

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 1A-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

7 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise
8 the following powers and perform the following duties in
9 addition to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by
10 law:

11 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the
12 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as
13 heretofore provided in this Act;

14 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with
15 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections
16 and registration in accordance with the laws of this
17 State and the laws of the United States;

18 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to
19 each primary and general election and any other election
20 it deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions
21 consistent with the provisions of this Act which shall be
22 used by election authorities in the preparation of the
23 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges
24 of election in any such election. In preparing such
25 manual, the State Board shall consult with
26 representatives of the election authorities throughout
27 the State. The State Board may provide separate portions
28 of the uniform instructions applicable to different
29 election jurisdictions which administer elections under
30 different options provided by law. The State Board may by

1 regulation require particular portions of the uniform
2 instructions to be included in any official manual of
3 instructions published by election authorities. Any
4 manual of instructions published by any election
5 authority shall be identical with the manual of uniform
6 instructions issued by the Board, but may be adapted by
7 the election authority to accommodate special or unusual
8 local election problems, provided that all manuals
9 published by election authorities must be consistent with
10 the provisions of this Act in all respects and must
11 receive the approval of the State Board of Elections
12 prior to publication; provided further that if the State
13 Board does not approve or disapprove of a proposed manual
14 within 60 days of its submission, the manual shall be
15 deemed approved.

16 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform
17 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with
18 the provisions of this Act as it shall deem advisable
19 which shall be used by election authorities in the
20 conduct of elections and registrations;

21 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any
22 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
23 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the
24 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so
25 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local
26 government of the State;

27 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the
28 conduct of elections and registration from election
29 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

30 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records
31 relating to conduct of elections and registration as may
32 be deemed necessary, and to report violations of election
33 laws to the appropriate State's Attorney;

34 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation

1 to improve the administration of elections and
2 registration;

3 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations
4 in the performance of its duties provided that all such
5 rules and regulations must be consistent with the
6 provisions of this Article 1A or issued pursuant to
7 authority otherwise provided by law;

8 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of
9 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the
10 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

11 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research
12 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts
13 of votes by precinct for general primary elections and
14 general elections, current precinct maps and current
15 precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions
16 within the State. The research library shall be open to
17 the public during regular business hours. Such
18 abstracts, maps and lists shall be preserved as permanent
19 records and shall be available for examination and
20 copying at a reasonable cost;

21 (12) Supervise the administration of the
22 registration and election laws throughout the State;

23 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central
24 Management Services, under Section 405-250 of the
25 Department of Central Management Services Law (20 ILCS
26 405/405-250), such use of electronic data processing
27 equipment as may be required to perform the duties of the
28 State Board of Elections and to provide election-related
29 information to candidates, public and party officials,
30 interested civic organizations and the general public in
31 a timely and efficient manner; and

32 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or
33 required to give effect to directions of the national
34 committee or State central committee of an established

1 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11 and 7-14.1 or
2 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to
3 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an
4 established political party's national nominating
5 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate
6 certification schedule contained within the Election
7 Code, the certification of the Presidential and Vice
8 Presidential candidate selected by the established
9 party's national nominating convention in 2004.

10 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or
11 functions under this Article, except that final
12 determinations and orders under this Article shall be issued
13 only by the Board.

14 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
15 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the
16 Speaker, the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and
18 the Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research
19 Unit, as required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law
20 in relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25,
21 1874, as amended, and filing such additional copies with the
22 State Government Report Distribution Center for the General
23 Assembly as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of
24 the State Library Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)"