

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 7-10.2, 7-17, 8-8.1, 10-5.1, and 16-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10.2)

7 Sec. 7-10.2. In the designation of the name of a  
8 candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of  
9 nomination the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
10 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
11 known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to  
12 the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a  
13 political slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting or  
14 implying possession of a title, degree or professional  
15 status, similar information may be used in connection with  
16 the candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be  
17 used in the case of a married woman.

18 (Source: P.A. 81-135.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-17)

20 Sec. 7-17. Each election authority in each county shall  
21 cause to be printed upon the general primary ballot of each  
22 party for each precinct in his jurisdiction the name of each  
23 candidate whose petition for nomination or for committeeman  
24 has been filed in the office of the county clerk, as herein  
25 provided; and also the name of each candidate whose name has  
26 been certified to his office by the State Board of Elections,  
27 and in the order so certified, except as hereinafter  
28 provided.

29 It shall be the duty of the election authority to cause  
30 to be printed upon the consolidated primary ballot of each

1 political party for each precinct in his jurisdiction the  
2 name of each candidate whose name has been certified to him,  
3 as herein provided and which is to be voted for in such  
4 precinct.

5 In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
6 primary ballot the candidate's given name or names, initial  
7 or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
8 known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to  
9 the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a  
10 political slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting or  
11 implying possession of a title, degree or professional  
12 status, or similar information may be used in connection with  
13 the candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be  
14 used in the case of a married woman. The election authority  
15 charged with preparing the ballot shall not print any  
16 designation such as a political slogan, title, degree,  
17 nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title,  
18 degree, or professional status, or similar information in  
19 connection with a candidate's surname.

20 (Source: P.A. 81-135.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/8-8.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-8.1)

22 Sec. 8-8.1. In the designation of the name of a candidate  
23 on a petition for nomination, the candidate's given name or  
24 names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate  
25 is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in  
26 addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation  
27 such as a political slogan, title, or degree, or nickname  
28 suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or  
29 professional status, or similar information may be used in  
30 connection with the candidate's surname, except that the  
31 title "Mrs." may be used in the case of a married woman.

32 (Source: P.A. 81-135.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/10-5.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-5.1)

2 Sec. 10-5.1. In the designation of the name of a  
3 candidate on a certificate of nomination or nomination papers  
4 the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a  
5 nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a  
6 combination thereof, may be used in addition to the  
7 candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political  
8 slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying  
9 possession of a title, degree or professional status, or  
10 similar information may be used in connection with the  
11 candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be used  
12 in the case of a married woman.

13 (Source: P.A. 81-135.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/16-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-3)

15 Sec. 16-3. The names of all candidates to be voted for  
16 in each election district or precinct shall be printed on one  
17 ballot, except as is provided in Sections 16-6.1 and 21-1.01  
18 of this Act and except as otherwise provided in this Act with  
19 respect to the odd year regular elections and the emergency  
20 referenda; all nominations of any political party being  
21 placed under the party appellation or title of such party as  
22 designated in the certificates of nomination or petitions.  
23 The names of all independent candidates shall be printed upon  
24 the ballot in a column or columns under the heading  
25 "independent" arranged under the names or titles of the  
26 respective offices for which such independent candidates  
27 shall have been nominated and so far as practicable, the name  
28 or names of any independent candidate or candidates for any  
29 office shall be printed upon the ballot opposite the name or  
30 names of any candidate or candidates for the same office  
31 contained in any party column or columns upon said ballot.  
32 The ballot shall contain no other names, except that in cases  
33 of electors for President and Vice-President of the United

1 States, the names of the candidates for President and  
2 Vice-President may be added to the party designation and  
3 words calculated to aid the voter in his choice of candidates  
4 may be added, such as "Vote for one," "Vote for three." When  
5 an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a ballot  
6 label booklet, the candidates and questions shall appear on  
7 the pages of such booklet in the order provided by this Code;  
8 and, in any case where candidates for an office appear on a  
9 page which does not contain the name of any candidate for  
10 another office, and where less than 50% of the page is  
11 utilized, the name of no candidate shall be printed on the  
12 lowest 25% of such page. On the back or outside of the  
13 ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the  
14 words "Official Ballot", followed by the designation of the  
15 polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of  
16 the election and a facsimile of the signature of the election  
17 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The  
18 ballots shall be of plain white paper, through which the  
19 printing or writing cannot be read. However, ballots for use  
20 at the nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be printed  
21 on different color paper, except blue paper, whenever  
22 necessary or desirable to facilitate distinguishing between  
23 ballots for different political subdivisions. In the case of  
24 nonpartisan elections for officers of a political  
25 subdivision, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted  
26 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution providing the  
27 form of government therefor requires otherwise, the column  
28 listing such nonpartisan candidates shall be printed with no  
29 appellation or circle at its head. The party appellation or  
30 title, or the word "independent" at the head of any column  
31 provided for independent candidates, shall be printed in  
32 letters not less than one-fourth of an inch in height and a  
33 circle one-half inch in diameter shall be printed at the  
34 beginning of the line in which such appellation or title is

1 printed, provided, however, that no such circle shall be  
2 printed at the head of any column or columns provided for  
3 such independent candidates. The names of candidates shall be  
4 printed in letters not less than one-eighth nor more than  
5 one-fourth of an inch in height, and at the beginning of each  
6 line in which a name of a candidate is printed a square shall  
7 be printed, the sides of which shall be not less than  
8 one-fourth of an inch in length. However, the names of the  
9 candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same  
10 ticket shall be printed within a bracket and a single square  
11 shall be printed in front of the bracket. The list of  
12 candidates of the several parties and any such list of  
13 independent candidates shall be placed in separate columns on  
14 the ballot in such order as the election authorities charged  
15 with the printing of the ballots shall decide; provided, that  
16 the names of the candidates of the several political parties,  
17 certified by the State Board of Elections to the several  
18 county clerks shall be printed by the county clerk of the  
19 proper county on the official ballot in the order certified  
20 by the State Board of Elections. Any county clerk refusing,  
21 neglecting or failing to print on the official ballot the  
22 names of candidates of the several political parties in the  
23 order certified by the State Board of Elections, and any  
24 county clerk who prints or causes to be printed upon the  
25 official ballot the name of a candidate, for an office to be  
26 filled by the Electors of the entire State, whose name has  
27 not been duly certified to him upon a certificate signed by  
28 the State Board of Elections shall be guilty of a Class C  
29 misdemeanor.

30 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a  
31 ballot card, on the inside flap of each ballot card envelope  
32 there shall be printed a form for write-in voting which shall  
33 be substantially as follows:

34 WRITE-IN VOTES

1 (See card of instructions for specific information.  
2 Duplicate form below by hand for additional write-in votes.)

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4 Title of Office

5 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

6 Name of Candidate

7 When an electronic voting system is used which uses a  
8 ballot sheet, the instructions to voters on the ballot sheet  
9 shall refer the voter to the card of instructions for  
10 specific information on write-in voting. Below each office  
11 appearing on such ballot sheet there shall be a provision for  
12 the casting of a write-in vote.

13 When such electronic system is used, there shall be  
14 printed on the back of each ballot card, each ballot card  
15 envelope, and the first page of the ballot label when a  
16 ballot label is used, the words "Official Ballot," followed  
17 by the number of the precinct or other precinct  
18 identification, which may be stamped, in lieu thereof and, as  
19 applicable, the number and name of the township, ward or  
20 other election district for which the ballot card, ballot  
21 card envelope, and ballot label are prepared, the date of the  
22 election and a facsimile of the signature of the election  
23 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The back  
24 of the ballot card shall also include a method of identifying  
25 the ballot configuration such as a listing of the political  
26 subdivisions and districts for which votes may be cast on  
27 that ballot, or a number code identifying the ballot  
28 configuration or color coded ballots, except that where there  
29 is only one ballot configuration in a precinct, the precinct  
30 identification, and any applicable ward identification, shall  
31 be sufficient. Ballot card envelopes used in punch card  
32 systems shall be of paper through which no writing or punches  
33 may be discerned and shall be of sufficient length to enclose  
34 all voting positions. However, the election authority may

1 provide ballot card envelopes on which no precinct number or  
2 township, ward or other election district designation, or  
3 election date are preprinted, if space and a preprinted form  
4 are provided below the space provided for the names of  
5 write-in candidates where such information may be entered by  
6 the judges of election. Whenever an election authority  
7 utilizes ballot card envelopes on which the election date and  
8 precinct is not preprinted, a judge of election shall mark  
9 such information for the particular precinct and election on  
10 the envelope in ink before tallying and counting any write-in  
11 vote written thereon. If some method of insuring ballot  
12 secrecy other than an envelope is used, such information must  
13 be provided on the ballot itself.

14 In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
15 ballot, the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
16 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
17 known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to  
18 the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a  
19 political slogan, title, or degree or nickname suggesting or  
20 implying possession of a title, degree or professional  
21 status, or similar information may be used in connection with  
22 the candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be  
23 used in the case of a married woman. The election authority  
24 charged with preparing the ballot shall not print any  
25 designation such as a political slogan, title, degree,  
26 nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title,  
27 degree, or professional status, or similar information in  
28 connection with a candidate's surname.

29 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
30 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
31 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A,  
32 whichever is applicable.

33 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit election  
34 authorities from using or reusing ballot card envelopes which

1 were printed before the effective date of this amendatory Act  
2 of 1985.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-178, eff. 1-1-02.)