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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/10-10	from Ch. 46, par. 10-10
10 ILCS 5/28-3	from Ch. 46, par. 28-3
10 ILCS 5/28-9	from Ch. 46, par. 28-9
10 ILCS 5/28-11	from Ch. 46, par. 28-11
10 ILCS 5/28-12	from Ch. 46, par. 28-12
10 ILCS 5/28-13	from Ch. 46, par. 28-13

Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to design an alternative signature verification method for the verification of petition signatures for statewide advisory referenda (rather than designing a standard and scientific random sampling method for the verification of petition signatures for statewide advisory referenda). Makes changes to the filing requirements of a petition for a statewide advisory referendum, including removing the requirement that a proponent file a copy of the petition with each proper election authority. Entitles registered proponents and opponents of a proposed amendment to the Legislative Article of the Illinois Constitution to observe the conduct of the sample signature verification. Entitles each political party, civic organization, and registered proponents and opponents of a proposed amendment to the Legislative Article of the Illinois Constitution or statewide advisory public question to participate in any proceedings related to the sample signature verification. Makes other and conforming changes throughout the Code. Effective immediately.

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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 Sections 10-10, 28-3, 28-9, 28-11, 28-12, and 28-13 as
6 follows:

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

8 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the
9 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or proposed
10 question of public policy, as the case may be, and the
11 objector's petition, the chair of the electoral board other
12 than the State Board of Elections shall send a call by
13 registered or certified mail to each of the members of the
14 electoral board, and to the objector who filed the objector's
15 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of
16 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
17 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of a question
18 of public policy, as the case may be, whose petitions are
19 objected to, and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or
20 counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a
21 copy of such call upon each of such officers and persons, which
22 call shall set out the fact that the electoral board is
23 required to meet to hear and pass upon the objections to

1 nominations made for the office, designating it, and shall
2 state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board
3 shall meet for the purpose, which place shall be in the county
4 court house in the county in the case of the County Officers
5 Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the
6 Township Officers Electoral Board or the Education Officers
7 Electoral Board, except that the Municipal Officers Electoral
8 Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the
9 Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location
10 where the governing body of the municipality, township, or
11 community college district, respectively, holds its regularly
12 scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided
13 that voter records may be removed from the offices of an
14 election authority only at the discretion and under the
15 supervision of the election authority. In those cases where
16 the State Board of Elections is the electoral board designated
17 under Section 10-9, the chair of the State Board of Elections
18 shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of
19 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed
20 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed
21 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered
22 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's
23 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of
24 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
25 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed
26 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public

1 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the
2 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be
3 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent
4 branch office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall
5 not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of
6 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the
7 objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board.

8 The electoral board shall have the power to administer
9 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the
10 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of
11 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas
12 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces
13 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records
14 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry
15 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses
16 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

17 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or
18 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and
19 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by
20 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes
21 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served
22 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena,
23 or to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a
24 petition in the circuit court of the county in which such
25 hearing is to be heard, or has been attempted to be heard,
26 setting forth the facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect,

1 and accompanying the petition with a copy of the citation and
2 the answer, if one has been filed, together with a copy of the
3 subpoena and the return of service thereon, and shall apply
4 for an order of court requiring such person to attend and
5 testify, and forthwith produce books and papers, before the
6 electoral board. Any circuit court of the state, excluding the
7 judge who is sitting on the electoral board, upon such showing
8 shall order such person to appear and testify, and to
9 forthwith produce such books and papers, before the electoral
10 board at a place to be fixed by the court. If such person shall
11 knowingly fail or refuse to obey such order of the court
12 without lawful excuse, the court shall punish him or her by
13 fine and imprisonment, as the nature of the case may require
14 and may be lawful in cases of contempt of court.

15 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall
16 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and
17 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,
18 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the
19 objection or by other interested persons.

20 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on
21 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the
22 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
23 Constitution, proposed statewide advisory public question, or
24 to a petition for a question of public policy to be submitted
25 to the voters of the entire State, ~~the certificates of the~~
26 ~~county clerks and boards of election commissioners showing the~~

1 results of the random sample of signatures on the petition
2 shall be prima facie valid and accurate, and shall be presumed
3 to establish the number of valid and invalid signatures on the
4 petition ~~sheets reviewed in the random sample~~, as prescribed
5 in Section 28-11 and 28-12 of this Code. Either party,
6 however, may introduce evidence at such hearing to dispute the
7 findings as to particular signatures. In addition to the
8 foregoing, in the absence of competent evidence presented at
9 such hearing by a party substantially challenging the results
10 of a random sample, such results ~~or showing a different result~~
11 ~~obtained by an additional sample, this certificate of a county~~
12 ~~clerk or board of election commissioners~~ shall be presumed to
13 establish the ratio of valid to invalid signatures on the
14 petition ~~within the particular election jurisdiction.~~

15 The electoral board shall take up the question as to
16 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination
17 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they
18 were filed within the time and under the conditions required
19 by law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of
20 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they
21 purport to be, and whether or not in the case of the
22 certificate of nomination in question it represents accurately
23 the decision of the caucus or convention issuing it, and in
24 general shall decide whether or not the certificate of
25 nomination or nominating papers or petitions on file are valid
26 or whether the objections thereto should be sustained and the

1 decision of a majority of the electoral board shall be final
2 subject to judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The
3 electoral board must state its findings in writing and must
4 state in writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A
5 copy of the decision shall be served upon the parties to the
6 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If
7 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the
8 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent
9 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally
10 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is
11 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or
12 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party
13 affected by the decision or to such party's attorney of
14 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the
15 files of the electoral board.

16 Upon the expiration of the period within which a
17 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section
18 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for
19 judicial review has been commenced within such period,
20 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of
21 its ruling, together with the original certificate of
22 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original
23 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the
24 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,
25 as objected to, were on file, and such officer or board shall
26 abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and

1 purposes.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16;
3 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/28-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-3)

5 Sec. 28-3. Form of petition for public question. Petitions
6 for the submission of public questions shall consist of sheets
7 of uniform size and each sheet shall contain, above the space
8 for signature, an appropriate heading, giving the information
9 as to the question of public policy to be submitted, and
10 specifying the state at large or the political subdivision or
11 district or precinct or combination of precincts or other
12 territory in which it is to be submitted and, where by law the
13 public question must be submitted at a particular election,
14 the election at which it is to be submitted. In the case of a
15 petition for the submission of a public question described in
16 subsection (b) of Section 28-6, the heading shall also specify
17 the regular election at which the question is to be submitted
18 and include the precincts included in the territory concerning
19 which the public question is to be submitted, as well as a
20 common description of such territory in plain and nonlegal
21 language, such description to describe the territory by
22 reference to streets, natural or artificial landmarks,
23 addresses or any other method which would enable a voter
24 signing the petition to be informed of the territory
25 concerning which the question is to be submitted. The heading

1 of each sheet shall be the same. Such petition shall be signed
2 by the registered voters of the political subdivision or
3 district or precinct or combination of precincts in which the
4 question of public policy is to be submitted in their own
5 proper persons only, and opposite the signature of each signer
6 his residence address shall be written or printed, which
7 residence address shall include the street address or rural
8 route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the
9 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state;
10 provided that the county or city, village or town, and state of
11 residence of such electors may be printed on the petition
12 forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside in
13 the same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard
14 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,
15 including street number, if any. No signature shall be valid
16 or be counted in considering the validity or sufficiency of
17 such petition unless the requirements of this Section are
18 complied with.

19 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added
20 a circulator's statement, signed by a person 18 years of age or
21 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street
22 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as
23 the county, city, village or town, and state; certifying that
24 the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his
25 or her presence and are genuine, and that to the best of his or
26 her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the

1 time of signing the petition registered voters of the
2 political subdivision or district or precinct or combination
3 of precincts in which the question of public policy is to be
4 submitted and that their respective residences are correctly
5 stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn to before some
6 officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

7 Such sheets, before being filed with the proper officer or
8 board shall be bound securely and numbered consecutively. The
9 sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end to
10 end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition
11 sheets which are filed with the proper local election
12 officials, election authorities or the State Board of
13 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed
14 by the voters and by the circulator, and not photocopies or
15 duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when presented or
16 filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added to, and no
17 signature shall be revoked except by revocation in writing
18 presented or filed with the board or officer with whom the
19 petition is required to be presented or filed, and before the
20 presentment or filing of such petition, except as may
21 otherwise be provided in another statute which authorize the
22 public question. Whoever forges any name of a signer upon any
23 petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery, and on
24 conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly.

25 In addition to the foregoing requirements, a petition
26 proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution

1 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution,
2 proposed statewide advisory public question, or a petition
3 proposing a question of public policy to be submitted to the
4 voters of the entire State shall be in conformity with the
5 requirements of Section 28-9 of this Article.

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

23 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/28-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-9)

25 Sec. 28-9. Petitions for proposed amendments to Article IV

1 of the Constitution pursuant to Section 3, Article XIV of the
2 Constitution shall be signed by a number of electors equal in
3 number to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates
4 for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election. Such
5 petition shall have been signed by the petitioning electors
6 not more than 24 months preceding the general election at
7 which the proposed amendment is to be submitted and shall be
8 filed with the Secretary of State at least 6 months before that
9 general election.

10 Upon receipt of a petition for a proposed Constitutional
11 amendment, the Secretary of State shall, as soon as is
12 practicable, but no later than the close of the next business
13 day, deliver such petition to the State Board of Elections.

14 Petitions for advisory questions of public policy to be
15 submitted to the voters of the entire State shall be signed by
16 a number of voters equal in number to 8% of the total votes
17 cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding
18 gubernatorial election. Such petition shall have been signed
19 by said petitioners not more than 24 months preceding the date
20 of the general election at which the question is to be
21 submitted and shall be filed with the State Board of Elections
22 at least 6 months before that general election.

23 ~~The proponents of the proposed statewide advisory public~~
24 ~~question shall file the original petition in bound sections.~~
25 ~~Each section shall be composed of consecutively numbered~~
26 ~~petition sheets containing only the signatures of registered~~

1 ~~voters. Any petition sheets not consecutively numbered or~~
2 ~~which contain duplicate page numbers already used on other~~
3 ~~sheets, or are photocopies or duplicates of the original~~
4 ~~sheets, shall not be considered part of the petition for the~~
5 ~~purpose of the random sampling verification and shall not be~~
6 ~~counted toward the minimum number of signatures required to~~
7 ~~qualify the proposed statewide advisory public question for~~
8 ~~the ballot.~~

9 ~~Within 7 business days following the last day for filing~~
10 ~~the original petition, the proponents shall also file copies~~
11 ~~of the petition sheets with each proper election authority and~~
12 ~~obtain a receipt therefor.~~

13 For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
14 defined and construed as follows:

- 15 1. "Board" means the State Board of Elections.
- 16 2. "Election Authority" means a county clerk or city or
17 county board of election commissioners.
- 18 3. (Blank).
- 19 4. "Proponents" means any person, association, committee,
20 organization or other group, or their designated
21 representatives, who advocate and cause the circulation and
22 filing of petitions for a statewide advisory question of
23 public policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for
24 submission at a general election and who has registered with
25 the Board as provided in this Act.
- 26 5. "Opponents" means any person, association, committee,

1 organization or other group, or their designated
2 representatives, who oppose a statewide advisory question of
3 public policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for
4 submission at a general election and who have registered with
5 the Board as provided in this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/28-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-11)

8 Sec. 28-11. ~~The Board shall design a standard and~~
9 ~~scientific random sampling method for the verification of~~
10 ~~petition signatures for statewide advisory referenda and shall~~
11 ~~conduct a public test to prove the validity of its sampling~~
12 ~~method. Notice of the time and place for such test shall be~~
13 ~~given at least 10 days before the date on which such test is to~~
14 ~~be conducted and in the manner prescribed for notice of~~
15 ~~regular Board meetings.~~ Signatures on petitions for
16 constitutional amendments initiated pursuant to Article XIV,
17 Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution or statewide advisory
18 referenda need not be segregated by election jurisdiction. The
19 Board shall design an alternative signature verification
20 method for referenda initiated pursuant to Article XIV,
21 Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory
22 referenda.

23 ~~The~~ Within 14 business days following the last day for the
24 ~~filing of the original petition as prescribed in Section 28-9,~~
25 ~~the~~ Board shall apply its ~~proven~~ random sampling method to the

1 petition sheets ~~in each election jurisdiction section~~ for the
2 purpose of selecting and identifying the petition signatures
3 to be included in the sample signature verification to be
4 conducted by the Board. ~~for the respective jurisdictions and~~
5 ~~shall prepare and transmit to each proper election authority a~~
6 ~~list by page and line number of the signatures from its~~
7 ~~election jurisdiction selected for verification.~~

8 ~~For each election jurisdiction, the sample verification~~
9 ~~shall include an examination of either (a) 10% of the~~
10 ~~signatures if 5,010 or more signatures are involved; or (b)~~
11 ~~500 signatures if more than 500 but less than 5,010 signatures~~
12 ~~are involved; or (c) all signatures if 500 or less signatures~~
13 ~~are involved.~~

14 The Board ~~Each election authority with whom jurisdictional~~
15 ~~copies of petition sheets were filed shall determine the~~
16 validity ~~use the proven random sampling method designed and~~
17 ~~furnished by the Board for the verification of those~~
18 signatures contained in the sample ~~shown on the list supplied~~
19 ~~by the Board~~ and in accordance with the adopted rules of
20 procedure and in accordance with the following criteria ~~for~~
21 ~~determination of petition signature validity:~~

22 1. Determine if the person who signed the petition is
23 a registered voter in that election jurisdiction or was a
24 registered voter therein on the date the petition was
25 signed;

26 2. Determine if the signature of the person who signed

1 the petition reasonably compares with the signature shown
2 on that person's registration record card.

3 ~~Within 14 business days following receipt from the Board~~
4 ~~of the list of signatures for verification, each election~~
5 ~~authority shall transmit a properly dated certificate to the~~
6 ~~Board which shall indicate; (a) the page and line number of~~
7 ~~petition signatures examined, (b) the validity or invalidity~~
8 ~~of such signatures, and (c) the reasons for invalidity, based~~
9 ~~on the criteria heretofore prescribed. The Board shall prepare~~
10 ~~and adopt a standard form of certificate for use by the~~
11 ~~election authorities which shall be transmitted with the list~~
12 ~~of signatures for verification.~~

13 ~~Upon written request of the election authority that, due~~
14 ~~to the volume of signatures in the sample for its~~
15 ~~jurisdiction, additional time is needed to properly perform~~
16 ~~the signature verification, the Board may grant the election~~
17 ~~authority additional days to complete the verification and~~
18 ~~transmit the certificate of results. These certificates of~~
19 ~~random sample verification results shall be available for~~
20 ~~public inspection within 24 hours after receipt by the State~~
21 ~~Board of Elections.~~

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/28-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-12)

24 Sec. 28-12. The ~~Upon receipt of the certificates of the~~
25 ~~election authorities showing the results of the sample~~

1 ~~signature verification,~~ the Board shall:

2 1. Based on the sample of signatures examined,
3 calculate the ratio of invalid and ~~or~~ valid signatures ~~in~~
4 ~~each election jurisdiction.~~

5 2. Apply the ratio of invalid to valid signatures ~~in~~
6 ~~an election jurisdiction sample~~ to the total number of
7 petition signatures submitted on the petition ~~from that~~
8 ~~election jurisdiction.~~

9 3. Compute the degree of multiple signature
10 contamination ~~in each election jurisdiction sample.~~

11 4. Adjusting ~~Adjust~~ for multiple signature
12 contamination and the number of invalid signatures,
13 project the total number of valid petition signatures
14 submitted ~~from each election jurisdiction.~~

15 5. ~~Aggregate the total number of projected valid~~
16 ~~signatures from each election jurisdiction and project the~~
17 ~~total number of valid signatures on the petition~~
18 ~~statewide.~~

19 If such statewide projection establishes a total number of
20 valid petition signatures not greater than 95.0% of the
21 minimum number of signatures required to qualify the proposed
22 statewide advisory public question for the ballot, the
23 petition shall be presumed invalid; provided that, prior to
24 the last day for ballot certification for the general
25 election, the Board shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of
26 allowing the proponents to present competent evidence or an

1 additional sample to rebut the presumption of invalidity. At
2 the conclusion of such hearing, and after the resolution of
3 any specific objection filed pursuant to Section 10-8 of this
4 Code, the Board shall issue a final order declaring the
5 petition to be valid or invalid and shall, in accordance with
6 its order, certify or not certify the proposition for the
7 ballot.

8 If such statewide projection establishes a total number of
9 valid petition signatures greater than 95.0% of the minimum
10 number of signatures required to qualify the proposed
11 Constitutional amendment or statewide advisory public question
12 for the ballot, the results of the sample shall be considered
13 inconclusive and, if no specific objections to the petition
14 are filed pursuant to Section 10-8 of this Code, the Board
15 shall issue a final order declaring the petition to be valid
16 and shall certify the proposition for the ballot.

17 In either event, the Board shall append to its final order
18 the detailed results of the sample ~~from each election~~
19 ~~jurisdiction~~ which shall include: (a) specific page and line
20 numbers of signatures actually verified or determined to be
21 invalid ~~by the respective election authorities~~, and (b) the
22 calculations and projections performed by the Board ~~for each~~
23 ~~election jurisdiction~~.

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

25 (10 ILCS 5/28-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-13)

1 Sec. 28-13. Each political party and civic organization,
2 as well as the registered proponents and opponents of a
3 petition for an amendment to Article IV of the Illinois
4 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
5 Illinois Constitution or proposed statewide advisory public
6 question, shall be entitled ~~to one watcher in the office of the~~
7 ~~election authority~~ to observe the conduct of the sample
8 signature verification and participate in any proceedings
9 related to the sample signature verification. ~~However, in~~
10 ~~those election jurisdictions where a 10% sample is required,~~
11 ~~the proponents and opponents may appoint no more than 5~~
12 ~~assistant watchers in addition to the 1 principal watcher~~
13 ~~permitted herein.~~

14 Within 7 days following the last day for filing of the
15 original petition, the proponents and opponents shall certify
16 in writing to the Board that they publicly support or oppose
17 the proposed statewide advisory public question. The
18 proponents and opponents of such questions shall register the
19 name and address of its group and the name and address of its
20 chair and designated agent for acceptance of service of
21 notices with the Board. Thereupon, the Board shall prepare a
22 list of the registered proponents and opponents and shall
23 adopt a standard proponents' and opponents' watcher credential
24 form. ~~A copy of such list and sufficient copies of such~~
25 ~~credentials shall be transmitted with the list for the sample~~
26 ~~signature verification to the appropriate election~~

1 ~~authorities. Those election authorities shall issue~~
2 ~~credentials to the permissible number of watchers for each~~
3 ~~proponent and opponent group; provided, however, that a~~
4 ~~prospective watcher shall first present to the election~~
5 ~~authority a letter of authorization signed by the chair of the~~
6 ~~proponent or opponent group he or she represents.~~

7 Political party and qualified civic organization watcher
8 credentials shall be substantially in the form and shall be
9 authorized in the manner prescribed in Section 7-34 of this
10 Code.

11 The rights and limitations of pollwatchers as prescribed
12 by Section 7-34 of this Code, insofar as they may be made
13 applicable, shall be applicable to watchers at the conduct of
14 the sample signature verification.

15 The ~~principal watcher for the~~ proponents and opponents may
16 make signed written objections to the Board relating to
17 procedures observed during the conduct of the sample signature
18 verification which could materially affect the results of the
19 sample. ~~Such written objections shall be presented to the~~
20 ~~election authority and a copy mailed to the Board and shall be~~
21 ~~attached to the certificate of sample results transmitted by~~
22 ~~the election authority to the Board.~~

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

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.