect to objections thereto and to any hearing or hearings  
3 upon such objections that are hereinafter in this Article 10  
4 contained in regard to the nomination of any other candidate or  
5 candidates by petition. If any such new political party shall  
6 become an "established political party" in the manner herein  
7 provided, the candidate or candidates of such new political  
8 party nominated by the petition hereinabove referred to for  
9 such initial election, shall have power to select any such  
10 party committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons  
11 ~~committeemen~~ as shall be necessary for the creation of a  
12 provisional party organization and provisional managing  
13 committee or committees for such party within the State, or in  
14 any district or political subdivision in which the new  
15 political party has become established; and the party  
16 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
17 so selected shall constitute a provisional party organization  
18 for the new political party and shall have and exercise the  
19 powers conferred by law upon any party committeeperson  
20 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ to manage and  
21 control the affairs of such new political party until the next  
22 ensuing primary election at which the new political party shall  
23 be entitled to nominate and elect any party committeeperson  
24 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the State, or  
25 in such district or political subdivision under any parts of  
26 this Act relating to the organization of political parties.

1           A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
2 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated  
3 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is  
4 ineligible for nomination as a candidate of a new political  
5 party for election in that general election.

6           (Source: P.A. 86-875.)

7           (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6.2)

8           Sec. 10-6.2. The State Board of Elections, the election  
9 authority or the local election official with whom petitions  
10 for nomination are filed pursuant to this Article 10 shall  
11 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt  
12 shall endorse thereon the day and the hour at which each  
13 petition was filed. Except as provided by Article 9 of The  
14 School Code, all petitions filed by persons waiting in line as  
15 of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as of the normal  
16 opening hour of the office involved on such day, shall be  
17 deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour, as the  
18 case may be. Petitions filed by mail and received after  
19 midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail  
20 delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00  
21 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day,  
22 as the case may be. All petitions received thereafter shall be  
23 deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more  
24 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline  
25 shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions

1 are received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections, the  
2 election authority or the local election official with whom  
3 such petitions are filed shall break ties and determine the  
4 order of filing by means of a lottery or other fair and  
5 impartial method of random selection approved by the State  
6 Board of Elections. Such lottery shall be conducted within 9  
7 days following the last day for petition filing and shall be  
8 open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and  
9 place of conducting such random selection shall be given, by  
10 the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or local  
11 election official, to the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each  
12 political party, and to each organization of citizens within  
13 the election jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Code,  
14 at the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on  
15 the day of election. The State Board of Elections, the election  
16 authority or local election official shall post in a  
17 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the  
18 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The State  
19 Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations governing  
20 the procedures for the conduct of such lottery. All candidates  
21 shall be certified in the order in which their petitions have  
22 been filed and in the manner prescribed by Section 10-14 and  
23 10-15 of this Article. Where candidates have filed  
24 simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order determined  
25 by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the same office or  
26 offices at a later time. Certificates of nomination filed

1 within the period prescribed in Section 10-6(2) for candidates  
2 nominated by caucus for township or municipal offices shall be  
3 subject to the ballot placement lottery for established  
4 political parties prescribed in Section 7-60 of this Code.

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

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

24 Sec. 10-8. Certificates of nomination and nomination  
25 papers, and petitions to submit public questions to a

1 referendum, being filed as required by this Code, and being in  
2 apparent conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be  
3 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in  
4 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing  
5 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition  
6 for a public question, with the following exceptions:

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

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

16 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district in  
17 which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
18 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
19 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
20 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
21 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
22 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's  
23 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal office  
24 or the permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections,  
25 or in the office of the election authority or local election  
26 official with whom the certificate of nomination, nomination

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

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

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

23 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10  
24 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to  
25 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,  
26 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to which

1 it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions for  
2 the submission of public questions under Article 28.

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

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

5 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated  
6 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's  
7 petition described in Section 10-8.

8 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon  
9 objections to the nominations of candidates for State  
10 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional or  
11 legislative offices that are in more than one county or are  
12 wholly located within a single county with a population of  
13 less than 3,000,000 and judicial offices of districts,  
14 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,  
15 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's  
16 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be  
17 elected from more than one county, and petitions for  
18 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of  
19 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
20 Constitution.

21 2. The county officers electoral board of a county with  
22 a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass upon  
23 objections to the nominations of candidates for county  
24 offices and judicial offices of a district, subcircuit, or  
25 circuit coterminous with or less than a county, for any

1 school district offices, for the office of multi-township  
2 assessor where candidates for such office are nominated in  
3 accordance with this Code, and for all special district  
4 offices, shall be composed of the county clerk, or an  
5 assistant designated by the county clerk, the State's  
6 attorney of the county or an Assistant State's Attorney  
7 designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk of the  
8 circuit court, or an assistant designated by the clerk of  
9 the circuit court, of the county, of whom the county clerk  
10 or his designee shall be the chairperson ~~chairman~~, except  
11 that in any county which has established a county board of  
12 election commissioners that board shall constitute the  
13 county officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school  
14 district is located in 2 or more counties, the county  
15 officers electoral board of the county in which the  
16 principal office of the school district is located shall  
17 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates  
18 for school district office in that school district.

19 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county  
20 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass  
21 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county  
22 offices, candidates for congressional and legislative  
23 offices if the district is wholly within a county with a  
24 population of 3,000,000 or more, unless the district is  
25 wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of a municipal  
26 board of election commissioners, and judicial offices of a

1 district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less  
2 than a county, for any school district offices, for the  
3 office of multi-township assessor where candidates for  
4 such office are nominated in accordance with this Code, and  
5 for all special district offices, shall be composed of the  
6 county clerk, or an assistant designated by the county  
7 clerk, the State's Attorney of the county or an Assistant  
8 State's Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and  
9 the clerk of the circuit court, or an assistant designated  
10 by the clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom  
11 the county clerk or his designee shall be the chairperson  
12 ~~chairman~~, except that, in any county which has established  
13 a county board of election commissioners, that board shall  
14 constitute the county officers electoral board ex-officio.  
15 If a school district is located in 2 or more counties, the  
16 county officers electoral board of the county in which the  
17 principal office of the school district is located shall  
18 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates  
19 for school district office in that school district.

20 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and  
21 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
22 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor  
23 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village  
24 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated  
25 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of  
26 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to

1 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest  
2 number of years as a member of the city council or board of  
3 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of  
4 trustees shall be the chairperson ~~chairman~~.

5 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon  
6 objections to the nominations of township officers shall be  
7 composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk, and  
8 that eligible town trustee elected in the township who has  
9 had the longest term of continuous service as town trustee,  
10 of whom the township supervisor shall be the chairperson  
11 ~~chairman~~.

12 5. The education officers electoral board to hear and  
13 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
14 offices in community college districts shall be composed of  
15 the presiding officer of the community college district  
16 board, who shall be the chairperson ~~chairman~~, the secretary  
17 of the community college district board and the eligible  
18 elected community college board member who has the longest  
19 term of continuous service as a board member.

20 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,  
21 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or  
22 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal  
23 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all  
24 cases where the school district or special district is  
25 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of  
26 election commissioners and in all cases where the

1 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the  
2 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
3 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall  
4 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

5 For special districts situated in more than one county, the  
6 county officers electoral board of the county in which the  
7 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction to  
8 hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this Section,  
9 "special districts" means all political subdivisions other  
10 than counties, municipalities, townships and school and  
11 community college districts.

12 In the event that any member of the appropriate board is a  
13 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's  
14 petition is filed, he shall not be eligible to serve on that  
15 board and shall not act as a member of the board and his place  
16 shall be filled as follows:

17 a. In the county officers electoral board by the county  
18 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the  
19 sheriff of the county.

20 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the  
21 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member  
22 who has served the second greatest number of years as a  
23 city council or board of trustees member.

24 c. In the township officers electoral board by the  
25 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second  
26 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

1           d. In the education officers electoral board by the  
2           eligible elected community college district board member  
3           who has had the second longest term of continuous service  
4           as a board member.

5           In the event that the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the electoral  
6           board is ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she  
7           is a candidate for the office with relation to which the  
8           objector's petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under  
9           the provisions of this Section shall be the chairperson  
10          ~~chairman~~; In this case, the officer or board with whom the  
11          objector's petition is filed, shall transmit the certificate of  
12          nomination or nomination papers as the case may be, and the  
13          objector's petition to the substitute chairperson ~~chairman~~ of  
14          the electoral board.

15          When 2 or more eligible individuals, by reason of their  
16          terms of service on a city council or board of trustees,  
17          township board of trustees, or community college district  
18          board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one to serve  
19          shall be chosen by lot.

20          Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled  
21          pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members  
22          appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the  
23          county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon  
24          notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief  
25          Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board  
26          or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was

1 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by  
2 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the  
3 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of an electoral board shall be designated  
4 by the Chief Judge.

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

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

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

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

1 office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be  
2 less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the  
3 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
4 objector's petition by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
5 electoral board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 The electoral board shall take up the question as to  
14 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination  
15 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they  
16 were filed within the time and under the conditions required by  
17 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of  
18 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they purport  
19 to be, and whether or not in the case of the certificate of  
20 nomination in question it represents accurately the decision of  
21 the caucus or convention issuing it, and in general shall  
22 decide whether or not the certificate of nomination or  
23 nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether the  
24 objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of a  
25 majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to  
26 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral

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

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

25       (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-78,  
26 eff. 7-20-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/11-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-6)

2 Sec. 11-6. Within 60 days after July 1, 2014 (the effective  
3 date of Public Act 98-691), each election authority shall  
4 transmit to the principal office of the State Board of  
5 Elections and publish on any website maintained by the election  
6 authority maps in electronic portable document format (PDF)  
7 showing the current boundaries of all the precincts within its  
8 jurisdiction. Whenever election precincts in an election  
9 jurisdiction have been redivided or readjusted, the county  
10 board or board of election commissioners shall prepare maps in  
11 electronic portable document format (PDF) showing such  
12 election precinct boundaries no later than 90 days before the  
13 next scheduled election. The maps shall show the boundaries of  
14 all political subdivisions and districts. The county board or  
15 board of election commissioners shall immediately forward  
16 copies thereof to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county  
17 central committee in the county, to each township, ward, or  
18 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and each local election  
19 official whose political subdivision is wholly or partly in the  
20 county and, upon request, shall furnish copies thereof to each  
21 candidate for political or public office in the county and  
22 shall transmit copies thereof to the principal office of the  
23 State Board of Elections and publish copies thereof on any  
24 website maintained by the election authority.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

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

2 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the  
3 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in  
4 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
5 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
6 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
7 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
8 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
9 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable  
10 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general  
11 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered  
12 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team  
13 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election  
14 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are  
15 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover  
16 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the  
17 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board  
18 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in  
19 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this  
20 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any  
21 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special  
22 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
23 office of representative in the United States Congress or to  
24 nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county board  
25 passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of election

1 to 3 for primary elections. The tally judges shall possess the  
2 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner  
3 and with the same division between political parties as is  
4 provided for judges of election.

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

16 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
17 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
18 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
19 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
20 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
21 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
22 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
23 list, furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the County  
24 Central Committee of the first leading political party in such  
25 precinct; and the county board of commissioners shall also  
26 select and approve 2 persons as judges of election in each

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

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

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/13-1.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1.1)

14 Sec. 13-1.1. In addition to the list provided for in  
15 Section 13-1 or 13-2, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county  
16 central committee, or each township committeeperson in a county  
17 with a population of more than 3,000,000, of each of the two  
18 leading political parties shall submit to the county board a  
19 supplemental list, arranged according to precincts in which  
20 they are to serve, of persons available as judges of election,  
21 the names and number of all persons listed thereon to be  
22 acknowledged in writing to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or  
23 township committeeperson, as the case may be, submitting such  
24 list by the county board. Vacancies among the judges of  
25 election shall be filled by selection from this supplemental

1 list of persons qualified under Section 13-4. If the list  
2 provided for in Section 13-1 or 13-2 for any precinct is  
3 exhausted, then selection shall be made from the supplemental  
4 list submitted by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county  
5 central committee, or each township committeeperson in a county  
6 with a population of more than 3,000,000, of the party. If such  
7 supplemental list is exhausted for any precinct, then selection  
8 shall be made from any of the persons on the supplemental list  
9 without regard to the precincts in which they are listed to  
10 serve. No selection or appointment from the supplemental list  
11 shall be made more than 21 days prior to the date of precinct  
12 registration for those judges needed as precinct registrars,  
13 and more than 60 days prior to the date of an election for  
14 those additional persons needed as election judges. In any case  
15 where selection cannot be made from the supplemental list  
16 without violating Section 13-4, selection shall be made from  
17 outside the supplemental list of some person qualified under  
18 Section 13-4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/13-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-3)

8 Sec. 13-3. After the judges of election have been selected  
9 and approved as hereinbefore provided, a report of such  
10 selections shall be made by the county board and filed in the  
11 circuit court, and application shall then be made by the county  
12 board to the court for their confirmation and appointment,  
13 whereupon the court shall enter an order that cause be shown,  
14 if any exists, against the confirmation and appointment of such  
15 persons so named on or before the opening of the court on a day  
16 to be fixed by the court. The county board shall immediately  
17 give notice of such order and the names of all such judges so  
18 reported to such court for confirmation and their residence and  
19 the precinct for which they were selected by causing a notice  
20 to be published in one or more newspapers in the county and if  
21 no newspaper be published therein then by posting such notice  
22 in 5 of the most public places in the county. The notice shall  
23 state that a list of judges of election is available for public  
24 inspection in the office of the election authority. If no cause  
25 to the contrary is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in

1 each precinct, at least one judge representing each of the two  
2 major political parties has been certified by the county clerk  
3 as having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6  
4 months the training course and examination for judges of  
5 election, as provided in Section 13-2.1 and 13-2.2 of this Act,  
6 such appointment shall be confirmed by order entered by that  
7 court.

8 If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so  
9 certified by the county clerk as having satisfactorily  
10 completed such course and examination, the county clerk shall  
11 immediately notify all judges in that precinct, to whose  
12 appointment there is no other objection, that all such judges  
13 shall attend the next such course. The county clerk shall then  
14 certify to the court that all such judges have been so notified  
15 (and such certification need contain no detail other than a  
16 mere recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be  
17 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so  
18 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,  
19 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from  
20 office at the option of the election authority.

21 If objections to the appointment of any judge be filed  
22 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,  
23 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence  
24 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to  
25 confirm such nominations as the interests of the public may  
26 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If

1 any vacancy exists at any time the county board shall, subject  
2 to the provisions of Section 13-1.1, further report and  
3 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the  
4 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider  
5 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the  
6 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such  
7 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such  
8 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms  
9 shall be prepared by the county clerk of each county for such  
10 purpose and furnished to the county board, and after  
11 confirmation and acceptance of such commission, such judges  
12 shall thereupon become officers of such court. If a vacancy  
13 occurs so late that nomination by the county board and  
14 application to and confirmation by the court cannot be had  
15 before the election, then the court shall, subject to the  
16 provisions of Section 13-1.1, make an appointment and issue a  
17 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed  
18 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and  
19 subject to the same rules as if nominated by the county board  
20 and confirmed by the court, and any judge, however appointed,  
21 and at whatever time, shall be considered an officer of court  
22 and be subject to the same control and punishment in case of  
23 misbehavior. Not more than 10 business days after the day of  
24 election, the county clerk shall compile a list containing the  
25 name, address and party affiliation of each judge of election  
26 who served on the day of election, and shall preserve such list

1 and make it available for public inspection and copying for a  
2 period of not more than one year from the date of receipt of  
3 such list. Copies of such list shall be available for purchase  
4 at a cost not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board has  
5 the right, at any time, in case of misbehavior or neglect of  
6 duty, to remove any judge of election and cause such vacancy to  
7 be filled in accordance with this Act. Except for judges  
8 appointed under subsection (b) of Section 13-4, the board shall  
9 have the right, at any time, to remove any judge of election  
10 for failing to vote the primary ballot of the political party  
11 he represents, at a primary election at which he served as such  
12 judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance  
13 with this Act. The board shall remove any judge of election  
14 who, twice during the same term of office, fails to provide for  
15 the opening of the polling place at the time prescribed in  
16 Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is applicable, unless  
17 such delay can be demonstrated by the judge of election to be  
18 beyond his or her control. In the event that any judge of  
19 election is removed for cause, the board shall specify such  
20 cause in writing and make such writing a matter of public  
21 record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county  
22 chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the  
23 election judge. If any vacancies occur or exist more than 15  
24 days before election the judges appointed to such places must  
25 be confirmed by such court. The county board shall not  
26 voluntarily remove any judge within 15 days of such election

1 except for flagrant misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and  
2 the reason therefor must afterward be reported in writing to  
3 such court and made a matter of public record, with a copy to  
4 be sent to the appropriate county chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made  
5 the initial recommendation of the election judge. Provided  
6 further that where a vacancy in the office of judge of election  
7 exists 20 days or less prior to any election in counties having  
8 a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, or where such  
9 vacancy exists 10 days or less prior to any election in  
10 counties having less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the county  
11 clerk shall, subject to the provisions of Section 13-1.1,  
12 appoint a person of the same major political party to fill such  
13 vacancy and issue a commission thereto. The name of the officer  
14 so appointed shall be reported to the court as a matter of  
15 record and after acceptance of such commission such person  
16 shall be liable in the same manner as officers regularly  
17 appointed by the county board and confirmed by the court. The  
18 county clerk shall have the power on election day to remove  
19 without cause any judge of election appointed by the other  
20 judges of election pursuant to Section 13-7 and to appoint  
21 another judge of election to serve for that election. Such  
22 substitute judge of election must be selected, where possible,  
23 pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-1.1 and must be  
24 qualified in accordance with Section 13-4.

25 If any precinct has increased in voter registration beyond  
26 the maximum of 800 provided in Section 11-2, the county clerk

1 may appoint one additional judge of election from each  
2 political party for each 200 voters in excess of 800.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/13-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-4)

5 Sec. 13-4. Qualifications.

6 (a) All persons elected or chosen judge of election must:

7 (1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at  
8 the next election, except as provided in subsection (b) or (c);

9 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to the  
10 registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act;

11 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English language; (4)  
12 be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic; (5) be

13 of good understanding and capable; (6) not be candidates for  
14 any office at the election and not be elected committeepersons

15 ~~committeemen~~; and (7) reside in the precinct in which they are  
16 selected to act, except that in each precinct, not more than

17 one judge of each party may be appointed from outside such  
18 precinct. Any judge selected to serve in any precinct in which

19 he is not entitled to vote must reside within and be entitled  
20 to vote elsewhere within the county which encompasses the

21 precinct in which such judge is appointed, except as provided  
22 in subsection (b) or (c). Such judge must meet the other  
23 qualifications of this Section.

24 (b) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
25 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an

1 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
2 person serves as a judge, he or she:

3 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

4 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
5 a public or private secondary school;

6 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
7 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

8 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
9 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
10 appointment;

11 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
12 legal guardian;

13 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
14 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and  
15 13-2.2; and

16 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
17 service as an election judge.

18 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
19 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
20 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
21 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
22 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

23 Students appointed as election judges under this  
24 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
25 day they serve as judges.

26 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit

1 a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or county  
2 to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date of the  
3 election at which the person serves as a judge, he or she:

4 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

5 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as  
6 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
7 private Illinois university or college;

8 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
9 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

10 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
11 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and  
12 13-2.2; and

13 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
14 service as an election judge.

15 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
16 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
17 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
18 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
19 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

20 Students appointed as election judges under this  
21 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
22 day they serve as judges.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;  
24 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

1           Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
2 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and  
3 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5  
4 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct  
5 in such city, village or incorporated town.

6           Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical  
7 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election  
8 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
9 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
10 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
11 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
12 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.  
13 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
14 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
15 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
16 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the  
17 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
18 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
19 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
20 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to  
21 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties  
22 with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

23           (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

24                 (1) be citizens of the United States;

25                 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to  
26           the registration requirement of the Sex Offender

1 Registration Act;

2 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English  
3 language;

4 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of  
5 arithmetic;

6 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

7 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election  
8 and not be elected committeepersons ~~committeemen~~;

9 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in  
10 which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
11 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
12 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
13 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not  
14 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within  
15 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
16 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the  
17 qualifications of this Section, except as provided in  
18 subsection (c) or (c-5).

19 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
20 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
21 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
22 person serves as a judge, he or she:

23 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

24 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
25 a public or private secondary school;

26 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to

1 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

2 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
3 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
4 appointment;

5 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
6 legal guardian;

7 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
8 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
9 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

10 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
11 service as an election judge.

12 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
13 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
14 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
15 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
16 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

17 Students appointed as election judges under this  
18 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
19 day they serve as judges.

20 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to  
21 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or  
22 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date  
23 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or  
24 she:

25 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

26 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as

1 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
2 private Illinois university or college;

3 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
4 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

5 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
6 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
7 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

8 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
9 service as an election judge.

10 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
11 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
12 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
13 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
14 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

15 Students appointed as election judges under this  
16 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
17 day they serve as judges.

18 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2  
19 additional judges of election, one from each of the major  
20 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any  
21 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section  
22 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications  
23 prescribed in this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;  
25 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.1)

2 Sec. 14-3.1. The board of election commissioners shall,  
3 during the month of July of each even-numbered year, select for  
4 each election precinct within the jurisdiction of the board 5  
5 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the  
6 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. The  
7 selection shall be made by a county board of election  
8 commissioners in the following manner: the county board of  
9 election commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
10 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
11 list furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county  
12 central committee of the first leading political party in that  
13 precinct; the county board of election commissioners also shall  
14 select and approve 2 persons as judges of election in each  
15 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the  
16 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the  
17 second leading political party in that precinct. The selection  
18 by a municipal board of election commissioners shall be made in  
19 the following manner: for each precinct, 3 judges shall be  
20 selected from one of the 2 leading political parties and the  
21 other 2 judges shall be selected from the other leading  
22 political party; the parties entitled to 3 and 2 judges,  
23 respectively, in the several precincts shall be determined as  
24 provided in Section 14-4. However, a Board of Election  
25 Commissioners may appoint three judges of election to serve in  
26 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this

1 Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any  
2 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special  
3 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
4 office of representative in the United States Congress or to  
5 nominate candidates for such purpose.

6 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election  
7 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party  
8 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and  
9 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and  
10 which political party is entitled to one judge of election  
11 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county  
12 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges  
13 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of  
14 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each  
15 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such  
16 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall  
17 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the  
18 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner  
19 and with the same division between political parties as is  
20 provided for other judges of election. The number of such  
21 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of  
22 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required  
23 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in  
24 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at  
25 recent elections or any combination of such factors. A  
26 municipal board of election commissioners shall make the

1 selections of persons qualified under Section 14-1 from  
2 certified lists furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
3 respective county central committees, or each ward  
4 committeeperson in a municipality of 500,000 or more  
5 inhabitants, of the 2 leading political parties. Lists  
6 furnished by chairmen of county central committees or ward  
7 committeepersons, as the case may be, under this Section shall  
8 be arranged according to precincts. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of  
9 each county central committee or ward committeepersons, as the  
10 case may be, shall, insofar as possible, list persons who  
11 reside within the precinct in which they are to serve as  
12 judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the  
13 names of persons who reside outside the precinct but within the  
14 county embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He  
15 must, however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the  
16 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3  
17 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the  
18 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2  
19 judges. The board of election commissioners shall no later than  
20 March 1 of each even-numbered year notify the chairmen of the  
21 respective county central committees or ward committeepersons,  
22 as the case may be, of their responsibility to furnish such  
23 lists, and each such chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall furnish the  
24 board of election commissioners with the list for his party on  
25 or before May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of  
26 election commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each

1 county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or ward committeepersons, as the  
2 case may be, the names of all persons submitted on such  
3 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
4 If no such list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient  
5 number of names are furnished for certain precincts, the board  
6 of election commissioners shall make or complete such list from  
7 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in  
8 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for  
9 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are  
10 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of  
11 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of  
12 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of  
13 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

14 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
15 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.2)

18 Sec. 14-3.2. In addition to the list provided for in  
19 Section 14-3.1, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
20 committee, or each ward committeeperson in a municipality of  
21 500,000 or more inhabitants, of each of the 2 leading political  
22 parties shall furnish to the board of election commissioners a  
23 supplemental list, arranged according to precinct in which they  
24 are to serve, of persons available as judges of election, the  
25 names and number of all persons listed thereon to be

1 acknowledged in writing to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or  
2 ward committeepersons, as the case may be, submitting such list  
3 by the board of election commissioners. The board of election  
4 commissioners shall select from this supplemental list persons  
5 qualified under Section 14-1, to fill vacancies among the  
6 judges of election. If the list provided for in Section 14-3.1  
7 for any precinct is exhausted, then selection shall be made  
8 from the supplemental list furnished by the chairperson  
9 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee or ward  
10 committeepersons, as the case may be, of the party. If such  
11 supplemental list is exhausted for any precinct, then selection  
12 shall be made from any of the persons on the supplemental list  
13 without regard to the precincts in which they are listed to  
14 serve. No selection or appointment from the supplemental list  
15 shall be made more than 21 days prior to the date of precinct  
16 registration for those judges needed as precinct registrars,  
17 and more than 60 days prior to the date of an election for  
18 those additional persons needed as election judges. In any case  
19 where selection cannot be made from the supplemental list  
20 without violating Section 14-1, selection shall be made from  
21 outside the supplemental list of some person qualified under  
22 Section 14-1.

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/14-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-5)

25 Sec. 14-5. After the judges are selected and have agreed to

1 serve as provided in Sections 14-1 to 14-4, inclusive, then a  
2 report of such selections shall be made and filed in the court,  
3 and application shall then be made by the board to the circuit  
4 court for their confirmation and appointment, whereupon the  
5 court shall enter an order that cause be shown, if any exists,  
6 against the confirmation and appointment of such persons so  
7 named, on or before the opening of the court on a day to be  
8 fixed by the court. And the board of commissioners shall  
9 immediately give notice of such order and the names of all such  
10 judges so reported to such court for confirmation, and their  
11 residence and the precinct for which they were selected, by  
12 causing a notice to be published in one or more newspapers in  
13 such city, village or incorporated town, and if no newspaper be  
14 published in such city, village or incorporated town, then by  
15 posting such notice in 3 of the most public places in such  
16 city, village or town. The notice shall state that a list of  
17 judges of election is available for public inspection in the  
18 office of the election authority. If no cause to the contrary  
19 is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in each precinct, at  
20 least one judge representing each of the two major political  
21 parties has been certified by the board of commissioners as  
22 having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6 months  
23 the training course and examination for judges of election, as  
24 provided in Section 14-4.1 of this Act such appointments shall  
25 be confirmed by order entered by that court.

26 If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so

1 certified by the board of commissioners as having  
2 satisfactorily completed such course and examination, the  
3 board of commissioners shall immediately notify all judges in  
4 that precinct, to whose appointment there is no other  
5 objection, that all such judges shall attend the next such  
6 course. The board of commissioners shall then certify to the  
7 court that all such judges have been so notified (and such  
8 certification need contain no detail other than a mere  
9 recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be  
10 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so  
11 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,  
12 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from  
13 office at the option of the election authority.

14 If objections to the appointment of any such judge is filed  
15 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,  
16 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence  
17 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to  
18 confirm such nominations, as the interests of the public may  
19 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If  
20 any vacancies exist by reason of the action of such board or  
21 otherwise, at any time, the board of commissioners shall,  
22 subject to the provisions of Section 14-3.2, further report and  
23 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the  
24 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider  
25 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the  
26 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such

1 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such  
2 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms  
3 shall be prepared by the board of commissioners for such  
4 purpose. After such confirmation and acceptance of such  
5 commission, such judges shall thereupon become officers of such  
6 court. If a vacancy occurs so late that application to and  
7 confirmation by the court cannot be had before the election,  
8 then the board of commissioners shall, subject to the  
9 provisions of Section 14-3.2, make an appointment and issue a  
10 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed  
11 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and  
12 subject to the same rules and punishment, in case of  
13 misbehavior, as if confirmed by the court, and any judge,  
14 however appointed, and at whatever time, shall be considered an  
15 officer of court, and be subject to the same control and  
16 punishment in case of misbehavior. Not more than 10 business  
17 days after the day of election, the board of election  
18 commissioners shall compile a list containing the name, address  
19 and party affiliation of each judge of election who served on  
20 the day of election, and shall preserve such list and make it  
21 available for public inspection and copying for a period of not  
22 more than one year from the date of receipt of such list.  
23 Copies of such list shall be available for purchase at a cost  
24 not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board of  
25 commissioners has the right at any time, in case of misbehavior  
26 or neglect of duty, to remove any judge of election, and shall

1 cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance with this Act.  
2 Except for judges appointed under subsection (c) of Section  
3 14-1, the board has the right, at any time, to remove any judge  
4 of election for failing to vote the primary ballot of the  
5 political party he represents at a primary election at which he  
6 served as such judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled  
7 in accordance with this Act. The board shall remove any judge  
8 of election who, twice during the same term of office, fails to  
9 provide for the opening of the polling place at the time  
10 prescribed in Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is  
11 applicable, unless such delay can be demonstrated by the judge  
12 of election to be beyond his or her control. In the event that  
13 any judge of election is removed for cause, the board shall  
14 specify such cause in writing and make such writing a matter of  
15 public record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county  
16 chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the  
17 election judges. The judges of election must be appointed and  
18 confirmed at least 35 days prior to the next election.

19 If any vacancy shall occur or exist, more than 5 days  
20 before election the judges appointed to such places must be  
21 confirmed by such court. Such commissioners shall not  
22 voluntarily remove any judge within 5 days of such election,  
23 except for flagrant misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and  
24 the reasons therefor must afterwards be reported in writing to  
25 such court and made a matter of public record, with a copy to  
26 be sent to the appropriate county chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made

1 the initial recommendation of the election judge. If such  
2 removal be wilful and without cause, the commissioners shall be  
3 punished for contempt of court and subject to removal. The  
4 board of election commissioners shall have the power on  
5 election day to remove without cause any judge of election  
6 appointed by the other judges of election pursuant to Section  
7 14-6 and to appoint another judge of election to serve for that  
8 election. Such substitute judge of election must be selected,  
9 where possible, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-3.2  
10 and must be qualified in accordance with Section 14-1.

11 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/17-18.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-18.1)

13 Sec. 17-18.1. Wherever the judicial retention ballot to be  
14 used in any general election contains the names of more than 15  
15 judges on a separate paper ballot, the County Clerk or Board of  
16 Election Commissioners as the case may be, shall designate  
17 special judges of election for the purpose of tallying and  
18 canvassing the votes cast for and against the propositions for  
19 the retention of judges in office in such places and at such  
20 times as the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners  
21 determine. Special judges of election shall be designated from  
22 certified lists submitted by the respective chairmen of the  
23 county central committees of the two leading political parties.  
24 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election  
25 Commissioners as the case may be, decides that the counting of

1 the retention ballots shall be performed in the precinct where  
2 such ballots are cast, 2 special judges of election shall be  
3 designated to tally and canvass the vote of each precinct with  
4 one being named from each of the 2 leading political parties.

5 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election  
6 Commissioners decides that the judicial retention ballots from  
7 several precincts shall be tallied and canvassed in a central  
8 or common location, then each major political party shall be  
9 entitled to an equal number of special election judges in each  
10 such central or common location. The County Clerk or Board of  
11 Election Commissioners, as the case may be, shall inform, no  
12 later than 75 days prior to such election, the respective  
13 chairmen of the county central committees of the location or  
14 locations where the counting of retention ballots will be done,  
15 the number of names to be included on the certified lists, and  
16 the number of special election judges to be selected from those  
17 lists. If the certified list for either party is not submitted  
18 within thirty days after the chairmen have been so informed,  
19 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall  
20 designate special judges of election for that party in whatever  
21 manner it determines.

22 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall  
23 apply to the Circuit Court for the confirmation of the special  
24 judges of election designated under this Section. The court  
25 shall confirm or refuse to confirm such designations as the  
26 interest of the public may require. Those confirmed shall be

1 officers of the court and subject to its disciplinary powers.

2 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall,  
3 in the exercise of sound discretion, prescribe the forms,  
4 materials and supplies together with the procedures for  
5 completion and return thereof for use in such election by  
6 special judges of election. The special judges of election  
7 designated under this Section shall have full responsibility  
8 and authority for tallying and canvassing the votes pertaining  
9 to the retention of judges and the return of ballots and  
10 supplies.

11 If the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners  
12 decides that the counting of the retention ballots shall be  
13 performed in the precinct where such ballots were cast, at  
14 least 2 ballot boxes shall be provided for paper retention  
15 ballots, one of which shall be used from the opening of the  
16 polls until 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. and  
17 the second of which shall be used from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00  
18 noon and from 3:00 p.m. until the closing of the polls;  
19 provided that if additional ballot boxes are provided, the  
20 additional boxes shall be used instead of reusing boxes used  
21 earlier. At the close of each such period of use, a ballot box  
22 used for retention ballots shall be immediately unsealed and  
23 opened and the ballots therein counted and tallied by the  
24 special judges of election. After counting and tallying the  
25 retention ballots, the special judges of election shall place  
26 the counted ballots in a container provided for that purpose by

1 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners and clearly  
2 marked with the appropriate printing and shall thereupon seal  
3 such container. One such container shall be provided for each  
4 of the four time periods and clearly designated as the  
5 container for the respective period. The tally shall be  
6 recorded on sheets provided by the County Clerk or Board of  
7 Election Commissioners and designated as tally sheets for the  
8 respective time periods. Before a ballot box may be reused, it  
9 shall in the presence of all of the judges of election be  
10 verified to be empty, whereupon it shall be resealed. After the  
11 close of the polls, and after the tally of votes cast by vote  
12 by mail voters, the special judges of election shall add  
13 together the tallies of all the ballot boxes used throughout  
14 the day, and complete the canvass of votes for retention of  
15 judges in the manner established by this Act. All of these  
16 procedures shall be carried out within the clear view of the  
17 other judges of election. The sealed containers of used  
18 retention ballots shall be returned with other voted ballots to  
19 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners in the  
20 manner provided by this Act.

21 The compensation of a special judge of election may not  
22 exceed \$30 per judge per precinct or district canvassed.

23 This Section does not affect any other office or the  
24 conduct of any other election held at the same time as the  
25 election for the retention of judges in office.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/17-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-22)

2 Sec. 17-22. The judges of election shall make the tally  
3 sheet and certificate of results in triplicate. If, however,  
4 the number of established political parties, as defined in  
5 Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one additional copy shall be made for  
6 each established political party in excess of 2. One list of  
7 voters, or other proper return with such certificate written  
8 thereon, and accompanying tally sheet footed up so as to show  
9 the correct number of votes cast for each person voted for,  
10 shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up by the judges of  
11 election, 2 of whom (one from each of the 2 major political  
12 parties) shall immediately deliver same to the county clerk, or  
13 his deputy, at the office of the county clerk, or to an  
14 officially designated receiving station established by the  
15 county clerk where a duly authorized representative of the  
16 county clerk shall receive said envelopes for immediate  
17 transmission to the office of county clerk, who shall safely  
18 keep them. The other certificates of results and accompanying  
19 tally sheet shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up and duly  
20 directed, respectively, to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
21 county central committee of each then existing established  
22 political party, and by another of the judges of election  
23 deposited immediately in the nearest United States letter  
24 deposit. However, if any county chairperson ~~chairman~~ notifies  
25 the county clerk not later than 10 days before the election of

1 his desire to receive the envelope addressed to him at the  
2 point and at the time same are delivered to the county clerk,  
3 his deputy or receiving station designee the envelopes shall be  
4 delivered to such county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or his designee  
5 immediately upon receipt thereof by the county clerk, his  
6 deputy or his receiving station designee. The person or persons  
7 so designated by a county chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall sign an  
8 official receipt acknowledging receipt of said envelopes. The  
9 poll book and tally list filed with the county clerk shall be  
10 kept one year, and certified copies thereof shall be evidence  
11 in all courts, proceedings and election contests. Before the  
12 returns are sealed up, as aforesaid, the judges shall compare  
13 the tally papers, footings and certificates and see that they  
14 are correct and duplicates of each other, and certify to the  
15 correctness of the same.

16 At the consolidated election, the judges of election shall  
17 make a tally sheet and certificate of results for each  
18 political subdivision for which candidates or public questions  
19 are on the ballot at such election, and shall sign, seal in a  
20 marked envelope and deliver them to the county clerk with the  
21 other certificates of results herein required. Such tally  
22 sheets and certificates of results may be duplicates of the  
23 tally sheet and certificate of results otherwise required by  
24 this Section, showing all votes for all candidates and public  
25 questions voted for or upon in the precinct, or may be on  
26 separate forms prepared by the election authority and showing

1 only those votes cast for candidates and public questions of  
2 each such political subdivision.

3       Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the  
4 consolidated election, the county clerk shall transmit an  
5 original, sealed tally sheet and certificate of results from  
6 each precinct in his jurisdiction in which candidates or public  
7 questions of a political subdivision were on the ballot to the  
8 local election official of such political subdivision. Each  
9 local election official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of  
10 the tally sheets and certificates of results for all precincts  
11 in which candidates or public questions of his political  
12 subdivision were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed  
13 tally sheets and certificates of results to the canvassing  
14 board for that political subdivision.

15       In the case of referenda for the formation of a political  
16 subdivision, the tally sheets and certificates of results shall  
17 be transmitted by the county clerk to the circuit court that  
18 ordered the proposition submitted or to the officials  
19 designated by the court to conduct the canvass of votes. In the  
20 case of school referenda for which a regional superintendent of  
21 schools is responsible for the canvass of votes, the county  
22 clerk shall transmit the tally sheets and certificates of  
23 results to the regional superintendent of schools.

24       Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
25 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as  
26 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever

1 is applicable.

2 Only judges appointed under the provisions of subsection  
3 (a) of Section 13-4 or subsection (b) of Section 14-1 may make  
4 any delivery required by this Section from judges of election  
5 to a county clerk, or his or her deputy, at the office of the  
6 county clerk or to a county clerk's duly authorized  
7 representative at the county clerk's officially designated  
8 receiving station.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-1003, eff. 7-6-10.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

11 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be  
12 authorized in the following manner:

13 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to  
14 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must  
15 be affiliated with the political party for which they are  
16 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be  
17 registered to vote in Illinois.

18 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two  
19 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers  
20 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

21 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or  
22 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or  
23 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,  
24 and which shall have registered its name and address and the  
25 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper

1 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall  
2 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all  
3 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in  
4 Illinois.

5 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the  
6 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint  
7 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2  
8 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic  
9 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at  
10 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the  
11 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
12 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The  
13 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the  
14 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic  
15 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated  
16 association, or organization that:

17 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,  
18 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has  
19 among its stated purposes the provision of voter  
20 information and education, the protection of individual  
21 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal  
22 elections;

23 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities  
24 within the State of Illinois; and

25 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business  
26 location within the State of Illinois, together with a

1 current listed telephone number (a post office box number  
2 without a current listed telephone number is not  
3 sufficient).

4 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for  
5 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population  
6 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a  
7 resident of Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a  
8 pollwatcher in any poll located within such municipality,  
9 provided that such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the  
10 respective requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this  
11 Section and is a registered voter in Illinois.

12 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a  
13 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and  
14 address of its organization or committee and the name and  
15 address of its chairperson ~~chairman~~ with the proper election  
16 authority at least 40 days before the election, shall be  
17 entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The  
18 pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

19 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper  
20 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient  
21 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile  
22 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of  
23 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the  
24 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2  
25 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be  
26 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or

1 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer  
 2 of the civic organization or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
 3 proponent or opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the  
 4 election authority nor the State Board of Elections may require  
 5 any such party official or the candidate or the presiding  
 6 officer of the civic organization or the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
 7 of the proponent or opponent group to submit the names or other  
 8 information concerning pollwatchers before making credentials  
 9 available to such persons or organizations.

10 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the  
 11 following form:

12 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

13 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

14 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the  
 15 undersigned hereby appoints ..... (name of pollwatcher)  
 16 who resides at ..... (address) in the county of  
 17 ....., ..... (township or municipality) of  
 18 ..... (name), State of Illinois and who is duly  
 19 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher  
 20 in the ..... precinct of the ..... ward (if  
 21 applicable) of the ..... (township or municipality) of  
 22 ..... at the ..... election to be held on (insert  
 23 date).

24 ..... (Signature of Appointing Authority)

25 ..... TITLE (party official, candidate,



1 many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this  
2 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the  
3 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election  
4 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to  
5 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have  
6 closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the  
7 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only  
8 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so  
9 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

10 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
11 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and  
12 all polling places throughout such district or municipality  
13 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are  
14 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be  
15 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and  
16 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this  
17 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a  
18 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority  
19 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed  
20 forthwith from such polling place.

21 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
22 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to  
23 polling places on election day in such district or municipality  
24 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials  
25 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by  
26 and under the facsimile signature of the State Board of

1 Elections or the election authority of the election  
 2 jurisdiction where the polling place in which the candidate  
 3 seeks admittance is located, and shall be available for  
 4 distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
 5 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

6 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the  
 7 following form:

8 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

9 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

10 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I  
 11 ..... (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate  
 12 for ..... (name of office) and seek admittance to .....  
 13 precinct of the ..... ward (if applicable) of the .....  
 14 (township or municipality) of ..... at the ..... election  
 15 to be held on (insert date).

16 .....	.....
17 (Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
18	CANDIDATE SEEKS
19	NOMINATION OR
20	ELECTION

21 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings  
 22 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the  
 23 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is  
 24 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the

1 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making  
2 the signature comparison between the voter application and the  
3 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such  
4 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in  
5 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to  
6 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall  
7 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.  
8 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications  
9 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of  
10 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent  
11 violations of this Code.

12 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the  
13 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so  
14 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the  
15 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable  
16 number, except that each established or new political party  
17 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

18 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an  
19 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,  
20 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a  
21 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney  
22 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in  
23 the performance of their official election duties, shall be  
24 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling  
25 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives  
26 shall display their official credentials or other

1 identification to the judges of election.

2 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty  
3 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of election.

4 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to  
5 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in  
6 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/18-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-1)

9 Sec. 18-1. The provisions of this Article 18 shall be  
10 applicable only to and in municipalities operating under  
11 Article 6 of this Act.

12 At every election in any municipality operating under  
13 Article 6 of this Act, each of the political parties shall have  
14 the right to designate a canvasser for each election precinct,  
15 who may make a canvass of the precinct in which he is appointed  
16 to act, not less than 20 nor more than 31 days previous to such  
17 election, for the purpose of ascertaining the names and  
18 addresses of the legal voters residing in such precinct. An  
19 authority signed by the executive director of the board of  
20 election commissioners, shall be sufficient evidence of the  
21 right of such canvasser to make a canvass of the precinct in  
22 which he is appointed to act. The executive director of the  
23 board of election commissioners shall issue such certificate of  
24 authority to any person designated in a written request signed  
25 by the recognized chairperson ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of

1 the chief managing committee of a political party in such city,  
2 village or incorporated town; and a record shall be kept in the  
3 office of the election commissioners of all appointments of  
4 such canvassers. In making such canvass no person shall refuse  
5 to answer questions and give the information asked for and  
6 known to him or her.

7 (Source: P.A. 82-373.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/18-14) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-14)

9 Sec. 18-14. The judges of election shall make duplicate  
10 statements of the result of the canvass, which shall be written  
11 or partly written and partly printed. Each of the statements  
12 shall contain a caption stating the day on which, and the  
13 number of the election precinct and the ward, city and county,  
14 in relation to which such statements shall be made, and the  
15 time of opening and closing of the polls of such election  
16 precinct. It shall also contain a statement showing the whole  
17 number of votes given for each person, designating the office  
18 for which they were given, which statement shall be written, or  
19 partly written and partly printed, in words at length; and in  
20 case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at  
21 such election, such statements shall also show the whole number  
22 of votes cast for or against such proposition, written out or  
23 partly written and partly printed, in words at length, and at  
24 the end thereof a certificate that such statement is correct in  
25 all respects; which certificate, and each sheet of paper

1 forming part of the statement, shall be subscribed by the  
2 judges. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he  
3 shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof,  
4 signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of  
5 the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall  
6 then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive  
7 material; and each of the judges shall write his name across  
8 every fold at which the envelope, if unfastened, could be  
9 opened. One of the envelopes shall be directed to the county  
10 clerk and one to the comptroller of the city, or to the officer  
11 of such city whose duties correspond with those of comptroller.  
12 The judges of election shall make quadruplicate sets of  
13 tallies, and each set of tallies shall also be signed by the  
14 judges of the election. If, however, the number of established  
15 political parties, as defined in Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one  
16 additional set of tallies shall be made and signed for each  
17 established political party in excess of 2. Each set shall be  
18 enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed and signed in like  
19 manner; and one of the envelopes shall be directed on the  
20 outside to the election commissioners and the other to the  
21 city, village or town clerk; the other two envelopes shall be  
22 addressed, respectively, to the chairmen of the county central  
23 committees of the established political parties. On the outside  
24 of every envelope shall be endorsed whether it contains the  
25 statements of the votes cast or the tallies, and for what  
26 precinct and ward, village or town.

1           However, in those jurisdictions where electronic voting  
2 systems utilizing in-precinct counting equipment are used, one  
3 such envelope shall be transmitted to the chairperson ~~chairman~~  
4 of the county central committee of each established political  
5 party and 2 such envelopes shall be transmitted to the board of  
6 election commissioners.

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

11           At the nonpartisan and consolidated elections, the judges  
12 of election shall make a tally sheet and certificate of results  
13 for each political subdivision as to which candidates or public  
14 questions are on the ballot at such election, except where such  
15 votes are to be canvassed by the board of election  
16 commissioners or by the city canvassing board provided in  
17 Section 22-8. The judges shall sign, seal in a marked envelope  
18 and deliver them to the county clerk with the other  
19 certificates of results herein required. Such tally sheets and  
20 certificates of results may be duplicates of the tally sheet  
21 and certificate of results otherwise required by this Section,  
22 showing all votes for all candidates and public questions voted  
23 for or upon in the precinct, or may be on separate forms  
24 prepared by the election authority and showing only those votes  
25 cast for candidates and public questions of each such political  
26 subdivision.

1           Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the  
2 consolidated and nonpartisan elections, the board of election  
3 commissioners shall transmit an original, sealed tally sheet  
4 and certificate of results from each precinct in its  
5 jurisdiction in which candidates or public questions of a  
6 political subdivision were on the ballot to the local election  
7 official of such political subdivision where a local canvassing  
8 board is designated to canvass such votes. Each local election  
9 official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of the tally sheets  
10 and certificates of results for all precincts in which  
11 candidates or public questions of his political subdivision  
12 were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed tally sheets and  
13 certificates of results to the canvassing board for that  
14 political subdivision.

15           In the case of referenda for the formation of a political  
16 subdivision the tally sheets and certificates of results shall  
17 be transmitted by the board of election commissioners to the  
18 circuit court that ordered the proposition submitted or to the  
19 officials designated by the court to conduct the canvass of  
20 votes. In the case of school referenda for which a regional  
21 superintendent of schools is responsible for the canvass of  
22 votes, the board of election commissioners shall transmit the  
23 tally sheets and certificates of results to the regional  
24 superintendent.

25           (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

2 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President  
3 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the  
4 following manner:

5 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of  
6 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in  
7 this State shall choose by its State Convention or State  
8 central committee electors of President and Vice-President of  
9 the United States and such State Convention or State central  
10 committee of such party or group shall also choose electors at  
11 large, if any are to be appointed for this State and such State  
12 Convention or State central committee of such party or group  
13 shall by its chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary certify the  
14 total list of such electors together with electors at large so  
15 chosen to the State Board of Elections.

16 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such  
17 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the  
18 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such  
19 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided in  
20 choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President of  
21 the United States.

22 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political  
23 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President  
24 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the  
25 election to be held on the day in this Act above named. In lieu  
26 of the names of the candidates for such electors of President

1 and Vice-President, immediately under the appellation of party  
2 name of a party or group in the column of its candidates on the  
3 official ballot, to be voted at said election first above named  
4 in subsection (1) of Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there  
5 shall be printed within a bracket the name of the candidate for  
6 President and the name of the candidate for Vice-President of  
7 such party or group with a square to the left of such bracket.  
8 Each voter in this State from the several lists or sets of  
9 electors so chosen and selected by the said respective  
10 political parties or groups, may choose and elect one of such  
11 lists or sets of electors by placing a cross in the square to  
12 the left of the bracket aforesaid of one of such parties or  
13 groups. Placing a cross within the square before the bracket  
14 enclosing the names of President and Vice-President shall not  
15 be deemed and taken as a direct vote for such candidates for  
16 President and Vice-President, or either of them, but shall only  
17 be deemed and taken to be a vote for the entire list or set of  
18 electors chosen by that political party or group so certified  
19 to the State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by  
20 means of placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the  
21 appellation or title of the particular political party or  
22 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the  
23 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,  
24 but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the entire  
25 list or set of electors chosen by that political party or group  
26 so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein

1 provided.

2 (c) Such certification by the respective political parties  
3 or groups in this State of electors of President and  
4 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections  
5 within 2 days after such State convention or meeting of the  
6 State central committee in which the electors were chosen.

7 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and  
8 selection of electors of the same political party or group be  
9 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it shall  
10 be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10 days  
11 after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to meet  
12 and determine which set of nominees for electors of such party  
13 or group was chosen and selected by the authorized convention  
14 of such party or group. The Board, after notice to the  
15 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretaries or managers of the  
16 conventions or groups and after a hearing shall determine which  
17 set of electors was so chosen by the authorized convention and  
18 shall so announce and publish the fact, and such decision shall  
19 be final and the set of electors so determined upon by the  
20 electoral board to be so chosen shall be the list or set of  
21 electors to be deemed elected if that party shall be successful  
22 at the polls, as herein provided.

23 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a  
24 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the  
25 executive committee of the party or group for such  
26 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to

1 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the  
2 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the  
3 State committee of such political party or group, and certified  
4 by it to the State Board of Elections.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/22-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-1)

7 Sec. 22-1. Abstracts of votes. Within 21 days after the  
8 close of the election at which candidates for offices  
9 hereinafter named in this Section are voted upon, the election  
10 authorities of the respective counties shall open the returns  
11 and make abstracts of the votes on a separate sheet for each of  
12 the following:

13 A. For Governor and Lieutenant Governor;

14 B. For State officers;

15 C. For presidential electors;

16 D. For United States Senators and Representatives to  
17 Congress;

18 E. For judges of the Supreme Court;

19 F. For judges of the Appellate Court;

20 G. For judges of the circuit court;

21 H. For Senators and Representatives to the General  
22 Assembly;

23 I. For State's Attorneys elected from 2 or more  
24 counties;

25 J. For amendments to the Constitution, and for other

1 propositions submitted to the electors of the entire State;

2 K. For county officers and for propositions submitted  
3 to the electors of the county only;

4 L. For Regional Superintendent of Schools;

5 M. For trustees of Sanitary Districts; and

6 N. For Trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees.

7 Each sheet shall report the returns by precinct or ward.

8 Multiple originals of each of the sheets shall be prepared  
9 and one of each shall be turned over to the chairperson  
10 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each of the then  
11 existing established political parties, as defined in Section  
12 10-2, or his duly authorized representative immediately after  
13 the completion of the entries on the sheets and before the  
14 totals have been compiled.

15 The foregoing abstracts shall be preserved by the election  
16 authority in its office.

17 Whenever any county clerk is unable to canvass the vote,  
18 the deputy county clerk or a designee of the county clerk shall  
19 serve in his or her place.

20 The powers and duties of the election authority canvassing  
21 the votes are limited to those specified in this Section.

22 No person who is shown by the election authority's  
23 proclamation to have been elected at the consolidated election  
24 or general election as a write-in candidate shall take office  
25 unless that person has first filed with the certifying office  
26 or board a statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10 or

1 Section 10-5, a statement pursuant to Section 7-10.1, and a  
2 receipt for filing a statement of economic interests in  
3 relation to the unit of government to which he or she has been  
4 elected. For officers elected at the consolidated election, the  
5 certifying officer shall notify the election authority of the  
6 receipt of those documents, and the county clerk shall issue  
7 the certification of election under the provisions of Section  
8 22-18.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
10 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/22-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-4)

12 Sec. 22-4. On the day appointed, the clerk and the  
13 chairperson ~~chairmen~~ (or vice-chairperson ~~vice-chairman~~ or  
14 secretary, as the case may be) of the county central committees  
15 of the Republican and Democratic parties and other canvassers,  
16 or, in case of their absence the state's attorney or sheriff,  
17 shall attend, and the parties interested shall appear and  
18 determine by lot which of them is to be declared elected; and  
19 the clerk shall issue his certificate of election to the person  
20 thus declared elected.

21 (Source: Laws 1955, p. 1015.)

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

23 Sec. 22-8. In municipalities operating under Article 6 of  
24 this Act, within 21 days after the close of such election, the

1 board of election commissioners shall open all returns and  
2 shall make abstracts or statements of the votes for all offices  
3 and questions voted on at the election.

4 Each abstract or statement shall report the returns by  
5 precinct or ward.

6 Multiple originals of each of the abstracts or statements  
7 shall be prepared and one of each shall be turned over to the  
8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each of  
9 the then existing established political parties, as defined in  
10 Section 10-2.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
12 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/22-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15)

14 Sec. 22-15. The election authority shall, upon request, and  
15 by mail if so requested, furnish free of charge to any  
16 candidate for any office, whose name appeared upon the ballot  
17 within the jurisdiction of the election authority, a copy of  
18 the abstract of votes by precinct or ward for all candidates  
19 for the office for which such person was a candidate. Such  
20 abstract shall be furnished no later than 2 days after the  
21 receipt of the request or 8 days after the completing of the  
22 canvass, whichever is later.

23 Within one calendar day following the canvass and  
24 proclamation of each general primary election and general  
25 election, each election authority shall transmit to the

1 principal office of the State Board of Elections copies of the  
2 abstracts of votes by precinct or ward for the offices of ward,  
3 township, and precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ via  
4 overnight mail so that the abstract of votes arrives at the  
5 address the following calendar day. Each election authority  
6 shall also transmit to the principal office of the State Board  
7 of Elections copies of current precinct poll lists.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
9 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/22-15.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15.1)

11 Sec. 22-15.1. (a) Within 60 days following the canvass of  
12 the general election within each election jurisdiction, the  
13 election authority shall prepare, in typewritten or legible  
14 computer-generated form, a report of the abstracts of votes by  
15 precinct for all offices and questions of public policy in  
16 connection with which votes were cast within the election  
17 jurisdiction at the general election. The report shall include  
18 the total number of ballots cast within each precinct or ward  
19 and the total number of registered voters within each precinct  
20 or ward. The election authority shall provide a copy of the  
21 report to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
22 committee of each established political party in the county  
23 within which the election jurisdiction is contained, and shall  
24 make a reasonable number of copies of the report available for  
25 distribution to the public.

1           (b) Within 60 days after the effective date of this  
2 amendatory Act of 1985, each election authority shall prepare,  
3 in typewritten or legible computer-generated form, a report of  
4 the type required by subsection (a) concerning the general  
5 election of 1984. The election authority shall provide a copy  
6 of the report to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
7 committee of each established political party in the county in  
8 which the election jurisdiction is contained, and shall make a  
9 reasonable number of copies of the report available for  
10 distribution to the public.

11           (c) An election authority may charge a fee to reimburse the  
12 actual cost of duplicating each copy of a report provided  
13 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b).

14           (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

15           (10 ILCS 5/24-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-13)

16           Sec. 24-13. Four sets of ballot labels for use in each  
17 voting machine shall be provided for each polling place for  
18 each election by the election authority. There shall also be  
19 furnished all other necessary materials or supplies for the  
20 proper use of the voting machines, including durable  
21 transparent noninflammable covering at least 1/16 inch thick  
22 with which all the ballot labels shall be securely covered to  
23 prevent shifting, tampering with or mutilations of the ballot  
24 labels, facsimile diagrams, return sheets, certificates, forms  
25 and materials of all kinds provided for in this Article. The

1 election authority shall before the day of election, cause the  
2 proper ballot labels, together with the transparent protective  
3 covering for same, to be put upon each machine, corresponding  
4 with the sample ballot labels herein provided for, and the  
5 machine in every way to be put in order, set and adjusted,  
6 ready for use in voting when delivered at the precinct polling  
7 places and for the purpose of so labeling the machine, putting  
8 in order, setting and adjusting the same, they may employ one  
9 competent person to be known as the voting machine custodian  
10 and additional deputy custodians as required. The election  
11 authority shall, preceding each election day, holding a meeting  
12 or meetings for the purpose of instructing all election  
13 precinct officials who are to serve in an election precinct  
14 where voting machines are to be used. Before preparing any  
15 voting machines for any election, the election authority shall  
16 cause written notices to be sent to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of  
17 the county central committee of each political party having a  
18 candidate or candidates on the ballot, or the chairperson  
19 ~~chairman~~ of each municipal or township committee of each  
20 political party having candidates on the ballot, in the case of  
21 a municipal or township election, stating the times when, and  
22 the place or places where, the voting machines will be prepared  
23 for the election; they shall also cause written notices to be  
24 sent to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of any  
25 organization of citizens within the county, or other political  
26 subdivision, having as its purpose, or among its purposes or

1 interests, the prevention, investigation or prosecution of  
2 election frauds, which has registered its name and address and  
3 the names of its principal officers with the officer, officers  
4 or board having charge of the preparation of the machines for  
5 the election, at least 40 days before such election, stating  
6 the times when, and the place or places where, the voting  
7 machines will be prepared for the election, at which times and  
8 place or places, one representative of each such political  
9 party, certified by the respective chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
10 county managing committee of each such political party, or the  
11 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the municipal or township committee in  
12 the case of a municipal or township election, and one  
13 representative of each such candidate, certified by such  
14 candidate, and one representative of each organization of  
15 citizens, certified by the respective chairperson ~~chairman~~ or  
16 presiding officers of such organizations shall be entitled to  
17 be present and see that the machines are properly prepared and  
18 tested and placed in proper condition and order for use at the  
19 election. The custodian or custodians of voting machines and  
20 the party representatives shall take the constitutional oath of  
21 office. It shall be the privilege of such party and  
22 organization representatives to be present at the preparation  
23 of the voting machines for the election and to see that each  
24 machine is tested for accuracy and is properly prepared and  
25 that all registering counters are set at zero. The custodian  
26 shall, in the presence of the party and candidate and

1 organization representatives, prepare the voting machine for  
2 the election and set all registering counters at zero, and he  
3 shall then, assisted by the watchers, test each such  
4 registering counter for accuracy by casting votes upon it, and  
5 such testing shall be done in the presence of the watchers,  
6 until each such registering counter is correctly registering  
7 each vote cast upon it, and each certificate for each machine  
8 shall state that this has been done, and the custodians shall  
9 then, in the presence of the party and candidate and  
10 organization representatives, reset each registering counter  
11 to zero, and shall then immediately seal the voting machine  
12 with a numbered metal seal, and a record of the number on the  
13 seal shall then and there be made by the custodian on the  
14 certificate for that machine and the seal shall be so placed as  
15 to prevent operation of the machine or its registering counters  
16 without breaking the seal, and the custodian shall then  
17 immediately make a record on the certificate for that machine  
18 of the reading shown on the protective counter. Immediately  
19 after each machine has been so tested and prepared for the  
20 election, it shall be the duty of such custodian or custodians  
21 to make a certificate in writing which shall be filed in the  
22 office of the election authority, stating the serial number of  
23 each voting machine, whether or not such machine has all the  
24 registering counters set at zero, whether or not such machine  
25 has been tested by voting on each registering counter so as to  
26 prove that each such registering counter is in perfect and

1 accurate working condition, the number registered on the  
2 protective counter, and the number on the metal seal with which  
3 the machine is sealed against operation. Unless objection is  
4 filed, within 2 days, with the election authority, to the use  
5 of a particular machine or machines, such voting machine or  
6 machines when certified to be correct by the custodian shall be  
7 conclusively presumed to have been properly prepared for use at  
8 the election for which they were prepared. Any objection filed  
9 shall particularly set forth the number of the machine objected  
10 to, and the particulars or basis for the objection. The machine  
11 shall then be locked so that it cannot be operated or voted  
12 upon without first unlocking it and the keys shall be at once  
13 returned to the custody of the election authority, and the  
14 election authority shall cause the machine so labeled in order,  
15 set and adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place,  
16 together with all necessary furniture and appliances that go  
17 with the same, not later than one hour before the hour at which  
18 the polls are to be opened. The election authority shall  
19 deliver the keys, which unlock the voting mechanism and the  
20 registering counters or counter compartment of the voting  
21 machine, to the precinct election board, not earlier than noon  
22 on the Saturday preceding the election day, nor later than one  
23 hour before the opening of the polls, and shall receive and  
24 file a receipt therefor. The keys shall be enclosed in a sealed  
25 envelope on which shall be written or printed: (1) The name,  
26 number of or designation of the election precinct or district;

1 (2) The number of the voting machine; (3) The number of the  
2 seal with which the machine is sealed; (4) The number  
3 registered on the protective counter or device as reported by  
4 the custodian. No precinct election official shall break the  
5 seal of such envelope except in the presence of all members of  
6 the precinct election board, and such envelope shall not be  
7 opened until it shall have been examined by each member of the  
8 precinct election board to see that it has not been previously  
9 opened. Such envelope shall not be opened until it shall have  
10 been found that the numbers and records recorded thereon are  
11 correct and agree in every respect with the numbers and records  
12 as shown on the machine. If any such number is found not to  
13 agree with the numbers on the machine, the envelope shall not  
14 be opened until the precinct election officials shall have  
15 notified the election authority, and until the election  
16 authority or some other person authorized by the election  
17 authority shall have presented himself at the polling place for  
18 the purpose of re-examining the machine, and shall have  
19 certified that it is properly arranged after testing and  
20 examining it. On the morning of the election the precinct  
21 election officials shall meet in the polling place at least one  
22 hour before the time for opening the polls. They shall see that  
23 the sample ballot labels and instructions for voting are posted  
24 properly, and prominently so that the voters can have easy  
25 access to them and that the instruction model is placed on the  
26 precinct election officials' table and that everything is in

1 readiness for voting at the hour of opening the polls. They  
2 shall also see that the voting machine is properly illuminated  
3 in accordance with the equipment furnished. The precinct  
4 election officials shall compare the ballot labels on the  
5 machine with the sample ballots and return sheets, see that  
6 they are correct, examine and see that all the registering  
7 counters in the machine are set at zero (0) or if the machine  
8 is equipped with a device which will automatically record the  
9 number on the registering columns on the back of the machine to  
10 recording sheets of paper and the said paper can be removed  
11 without opening the back of the machine, that all of the said  
12 registering counters for each candidate as appears on the said  
13 recording sheet registers (0) and that the public counter is  
14 also set at zero (0) and that the machine is otherwise in  
15 perfect order and they shall compare and record the number on  
16 the metal seal with which the voting machine is sealed, with  
17 the number furnished them as recorded on the envelope  
18 containing the keys, by the election authority, and if the  
19 number on the seal and the number on the protective counter do  
20 not agree with the numbers supplied to them, they shall not  
21 open the polls, but shall notify the election authority, and  
22 the election authority or its authorized representatives or  
23 custodian, shall, as soon as may be, test, examine and set the  
24 machine in the same manner as is provided in this section for  
25 the testing, setting and preparation of voting machines for an  
26 election. If, after being so tested and examined, it is found

1 that such voting machine is in perfect working order, all  
2 registering counters shall be set at zero (0), the reading of  
3 the protective counter shall be read and recorded and the  
4 precinct election officials may proceed with the opening of the  
5 polls. If such machine be found not to be in perfect working  
6 order as hereinbefore provided, it shall not be used in the  
7 election, but shall be replaced with another machine which is  
8 in perfect working order, properly set, tested and sealed, and  
9 the election board shall then proceed to examine such machine  
10 in the same manner as is provided in this section for the  
11 examination of each voting machine by the election board before  
12 the opening of the polls. They shall not thereafter permit the  
13 counters to be operated or moved except by electors in voting,  
14 and they shall also see that all necessary arrangements and  
15 adjustments are made for voting irregular ballots on the  
16 machine. Each precinct election official shall sign a  
17 certificate which shall certify that he has complied with all  
18 the provisions of this Article, and that, before the polls were  
19 declared open, he found the ballot labels to be in their proper  
20 places and to exactly agree with the facsimile diagrams and  
21 return or recording sheet belonging to that precinct; all  
22 registering counters set at zero (0); the number on the metal  
23 seal and the number on the protective counter exactly agree  
24 with the records furnished by the election authority; the metal  
25 seal actually was sealed so as to prevent movement of the  
26 voting machine mechanism without first breaking the seal; all

1 ballot labels were clean and without marks of any kind upon  
2 them and they were in no way defaced or mutilated. When voting  
3 machines are used in an election precinct, the watchers or  
4 challengers representing the various political parties,  
5 candidates and citizens' organizations, provided by law to be  
6 present shall be permitted to be present from the time the  
7 precinct election board convenes on election morning until the  
8 completion of the canvass after the close of the polls. Such  
9 watchers shall be permitted to carefully examine each voting  
10 machine before the polls are declared open and to compare the  
11 number of the metal seal and the number on the protective  
12 counter with their own records, and to see that all ballot  
13 labels are in their proper places, and that the machine  
14 registering counters are all set at zero (0), and that the  
15 machine or machines are in every way ready for voting at the  
16 opening of the polls. If it is found that the ballot labels are  
17 not in their proper places on the machine, or that they fail to  
18 conform in any respect, with the facsimile diagrams and return  
19 sheets belonging to the precinct, the precinct election  
20 officials shall not use such machine but shall at once notify  
21 the proper election authority, and such machine shall not be  
22 used until the election authority or person authorized by it,  
23 shall have supplied the proper ballot labels, and shall have  
24 placed such proper ballot labels in their proper places, and  
25 they shall have been found to be correct by the precinct  
26 election officials and watchers. If any registering counter

1 shall be found not to be set at zero (0), the precinct election  
2 officials shall immediately notify the custodian or officer or  
3 officers or board having charge of the preparation of the  
4 voting machines for the election or primary, and the election  
5 authority or person authorized by him or them or it shall  
6 adjust such registering counter or counters to zero (0), in the  
7 presence of all the precinct election officials and watchers  
8 serving in such election district.

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

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

11 Sec. 24A-10. (1) In an election jurisdiction which has  
12 adopted an electronic voting system, the election official in  
13 charge of the election shall select one of the 3 following  
14 procedures for receiving, counting, tallying, and return of the  
15 ballots:

16 (a) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling  
17 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes cast  
18 on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot box is  
19 for all votes cast on paper ballots, including any paper  
20 ballots required to be voted other than on the electronic  
21 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box shall  
22 be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere provided in  
23 "The Election Code," as amended, for the counting and handling  
24 of paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,  
25 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the

1 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the election.  
2 Such slip shall be signed by all the judges of election and  
3 shall be inserted by them in the first ballot box. The judges  
4 of election shall thereupon immediately lock each ballot box;  
5 provided, that if such box is not of a type which may be  
6 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape  
7 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box  
8 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way, and in such  
9 manner that the seal completely covers the slot in the ballot  
10 box, and each of the judges shall sign such seal. Thereupon two  
11 of the judges of election, of different political parties,  
12 shall forthwith and by the most direct route transport both  
13 ballot boxes to the counting location designated by the county  
14 clerk or board of election commissioners.

15 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the electronic  
16 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened at  
17 the central counting station by the two precinct transport  
18 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, such team shall first count  
19 the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are folded  
20 together so as to appear to have been cast by the same person,  
21 all of the ballots so folded together shall be marked and  
22 returned with the other ballots in the same condition, as near  
23 as may be, in which they were found when first opened, but  
24 shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots are found to  
25 exceed the number of persons voting in the precinct as shown by  
26 the slip signed by the judges of election, the ballots shall be

1 replaced in the box, and the box closed and well shaken and  
2 again opened and one of the precinct transport judges shall  
3 publicly draw out so many ballots unopened as are equal to such  
4 excess.

5 Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not Counted"  
6 and signed by the two precinct transport judges and shall be  
7 placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The  
8 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section  
9 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be  
10 counted in the total of "defective" ballots.

11 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the  
12 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and  
13 tabulate the write-in vote; or

14 (b) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,  
15 shall be used. All ballots which are not to be tabulated on the  
16 electronic voting system shall be counted, tallied, and  
17 returned as elsewhere provided in "The Election Code," as  
18 amended, for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

19 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the  
20 electronic voting system shall be processed as follows:

21 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the precinct  
22 judges of election then shall open the ballot box and canvass  
23 the votes polled to determine that the number of ballots  
24 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by the  
25 applications for ballot or if the same do not agree the judges  
26 of election shall make such ballots agree with the applications

1 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of "The  
2 Election Code." The judges of election shall then examine all  
3 ballot cards and ballot card envelopes which are in the ballot  
4 box to determine whether the ballot cards and ballot card  
5 envelopes bear the initials of a precinct judge of election. If  
6 any ballot card or ballot card envelope is not initialed, it  
7 shall be marked on the back "Defective," initialed as to such  
8 label by all judges immediately under such word "Defective,"  
9 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that  
10 purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope."

11 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a  
12 ballot card, before separating the ballot cards from their  
13 respective covering envelopes, the judges of election shall  
14 examine the ballot card envelopes for write-in votes. When the  
15 voter has voted a write-in vote, the judges of election shall  
16 compare the write-in vote with the votes on the ballot card to  
17 determine whether such write-in results in an overvote for any  
18 office. In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of  
19 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of  
20 election of each of the two major political parties, shall make  
21 a true duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card except  
22 for the office which is overvoted, by using the ballot label  
23 booklet of the precinct and one of the marking devices of the  
24 precinct so as to transfer all votes of the voter except for  
25 the office overvoted, to an official ballot card of that kind  
26 used in the precinct at that election. The original ballot card

1 and envelope upon which there is an overvote shall be clearly  
2 labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear the same serial  
3 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of election,  
4 commencing with number 1 and continuing consecutively for the  
5 ballots of that kind in that precinct. The judges of election  
6 shall initial the "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballot cards and  
7 shall place them in the box for return of the ballots. The  
8 "Overvoted Ballot" ballots and their envelopes shall be placed  
9 in the "Duplicate Ballots" envelope. Envelopes bearing  
10 write-in votes marked in the place designated therefor and  
11 bearing the initials of a precinct judge of election and not  
12 resulting in an overvote and otherwise complying with the  
13 election laws as to marking shall be counted, tallied, and  
14 their votes recorded on a tally sheet provided by the election  
15 official in charge of the election. The ballot cards and ballot  
16 card envelopes shall be separated and all except any defective  
17 or overvoted shall be placed separately in the box for return  
18 of the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the  
19 ballots and ballot cards to determine if any is damaged or  
20 defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic  
21 tabulating equipment. If any ballot or ballot card is damaged  
22 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the  
23 automatic tabulating equipment, the judges of election,  
24 consisting in each case of at least one judge of election of  
25 each of the two major political parties, shall make a true  
26 duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card by using the

1 ballot label booklet of the precinct and one of the marking  
2 devices of the precinct. The original ballot or ballot card and  
3 envelope shall be clearly labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the  
4 ballot or ballot card so produced "Duplicate Damaged Ballot,"  
5 and each shall bear the same number which shall be placed  
6 thereon by the judges of election, commencing with number 1 and  
7 continuing consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the  
8 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate  
9 Damaged Ballot" ballot or ballot cards, and shall place them in  
10 the box for return of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots  
11 or ballot cards and their envelopes shall be placed in the  
12 "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip indicating the number of  
13 voters voting in person shall be made out, signed by all judges  
14 of election, and inserted in the box for return of the ballots.  
15 The tally sheets recording the write-in votes shall be placed  
16 in this box. The judges of election thereupon immediately shall  
17 securely lock the ballot box or other suitable box furnished  
18 for return of the ballots by the election official in charge of  
19 the election; provided that if such box is not of a type which  
20 may be securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament  
21 tape provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around  
22 the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A  
23 separate adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of  
24 election of the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to  
25 cover any slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct;  
26 and if such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein

1 rather than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box  
2 as provided herein, but in such manner that the separate  
3 adhesive seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges  
4 may not be removed without breaking the filament tape and  
5 disturbing the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the  
6 judges of election, of different major political parties,  
7 forthwith shall by the most direct route transport the box for  
8 return of the ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the  
9 central counting location designated by the election official  
10 in charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of  
11 adequate parking facilities at the central counting location or  
12 for any other reason, it is impossible or impracticable for the  
13 boxes from all the polling places to be delivered directly to  
14 the central counting location, the election official in charge  
15 of the election may designate some other location to which the  
16 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at  
17 such other location the boxes shall be in the care and custody  
18 of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each  
19 of the two major political parties, designated for such purpose  
20 by the election official in charge of elections from  
21 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
22 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be  
23 transported from such other location to the central counting  
24 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2  
25 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated for such  
26 purpose by the election official in charge of elections from

1 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
2 organizations.

3 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated Ballots"  
4 envelope each shall be securely sealed and the flap or end  
5 thereof of each signed by the precinct judges of election and  
6 returned to the central counting location with the box for  
7 return of the ballots, enclosed ballots and returns.

8 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges  
9 designated by the election official in charge of the election  
10 shall check the box returned containing the ballots to  
11 determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open  
12 the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number of  
13 ballots so delivered against the total number of voters of the  
14 precinct who voted, remove the ballots or ballot cards and  
15 deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic  
16 tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of  
17 ballots and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet  
18 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges; or

19 (c) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,  
20 shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the  
21 precinct judges of election shall securely lock the ballot box;  
22 provided that if such box is not of a type which may be  
23 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape  
24 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box  
25 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate  
26 adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of election of

1 the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to cover any  
2 slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if  
3 such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein rather  
4 than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as  
5 provided herein, but in such manner that the separate adhesive  
6 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may not  
7 be removed without breaking the filament tape and disturbing  
8 the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the judges of  
9 election, of different major political parties, shall  
10 forthwith by the most direct route transport the box for return  
11 of the ballots and enclosed vote by mail and early ballots and  
12 returns to the central counting location designated by the  
13 election official in charge of the election. If however,  
14 because of the lack of adequate parking facilities at the  
15 central counting location or for some other reason, it is  
16 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the polling  
17 places to be delivered directly to the central counting  
18 location, the election official in charge of the election may  
19 designate some other location to which the boxes shall be  
20 delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at such other  
21 location the boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or  
22 more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the  
23 two major political parties, designated for such purpose by the  
24 election official in charge of elections from recommendations  
25 by the appropriate political party organizations. As soon as  
26 possible, the boxes shall be transported from such other

1 location to the central counting location by one or more teams,  
2 each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major  
3 political parties, designated for such purpose by the election  
4 official in charge of the election from recommendations by the  
5 appropriate political party organizations.

6 At the central counting location there shall be one or more  
7 teams of tally judges who possess the same qualifications as  
8 tally judges in election jurisdictions using paper ballots. The  
9 number of such teams shall be determined by the election  
10 authority. Each team shall consist of 5 tally judges, 3  
11 selected and approved by the county board from a certified list  
12 furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
13 committee of the party with the majority of members on the  
14 county board and 2 selected and approved by the county board  
15 from a certified list furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of  
16 the county central committee of the party with the second  
17 largest number of members on the county board. At the central  
18 counting location a team of tally judges shall open the ballot  
19 box and canvass the votes polled to determine that the number  
20 of ballot sheets therein agree with the number of voters voting  
21 as shown by the applications for ballot; and, if the same do  
22 not agree, the tally judges shall make such ballots agree with  
23 the number of applications for ballot in the manner provided by  
24 Section 17-18 of the Election Code. The tally judges shall then  
25 examine all ballot sheets which are in the ballot box to  
26 determine whether they bear the initials of the precinct judge

1 of election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall be marked  
2 on the back "Defective", initialed as to such label by all  
3 tally judges immediately under such word "Defective", and not  
4 counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that purpose  
5 labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one  
6 office shall invalidate only the vote or count of that  
7 particular office.

8 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges  
9 designated by the election official in charge of the election  
10 shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians operating  
11 the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between  
12 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be noted  
13 on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally  
14 judges.

15 (2) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection  
16 (1) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated  
17 to transport the ballots, properly signed and sealed as  
18 provided herein, shall ensure that the ballots are delivered to  
19 the central counting station no later than 12 hours after the  
20 polls close. At the central counting station a team of tally  
21 judges designated by the election official in charge of the  
22 election shall examine the ballots so transported and shall not  
23 accept ballots for tabulating which are not signed and sealed  
24 as provided in subsection (1) of this Section until the judges  
25 transporting the same make and sign the necessary corrections.  
26 Upon acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the

1 central counting station, the election judges transporting the  
2 same shall take a receipt signed by the election official in  
3 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of  
4 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport  
5 any ballots shall, in the event such ballots cannot be found  
6 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they  
7 are to take as above provided.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/24A-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-11)

10 Sec. 24A-11. All proceedings at the location for central  
11 counting shall be under the direction of the county clerk or  
12 board of election commissioners, as the case may be. Except for  
13 any specially trained technicians required for the operation of  
14 the automatic tabulating equipment, the employees at the  
15 counting station shall be equally divided between members of  
16 the 2 leading political parties and all duties performed by  
17 such employees shall be by teams consisting of an equal number  
18 of members of each political party. Thirty days before an  
19 election the county clerk or board of election commissioners  
20 shall submit to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political  
21 party, for his approval or disapproval, a list of persons of  
22 his party proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~  
23 fails to notify the election authority of his disapproval of  
24 any proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the  
25 list shall be deemed approved.

1 (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/24A-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-15)

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

1 results and the certificate of results, or whenever a  
2 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the  
3 certificate of results and the set of totals which has been  
4 affixed to such certificate of results, the ballots for such  
5 precinct shall be retabulated to correct the return. As an  
6 additional part of this check prior to the proclamation, in  
7 those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is  
8 utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total  
9 number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election  
10 jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early  
11 voting. The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated  
12 shall be selected after election day on a random basis by the  
13 State Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the  
14 election jurisdiction and every voting device used in early  
15 voting has an equal mathematical chance of being selected. The  
16 State Board of Elections shall design a standard and scientific  
17 random method of selecting the precincts and voting devices  
18 which are to be retabulated. The State central committee  
19 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party shall  
20 be given prior written notice of the time and place of such  
21 random selection procedure and may be represented at such  
22 procedure. Such retabulation shall consist of counting the  
23 ballot cards which were originally counted and shall not  
24 involve any determination as to which ballot cards were, in  
25 fact, properly counted. The ballots from the precincts selected  
26 for such retabulation shall remain at all times under the

1 custody and control of the election authority and shall be  
2 transported and retabulated by the designated staff of the  
3 election authority.

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

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

22 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the  
23 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
24 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Act.  
25 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority  
26 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation

1 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic  
2 tabulating equipment. Such comparison shall be done for each  
3 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing  
4 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that  
5 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the public.  
6 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/24B-10)

8 Sec. 24B-10. Receiving, Counting, Tallying and Return of  
9 Ballots; Acceptance of Ballots by Election Authority.

10 (a) In an election jurisdiction which has adopted an  
11 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting  
12 system, the election official in charge of the election shall  
13 select one of the 3 following procedures for receiving,  
14 counting, tallying, and return of the ballots:

15 (1) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling  
16 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes  
17 cast on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot  
18 box is for all votes cast on other ballots, including any  
19 paper ballots required to be voted other than on the  
20 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology electronic  
21 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box  
22 shall be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere  
23 provided in this Code for the counting and handling of  
24 paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,  
25 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the

1 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the  
2 election. The slip shall be signed by all the judges of  
3 election and shall be inserted by them in the first ballot  
4 box. The judges of election shall thereupon immediately  
5 lock each ballot box; provided, that if the box is not of a  
6 type which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed  
7 with filament tape provided for the purpose that shall be  
8 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least  
9 twice each way, and in a manner that the seal completely  
10 covers the slot in the ballot box, and each of the judges  
11 shall sign the seal. Two of the judges of election, of  
12 different political parties, shall by the most direct route  
13 transport both ballot boxes to the counting location  
14 designated by the county clerk or board of election  
15 commissioners.

16 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the  
17 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
18 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened  
19 at the central counting station by the 2 precinct transport  
20 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, the team shall first  
21 count the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are  
22 folded together to appear to have been cast by the same  
23 person, all of the ballots folded together shall be marked  
24 and returned with the other ballots in the same condition,  
25 as near as may be, in which they were found when first  
26 opened, but shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots

1 are found to exceed the number of persons voting in the  
2 precinct as shown by the slip signed by the judges of  
3 election, the ballots shall be replaced in the box, and the  
4 box closed and well shaken and again opened and one of the  
5 precinct transport judges shall publicly draw out so many  
6 ballots unopened as are equal to the excess.

7 The excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not  
8 Counted" and signed by the 2 precinct transport judges and  
9 shall be placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots  
10 Envelope". The number of excess ballots shall be noted in  
11 the remarks section of the Certificate of Results. "Excess"  
12 ballots shall not be counted in the total of "defective"  
13 ballots.

14 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the  
15 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and  
16 tabulate the write-in vote.

17 (2) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes  
18 cast, shall be used. All ballots which are not to be  
19 tabulated on the electronic voting system shall be counted,  
20 tallied, and returned as elsewhere provided in this Code  
21 for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

22 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the  
23 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
24 voting system shall be processed as follows:

25 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the  
26 precinct judges of election shall open the ballot box and

1 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of  
2 ballots agree with the number of voters voting as shown by  
3 the applications for ballot, or if the same do not agree  
4 the judges of election shall make such ballots agree with  
5 the applications for ballot in the manner provided by  
6 Section 17-18 of this Code.

7 In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of  
8 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of  
9 election of each of the 2 major political parties, shall  
10 make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot  
11 except for the office which is overvoted, by using the  
12 ballot of the precinct and one of the marking devices, or  
13 equivalent ballot, of the precinct to transfer all votes of  
14 the voter except for the office overvoted, to an official  
15 ballot of that kind used in the precinct at that election.  
16 The original ballot upon which there is an overvote shall  
17 be clearly labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear  
18 the same serial number which shall be placed thereon by the  
19 judges of election, beginning with number 1 and continuing  
20 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in that  
21 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the  
22 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballots and shall place them  
23 in the box for return of the ballots. The "Overvoted  
24 Ballot" ballots shall be placed in the "Duplicate Ballots"  
25 envelope. The ballots except any defective or overvoted  
26 ballot shall be placed separately in the box for return of

1 the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the  
2 ballots to determine if any is damaged or defective so that  
3 it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment.  
4 If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot  
5 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment,  
6 the judges of election, consisting in each case of at least  
7 one judge of election of each of the 2 major political  
8 parties, shall make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on  
9 such ballot by using the ballot of the precinct and one of  
10 the marking devices, or equivalent ballot, of the precinct.  
11 The original ballot and ballot envelope shall be clearly  
12 labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the ballot so produced  
13 "Duplicate Damaged Ballot", and each shall bear the same  
14 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of  
15 election, commencing with number 1 and continuing  
16 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the precinct.  
17 The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate Damaged  
18 Ballot" ballot and shall place them in the box for return  
19 of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots shall be  
20 placed in the "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip  
21 indicating the number of voters voting in person and the  
22 total number of voters of the precinct who voted at the  
23 election shall be made out, signed by all judges of  
24 election, and inserted in the box for return of the  
25 ballots. The tally sheets recording the write-in votes  
26 shall be placed in this box. The judges of election

1 immediately shall securely lock the ballot box or other  
2 suitable box furnished for return of the ballots by the  
3 election official in charge of the election; provided that  
4 if the box is not of a type which may be securely locked,  
5 the box shall be sealed with filament tape provided for the  
6 purpose which shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise  
7 and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate adhesive  
8 seal label signed by each of the judges of election of the  
9 precinct shall be affixed to the box to cover any slot  
10 therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if the  
11 box is sealed with filament tape as provided rather than  
12 locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as  
13 provided, but in such manner that the separate adhesive  
14 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may  
15 not be removed without breaking the filament tape and  
16 disturbing the signature of the judges. Two of the judges  
17 of election, of different major political parties, shall by  
18 the most direct route transport the box for return of the  
19 ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the central  
20 counting location designated by the election official in  
21 charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of  
22 adequate parking facilities at the central counting  
23 location or for any other reason, it is impossible or  
24 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to  
25 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the  
26 election official in charge of the election may designate

1 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered  
2 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the  
3 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more  
4 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2  
5 major political parties, designated for such purpose by the  
6 election official in charge of elections from  
7 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
8 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be  
9 transported from the other location to the central counting  
10 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4  
11 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,  
12 designated for the purpose by the election official in  
13 charge of elections from recommendations by the  
14 appropriate political party organizations.

15 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated  
16 Ballots" envelope each shall be securely sealed and the  
17 flap or end of each envelope signed by the precinct judges  
18 of election and returned to the central counting location  
19 with the box for return of the ballots, enclosed ballots  
20 and returns.

21 At the central counting location, a team of tally  
22 judges designated by the election official in charge of the  
23 election shall check the box returned containing the  
24 ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and shall  
25 open the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number  
26 of ballots so delivered against the total number of voters

1 of the precinct who voted, remove the ballots and deliver  
2 them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating  
3 equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots  
4 and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet  
5 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges.

6 (3) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes  
7 cast, shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the  
8 polls, the precinct judges of election shall securely lock  
9 the ballot box; provided that if such box is not of a type  
10 which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed with  
11 filament tape provided for the purpose which shall be  
12 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least  
13 twice each way. A separate adhesive seal label signed by  
14 each of the judges of election of the precinct shall be  
15 affixed to the box to cover any slot therein and to  
16 identify the box of the precinct; and if the box is sealed  
17 with filament tape as provided rather than locked, such  
18 tape shall be wrapped around the box as provided, but in a  
19 manner that the separate adhesive seal label affixed to the  
20 box and signed by the judges may not be removed without  
21 breaking the filament tape and disturbing the signature of  
22 the judges. Two of the judges of election, of different  
23 major political parties, shall by the most direct route  
24 transport the box for return of the ballots and enclosed  
25 vote by mail and early ballots and returns to the central  
26 counting location designated by the election official in

1 charge of the election. If however, because of the lack of  
2 adequate parking facilities at the central counting  
3 location or for some other reason, it is impossible or  
4 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to  
5 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the  
6 election official in charge of the election may designate  
7 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered  
8 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the  
9 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more  
10 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2  
11 major political parties, designated for the purpose by the  
12 election official in charge of elections from  
13 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
14 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be  
15 transported from the other location to the central counting  
16 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4  
17 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,  
18 designated for the purpose by the election official in  
19 charge of the election from recommendations by the  
20 appropriate political party organizations.

21 At the central counting location there shall be one or  
22 more teams of tally judges who possess the same  
23 qualifications as tally judges in election jurisdictions  
24 using paper ballots. The number of the teams shall be  
25 determined by the election authority. Each team shall  
26 consist of 5 tally judges, 3 selected and approved by the

1 county board from a certified list furnished by the  
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the  
3 party with the majority of members on the county board and  
4 2 selected and approved by the county board from a  
5 certified list furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the  
6 county central committee of the party with the second  
7 largest number of members on the county board. At the  
8 central counting location a team of tally judges shall open  
9 the ballot box and canvass the votes polled to determine  
10 that the number of ballot sheets therein agree with the  
11 number of voters voting as shown by the applications for  
12 ballot and, if the same do not agree, the tally judges  
13 shall make such ballots agree with the number of  
14 applications for ballot in the manner provided by Section  
15 17-18 of this Code. The tally judges shall then examine all  
16 ballot sheets that are in the ballot box to determine  
17 whether they bear the initials of the precinct judge of  
18 election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall be  
19 marked on the back "Defective", initialed as to that label  
20 by all tally judges immediately under the word "Defective",  
21 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for  
22 that purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope". An  
23 overvote for one office shall invalidate only the vote or  
24 count for that particular office.

25 At the central counting location, a team of tally  
26 judges designated by the election official in charge of the

1 election shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians  
2 operating the automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan  
3 Technology tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between  
4 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be  
5 noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by  
6 the tally judges.

7 (b) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection  
8 (a) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated  
9 to transport the ballots properly signed and sealed, shall  
10 ensure that the ballots are delivered to the central counting  
11 station no later than 12 hours after the polls close. At the  
12 central counting station, a team of tally judges designated by  
13 the election official in charge of the election shall examine  
14 the ballots so transported and shall not accept ballots for  
15 tabulating which are not signed and sealed as provided in  
16 subsection (a) of this Section until the judges transporting  
17 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon  
18 acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the  
19 central counting station, the election judges transporting the  
20 ballots shall take a receipt signed by the election official in  
21 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of  
22 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport  
23 any ballots shall, in the event the ballots cannot be found  
24 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they  
25 are to take as above provided.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/24B-11)

2 Sec. 24B-11. Proceedings at Location for Central Counting;  
3 Employees; Approval of List. All proceedings at the location  
4 for central counting shall be under the direction of the county  
5 clerk or board of election commissioners. Except for any  
6 specially trained technicians required for the operation of the  
7 automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
8 tabulating equipment, the employees at the counting station  
9 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading  
10 political parties and all duties performed by the employees  
11 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of  
12 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county  
13 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the  
14 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her  
15 approval or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party  
16 proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~ fails to  
17 notify the election authority of his or her disapproval of any  
18 proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the  
19 list shall be deemed approved.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-394, eff. 1-1-97.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

22 Sec. 24B-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;  
23 Retabulation. The precinct return printed by the automatic  
24 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology tabulating

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

1 correct the return. As an additional part of this check prior  
2 to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct  
3 counting equipment is used, the election authority shall  
4 retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the  
5 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of  
6 the voting devices used in early voting. The precincts and the  
7 voting devices to be retabulated shall be selected after  
8 election day on a random basis by the State Board of Elections,  
9 so that every precinct in the election jurisdiction and every  
10 voting device used in early voting has an equal mathematical  
11 chance of being selected. The State Board of Elections shall  
12 design a standard and scientific random method of selecting the  
13 precincts and voting devices which are to be retabulated. The  
14 State central committee chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each  
15 established political party shall be given prior written notice  
16 of the time and place of the random selection procedure and may  
17 be represented at the procedure. The retabulation shall consist  
18 of counting the ballots which were originally counted and shall  
19 not involve any determination of which ballots were, in fact,  
20 properly counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for  
21 the retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody  
22 and control of the election authority and shall be transported  
23 and retabulated by the designated staff of the election  
24 authority.

25 As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall  
26 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the

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

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

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

1 Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall be open  
2 to the public.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/24C-13)

5 Sec. 24C-13. Vote by Mail ballots; Early voting ballots;  
6 Proceedings at Location for Central Counting; Employees;  
7 Approval of List.

8 (a) All jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic  
9 Voting Systems shall use paper ballots or paper ballot sheets  
10 approved for use under Articles 16, 24A or 24B of this Code  
11 when conducting vote by mail voting. All vote by mail ballots  
12 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the  
13 election authority. The provisions of Section 24A-9, 24B-9 and  
14 24C-9 of this Code shall apply to the testing and notice  
15 requirements for central count tabulation equipment, including  
16 comparing the signature on the ballot envelope with the  
17 signature of the voter on the permanent voter registration  
18 record card taken from the master file. Vote results shall be  
19 recorded by precinct and shall be added to the vote results for  
20 the precinct in which the vote by mail voter was eligible to  
21 vote prior to completion of the official canvass.

22 (b) All proceedings at the location for central counting  
23 shall be under the direction of the county clerk or board of  
24 election commissioners. Except for any specially trained  
25 technicians required for the operation of the Direct Recording

1 Electronic Voting System, the employees at the counting station  
2 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading  
3 political parties and all duties performed by the employees  
4 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of  
5 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county  
6 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the  
7 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her  
8 approval or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party  
9 proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~ fails to  
10 notify the election authority of his or her disapproval of any  
11 proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the  
12 list shall be deemed approved.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

15 Sec. 24C-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;  
16 Audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording  
17 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include  
18 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate  
19 and public question and shall constitute the official return of  
20 each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the election  
21 authority shall provide the number of applications for ballots  
22 in each precinct, the total number of ballots and vote by mail  
23 ballots counted in each precinct for each political subdivision  
24 and district and the number of registered voters in each  
25 precinct. However, the election authority shall check the

1 totals shown by the precinct return and, if there is an obvious  
2 discrepancy regarding the total number of votes cast in any  
3 precinct, shall have the ballots for that precinct audited to  
4 correct the return. The procedures for this audit shall apply  
5 prior to and after the proclamation is completed; however,  
6 after the proclamation of results, the election authority must  
7 obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots or voting devices  
8 except for election contests and discovery recounts. The  
9 certificate of results, which has been prepared and signed by  
10 the judges of election after the ballots have been tabulated,  
11 shall be the document used for the canvass of votes for such  
12 precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of  
13 votes between the unofficial results and the certificate of  
14 results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of  
15 votes between the certificate of results and the set of totals  
16 reflected on the certificate of results, the ballots for that  
17 precinct shall be audited to correct the return.

18 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall  
19 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts  
20 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting  
21 devices used in early voting. The precincts and the voting  
22 devices to be tested shall be selected after election day on a  
23 random basis by the State Board of Elections, so that every  
24 precinct and every device used in early voting in the election  
25 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being  
26 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard

1 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and  
2 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central  
3 committee chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political  
4 party shall be given prior written notice of the time and place  
5 of the random selection procedure and may be represented at the  
6 procedure.

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

1 and forward to the appropriate canvassing board a written  
2 report explaining the results of the test and any errors  
3 encountered and the report shall be made available for public  
4 inspection.

5 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
6 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county  
7 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and  
8 qualified civic organizations shall be given prior written  
9 notice of the time and place of the test and may be represented  
10 at the test.

11 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in  
12 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
13 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.  
14 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/25-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-6)

16 Sec. 25-6. (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of State  
17 Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, the vacancy  
18 shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the  
19 legislative or representative committee of that legislative or  
20 representative district of the political party of which the  
21 incumbent was a candidate at the time of his election. The  
22 appointee shall be a member of the same political party as the  
23 person he succeeds was at the time of his election, and shall  
24 be otherwise eligible to serve as a member of the General  
25 Assembly.

1           (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a legislator  
2 elected other than as a candidate of a political party, the  
3 vacancy shall be filled within 30 days of such occurrence by  
4 appointment of the Governor. The appointee shall not be a  
5 member of a political party, and shall be otherwise eligible to  
6 serve as a member of the General Assembly. Provided, however,  
7 the appropriate body of the General Assembly may, by  
8 resolution, allow a legislator elected other than as a  
9 candidate of a political party to affiliate with a political  
10 party for his term of office in the General Assembly. A vacancy  
11 occurring in the office of any such legislator who affiliates  
12 with a political party pursuant to resolution shall be filled  
13 within 30 days of such occurrence by appointment of the  
14 appropriate legislative or representative committee of that  
15 legislative or representative district of the political party  
16 with which the legislator so affiliates. The appointee shall be  
17 a member of the political party with which the incumbent  
18 affiliated.

19           (c) For purposes of this Section, a person is a member of a  
20 political party for 23 months after (i) signing a candidate  
21 petition, as to the political party whose nomination is sought;  
22 (ii) signing a statement of candidacy, as to the political  
23 party where nomination or election is sought; (iii) signing a  
24 Petition of Political Party Formation, as to the proposed  
25 political party; (iv) applying for and receiving a primary  
26 ballot, as to the political party whose ballot is received; or

1 (v) becoming a candidate for election to or accepting  
2 appointment to the office of ward, township, precinct or state  
3 central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

4 (d) In making appointments under this Section, each  
5 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the appropriate legislative or  
6 representative committee shall be entitled to one vote for each  
7 vote that was received, in that portion of the legislative or  
8 representative district which he represents on the committee,  
9 by the Senator or Representative whose seat is vacant at the  
10 general election at which that legislator was elected to the  
11 seat which has been vacated and a majority of the total number  
12 of votes received in such election by the Senator or  
13 Representative whose seat is vacant is required for the  
14 appointment of his successor; provided, however, that in making  
15 appointments in legislative or representative districts  
16 comprising only one county or part of a county other than a  
17 county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each  
18 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to cast only one  
19 vote.

20 (e) Appointments made under this Section shall be in  
21 writing and shall be signed by members of the legislative or  
22 representative committee whose total votes are sufficient to  
23 make the appointments or by the Governor, as the case may be.  
24 Such appointments shall be filed with the Secretary of State  
25 and with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the  
26 Secretary of the Senate, whichever is appropriate.

1 (f) An appointment made under this Section shall be for the  
2 remainder of the term, except that, if the appointment is to  
3 fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator and the vacancy  
4 occurs with more than 28 months remaining in the term, the term  
5 of the appointment shall expire at the time of the next general  
6 election at which time a Senator shall be elected for a new  
7 term commencing on the determination of the results of the  
8 election and ending on the second Wednesday of January in the  
9 second odd-numbered year next occurring. Whenever a Senator has  
10 been appointed to fill a vacancy and was thereafter elected to  
11 that office, the term of service under the authority of the  
12 election shall be considered a new term of service, separate  
13 from the term of service rendered under the authority of the  
14 appointment.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/25-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-11)

17 Sec. 25-11. When a vacancy occurs in any elective county  
18 office, or in a county of less than 3,000,000 population in the  
19 office of clerk of the circuit court, in a county which is not  
20 a home rule unit, the county board or board of county  
21 commissioners shall declare that such vacancy exists and  
22 notification thereof shall be given to the county central  
23 committee or the appropriate county board or board of county  
24 commissioners district committee of each established political  
25 party within 3 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The

1 vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the  
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county board or board of county  
3 commissioners with the advice and consent of the county board  
4 or board of county commissioners. In counties in which forest  
5 preserve district commissioners are elected by districts and  
6 are not also members of the county board, however, vacancies in  
7 the office of forest preserve district commissioner shall be  
8 filled within 60 days by appointment of the president of the  
9 forest preserve district board of commissioners with the advice  
10 and consent of the forest preserve district board of  
11 commissioners. In counties in which the forest preserve  
12 district president is not also a member of the county board,  
13 vacancies in the office of forest preserve district president  
14 shall be filled within 60 days by the forest preserve district  
15 board of commissioners by appointing one of the commissioners  
16 to serve as president. The appointee shall be a member of the  
17 same political party as the person he succeeds was at the time  
18 of his election and shall be otherwise eligible to serve. The  
19 appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.  
20 However, if more than 28 months remain in the term, the  
21 appointment shall be until the next general election at which  
22 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the  
23 remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy in a seat on a  
24 county board or board of county commissioners which has been  
25 divided into districts under Section 2-3003 or 2-4006.5 of the  
26 Counties Code, the appointee must also be a resident of the

1 county board or county commission district. If a county  
2 commissioner ceases to reside in the district that he or she  
3 represents, a vacancy in that office exists.

4 Except as otherwise provided by county ordinance or by law,  
5 in any county which is a home rule unit, vacancies in elective  
6 county offices, other than the office of chief executive  
7 officer, and vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit  
8 court in a county of less than 3,000,000 population, shall be  
9 filled by the county board or board of county commissioners.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-189, eff. 8-1-01; 92-583, eff. 6-26-02.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/28-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-13)

12 Sec. 28-13. Each political party and civic organization as  
13 well as the registered proponents and opponents of a proposed  
14 statewide advisory public question shall be entitled to one  
15 watcher in the office of the election authority to observe the  
16 conduct of the sample signature verification. However, in those  
17 election jurisdictions where a 10% sample is required, the  
18 proponents and opponents may appoint no more than 5 assistant  
19 watchers in addition to the 1 principal watcher permitted  
20 herein.

21 Within 7 days following the last day for filing of the  
22 original petition, the proponents and opponents shall certify  
23 in writing to the Board that they publicly support or oppose  
24 the proposed statewide advisory public question. The  
25 proponents and opponents of such questions shall register the

1 name and address of its group and the name and address of its  
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and designated agent for acceptance of  
3 service of notices with the Board. Thereupon, the Board shall  
4 prepare a list of the registered proponents and opponents and  
5 shall adopt a standard proponents' and opponents' watcher  
6 credential form. A copy of such list and sufficient copies of  
7 such credentials shall be transmitted with the list for the  
8 sample signature verification to the appropriate election  
9 authorities. Those election authorities shall issue  
10 credentials to the permissible number of watchers for each  
11 proponent and opponent group; provided, however, that a  
12 prospective watcher shall first present to the election  
13 authority a letter of authorization signed by the chairperson  
14 ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or opponent group he or she  
15 represents.

16 Political party and qualified civic organization watcher  
17 credentials shall be substantially in the form and shall be  
18 authorized in the manner prescribed in Section 7-34 of this  
19 Code.

20 The rights and limitations of pollwatchers as prescribed by  
21 Section 7-34 of this Code, insofar as they may be made  
22 applicable, shall be applicable to watchers at the conduct of  
23 the sample signature verification.

24 The principal watcher for the proponents and opponents may  
25 make signed written objections to the Board relating to  
26 procedures observed during the conduct of the sample signature

1 verification which could materially affect the results of the  
2 sample. Such written objections shall be presented to the  
3 election authority and a copy mailed to the Board and shall be  
4 attached to the certificate of sample results transmitted by  
5 the election authority to the Board.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/29B-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly Ch.  
8 46, par. 1103)

9 Sec. 29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a  
10 political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its  
11 statements of organization, the State Board of Elections, in  
12 the case of a state political committee or a political  
13 committee acting as both a state political committee and a  
14 local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of  
15 a local political committee, shall give the political committee  
16 a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy  
17 of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections  
18 or county clerk shall inform each political committee that  
19 subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the Code  
20 shall read as follows:

21 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

22 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair  
23 play that every candidate for public office in the State of  
24 Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order  
25 that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted

1 campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional  
2 right to a free and untrammled choice and the will of the  
3 people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

4 THEREFORE:

5 (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and  
6 limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his  
7 record.

8 (2) I will not use or permit the use of character  
9 defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or  
10 scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family  
11 life.

12 (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative  
13 prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or  
14 national origin.

15 (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that  
16 misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor  
17 will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at  
18 creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the  
19 personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.

20 (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or  
21 unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our  
22 American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents  
23 the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

24 (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified  
25 American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral  
26 process.

1 (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and  
2 tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to  
3 use or condone. I shall take firm action against any  
4 subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws  
5 governing elections.

6 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office  
7 in the State of Illinois or chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political  
8 committee in support of or opposition to a question of public  
9 policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly  
10 pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the  
11 above principles and practices.

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13 Date

Signature

14 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/29B-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-20; formerly Ch.  
16 46, par. 1105)

17 Sec. 29B-20. Acceptance of completed forms; retentions for  
18 public inspection. The State Board of Elections and the county  
19 clerks shall accept, at all times prior to an election, all  
20 completed copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices that  
21 are properly subscribed to by a candidate or the chairperson  
22 ~~chairman~~ of a political committee in support of or opposition  
23 to a question of public policy, and shall retain them for  
24 public inspection until 30 days after the election.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/29B-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-25; formerly Ch.  
2 46, par. 1106)

3 Sec. 29B-25. Subscribed forms as public records. Every copy  
4 of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices subscribed to by a  
5 candidate or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political committee  
6 in support of or opposition to a question of public policy  
7 under this Article is a public record open for public  
8 inspection.

9 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/29B-30) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-30; formerly Ch.  
11 46, par. 1107)

12 Sec. 29B-30. Subscription to Code voluntary. The  
13 subscription by a candidate or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a  
14 political committee in support of or opposition to a question  
15 of public policy is voluntary.

16 A candidate, or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political  
17 committee, who has filed a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign  
18 Practices may so indicate on any campaign literature or  
19 advertising in a form to be determined by the State Board of  
20 Elections.

21 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
23 1, 2019."