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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/2A-21	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-21
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/7-34	from Ch. 46, par. 7-34
55 ILCS 5/3-9014 new	

Amends the State's Attorney Division of the Counties Code. Provides that, beginning on December 1, 2024, the Office of the State's Attorney of Cook County will include 5 elected Deputy State's Attorneys and one elected, at large, State's Attorney. Provides that each Deputy State's Attorney will represent a district, consisting of 3 Cook County judicial subcircuit districts, and have all powers and duties of the State's Attorney within that district, except that the State's Attorney will retain powers relating to: (i) the defense of Cook County; (ii) internal operations; (iii) performing the duties of a vacant office of a Deputy State's Attorney; and (iv) arbitration of disputes between Deputy State's Attorneys and approval of shared operations between the two or more jurisdictions. Contains other provisions about the election of Deputy State's Attorneys and vacancies in the office of a Deputy State's Attorney. Limits home rule powers. Amends the Election Code making conforming changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 2A-21, 7-10, and 7-34 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/2A-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-21)

7 Sec. 2A-21. State's Attorney and Deputy State's Attorney -
8 Time of Election.

9 (a) State's Attorneys shall be elected at the general
10 election in 1980 and at the general election every 4 years
11 thereafter.

12 (b) Deputy State's Attorneys in Cook County shall be
13 elected at the general election in 2024 and at the general
14 election every 4 years thereafter.

15 (Source: P.A. 80-936.)

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

17 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
18 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or
19 township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward
20 committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate
21 delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed
22 upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has

1 been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in
2 substantially the following form:

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

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

16 Name..... Address.....

17 State of Illinois)

18) ss.

19 County of.....)

20 I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No.
21 street, in the of, county of, and State of
22, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen
23 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet
24 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the

1 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at
 2 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
 3 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
 4 stated, as above set forth.

5

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

7

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

15 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary
 16 electors residing in the political division for which the
 17 nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and
 18 opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address
 19 shall be written or printed. The residence address required to
 20 be written or printed opposite each qualified primary
 21 elector's name shall include the street address or rural route
 22 number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the
 23 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state. However
 24 the county or city, village or town, and state of residence of
 25 the electors may be printed on the petition forms where all of

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

22 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days
23 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing
24 of such petition.

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

1 signature from the petition, provided that:

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

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

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

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

11 Statement of Candidacy

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

16 State of Illinois)

17) ss.

18 County of)

19 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
 20 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county of,
 21 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a
 22 qualified primary voter of the party; that I am a
 23 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of
 24 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the
 25 office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be

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

11 Signed

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

14 Signed

15 (Official Character)

16 (Seal, if officer has one.)

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

25 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must

1 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on
2 his or her petition for nomination.

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

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

22 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any
23 countywide office, including but not limited to county board
24 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large
25 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the
26 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the

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

18 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

25 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
26 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination

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

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

1 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures
2 required for a countywide candidate in Cook County,
3 whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her
4 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
11 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least
12 the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified
13 primary electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first
14 primary election following redistricting of aldermanic wards
15 or trustee districts of a municipality or the initial
16 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition
17 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to
18 at least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the
19 candidate of that political party who received the highest
20 number of votes in the entire municipality at the last regular
21 election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be
22 elected from the entire municipality, divided by the number of
23 wards or districts. In no event shall the number of signatures
24 be less 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
2 of 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
8 equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from
9 the sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee
10 of a sanitary district in which trustees are elected from
11 wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
12 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
13 primary electors of his or her party in the ward of that
14 sanitary 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
18 ward 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
5 the last general election at which a judicial officer from the
6 same circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be
7 elected, but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in
8 circuits and subcircuits located in the First Judicial
9 District or 500 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
15 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination
16 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 10%
17 of the primary electors of his or her party of the ward, but no
18 more than 16% of those same electors; provided that the
19 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum
20 number, whichever is greater. If a candidate seeks to run for
21 township committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for
22 nomination must contain no less than the number of signatures
23 equal to 5% of the primary electors of his or her party of the
24 township, but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided
25 that the maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the
26 minimum 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
15 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in
16 the applicable district, for the candidate for that political
17 party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at
18 the 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
5 ward 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. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

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

22 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled
23 to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers
24 must be affiliated with the political party for which they
25 are pollwatching and must be a registered voter in

1 Illinois.

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

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

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

1 any corporation, unincorporated association, or
2 organization that:

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

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

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

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

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

1 which any part of the municipality is situated shall be
 2 eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any polling place
 3 located within such municipality, provided that such
 4 pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective
 5 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this
 6 Section and is a registered voter whose residence is
 7 within Illinois.

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

18 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
 19 following form:

20 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

21 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

22 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code,
 23 the undersigned hereby appoints (name of
 24 pollwatcher) at (address) in the county of
 25, (township or municipality) of

1 (name), State of Illinois and who is duly
 2 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher
 3 in the precinct of the ward (if
 4 applicable) of the (township or municipality) of
 5 at the election to be held on (insert
 6 date).

7 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
 8 TITLE (party official, candidate,
 9 civic organization president,
 10 proponent or opponent group chair)

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

17
 18 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 19 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

20 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
 21 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
 22 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
 23 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
 24 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
 25 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the

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

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

1 be removed forthwith from such polling place.

2 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
3 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
4 polling places on election day in such district or
5 municipality shall be required to have proper credentials.
6 Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient quantities,
7 shall be issued by and under the facsimile signature of the
8 election authority of the election jurisdiction where the
9 polling place in which the candidate seeks admittance is
10 located, and shall be available for distribution at least 2
11 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be signed
12 by the candidate.

13 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
14 following form:

15 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

16 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

23

24 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH

25 CANDIDATE SEEKS

1 NOMINATION OR
2 ELECTION

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

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

25 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to

1 an election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of
2 Elections, and law enforcement agencies, including but not
3 limited to a United States Attorney, a State's attorney, a
4 Deputy State's Attorney, the Attorney General, and a State,
5 county, or local police department, in the performance of
6 their official election duties, shall be permitted at all
7 times to enter and remain in the polling place. Upon entering
8 the polling place, such representatives shall display their
9 official credentials or other identification to the judges of
10 election.

11 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty
12 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of
13 election.

14 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
15 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in
16 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

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

18 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
19 3-9014 as follows:

20 (55 ILCS 5/3-9014 new)

21 Sec. 3-9014. Cook County Office of State's Attorney.

22 (a) Beginning on December 1, 2024, the Office of the
23 State's Attorney of Cook County will include 5 elected Deputy
24 State's Attorneys and one elected, at large, State's Attorney.

1 Beginning with the general election held in 2024 and at each
2 succeeding general election, the Deputy State's Attorneys
3 shall be elected from 5 districts as follows:

4 (1) District 1: Cook County judicial subcircuit
5 districts 9, 12, and 13.

6 (2) District 2: Cook County judicial subcircuit
7 districts 4, 10, and 11.

8 (3) District 3: Cook County judicial subcircuit
9 districts 6, 7, and 8.

10 (4) District 4: Cook County judicial subcircuit
11 districts 3, 5, and 14.

12 (5) District 5: Cook County judicial subcircuit
13 districts 1, 2, and 15.

14 Each Deputy State's Attorney must be a resident of the
15 district to which he or she is elected for at least one year
16 prior to the commencement of the term of office. Nomination of
17 candidates for each Deputy State's Attorney at the initial and
18 each succeeding election shall be made by petition signed in
19 the aggregate for each candidate by not less than 1,000
20 qualified voters of the district.

21 (b) On and after December 1, 2024, each Deputy State's
22 Attorney elected under this Section has the powers and duties
23 enumerated for a State's Attorney under the law except those
24 powers of the Cook County State's Attorney listed under
25 subsection (c).

26 (c) On and after December 1, 2024, the Cook County State's

1 Attorney powers and duties are limited to: (i) those duties
2 under item (4) of subsection (a) of section 3-9005; (ii) those
3 duties under subsection (a) of Section 3-9006, including the
4 internal operations of the office of each Deputy State's
5 Attorney; (iii) performing the duties of a vacant office of a
6 Deputy State's Attorney until the vacancy is filled; and (iv)
7 to arbitrate any disputes between Deputy State's Attorneys
8 concerning powers, jurisdiction, operations, and negotiate and
9 approve any shared operations between two or more offices of
10 Deputy State's Attorneys.

11 (d) Vacancies within the office of a Deputy State's
12 Attorney shall be filled in the same manner provided to fill
13 vacancies of the office of the State's Attorney under this
14 Division.

15 (e) Cook County may not organize or operate the Cook
16 County Office of the State's Attorney in a manner inconsistent
17 with this Section. This Section is a limitation under
18 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
19 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
20 powers and functions exercised by the State.