



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

**HB2822**

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Keith P. Sommer

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/8-8

from Ch. 46, par. 8-8

Amends the Election Code. Changes the signature requirement for a petition for nomination for the office of State Senator to at least 500 but not more than 2,500 qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her legislative district (rather than at least 1,000 but not more than 3,000). Changes the signature requirement for a petition for nomination for the office of Representative in the General Assembly to at least 250 but not more than 1,000 qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her representative district (rather than at least 500 but not more than 1,500).

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 8-8 as follows:

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

7 Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
8 candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary  
9 ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed  
10 in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such  
11 petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by  
12 Section 7-10.1 of this Act and a statement of candidacy by the  
13 candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is filed.  
14 This statement shall set out the address of such candidate,  
15 the office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
16 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which  
17 the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified  
18 and has filed a statement of economic interests as required by  
19 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
20 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall  
21 be subscribed and sworn by such candidate before some officer  
22 authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in this State and  
23 may be in substantially the following form:

1 State of Illinois)

2 ) ss.

3 County .....

4 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
5 street in the city (or village of) .... in the county of ....  
6 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
7 qualified primary voter of .... party; that I am a candidate  
8 for nomination to the office of .... to be voted upon at the  
9 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
10 qualified to hold such office and that I have filed a statement  
11 of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental  
12 Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon  
13 the official primary ballot for nomination for such office.

14 Signed .....

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

17 Signed .... (Official Character)

18 (Seal if officer has one.)

19 The receipt issued by the Secretary of State indicating  
20 that the candidate has filed the statement of economic  
21 interests required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act  
22 must be filed with the petitions for nomination as provided in  
23 subsection (8) of Section 7-12 of this Code.

24 All petitions for nomination for the office of State  
25 Senator shall be signed by at least 500 ~~1,000~~ but not more than  
26 2,500 ~~3,000~~ of the qualified primary electors of the

1 candidate's party in his legislative district.

2 All petitions for nomination for the office of  
3 Representative in the General Assembly shall be signed by at  
4 least 250 ~~500~~ but not more than 1,000 ~~1,500~~ of the qualified  
5 primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her  
6 representative district.

7 Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector  
8 who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State  
9 Representative or State Senator such elector's residence  
10 address shall be written or printed. The residence address  
11 required to be written or printed opposite each qualified  
12 primary elector's name shall include the street address or  
13 rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well  
14 as the signer's county and city, village or town.

15 For the purposes of this Section, the number of primary  
16 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in  
17 the applicable district, for the candidate for such political  
18 party who received the highest number of votes, state-wide, at  
19 the last general election in the State at which electors for  
20 President of the United States were elected.

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

24 In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the petition  
25 circulator, who shall be a person 18 years of age or older who  
26 is a citizen of the United States, shall state his or her

1 street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as  
2 well as his or her county, city, village or town, and state;  
3 and shall certify that the signatures on that sheet of the  
4 petition were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify  
5 that the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that to the  
6 best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing  
7 were at the time of signing the petition qualified primary  
8 voters for which the nomination is sought.

9 In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet, the  
10 petition circulator shall either (1) indicate the dates on  
11 which he or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the  
12 first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3)  
13 certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed  
14 more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the  
15 petition. No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90  
16 days preceding the last day provided in Section 8-9 for the  
17 filing of such petition.

18 All petition sheets which are filed with the State Board  
19 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been  
20 signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not  
21 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.

22 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
23 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
24 signature from the petition, provided that:

25 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial  
26 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;

1           and

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

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