

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 Section  
5 10-6 as follows:

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

7 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Certificates of  
8 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of  
9 candidates for offices to be filled by electors of the entire  
10 State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for  
11 congressional, state legislative or judicial offices, shall be  
12 presented to the principal office of the State Board of  
13 Elections not more than 141 nor less than 134 days previous to  
14 the day of election for which the candidates are nominated. The  
15 State Board of Elections shall endorse the certificates of  
16 nomination or nomination papers, as the case may be, and the  
17 date and hour of presentment to it. Except as otherwise  
18 provided in this section, all other certificates for the  
19 nomination of candidates shall be filed with the county clerk  
20 of the respective counties not more than 141 but at least 134  
21 days previous to the day of such election. Certificates of  
22 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of  
23 candidates for school district offices to be filled at

1 consolidated elections shall be filed with the county clerk or  
2 county board of election commissioners of the county election  
3 authority in which the principal office of the school district  
4 is located not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
5 consolidated election. Certificates of nomination and  
6 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for the  
7 other offices of political subdivisions to be filled at regular  
8 elections other than the general election shall be filed with  
9 the local election official of such subdivision:

10 (1) (Blank);

11 (2) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to  
12 the consolidated election; or

13 (3) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to  
14 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
15 filled at the general primary election; or

16 (4) not more than 99 nor less than 92 days before the  
17 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
18 elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law (including  
19 without limitation, those municipal offices subject to  
20 Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

21 (5) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
22 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
23 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are  
24 provided; or

25 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of  
26 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed

1 with the election authority not more than 113 nor less than  
2 106 days before the consolidated election.

3 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are  
4 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
5 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of  
6 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such  
7 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of  
8 such Board.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

10 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
11 9-10 as follows:

12 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

13 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.  
14 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated  
15 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,  
16 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with  
17 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,  
18 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office  
19 of the school district is located.

20 Nominations for members of boards of education, including  
21 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition  
22 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is  
23 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the  
24 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as

1 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of  
2 the school district is located. In addition to the requirements  
3 of the general election law, the form of such petitions shall  
4 be substantially as follows:

5 NOMINATING PETITIONS

6 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

7 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election  
8 Commissioners) .... of .... County:

9 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)  
10 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,  
11 hereby petition that .... who resides at .... in the (city or  
12 village) of .... in Township .... (or who resides outside any  
13 city, village or incorporated town and in Township ....) in  
14 said district shall be a candidate for the office of .... of  
15 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)  
16 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert  
17 date).

18 Name: ..... Address: .....

19 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
20 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
21 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
22 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
23 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
24 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
25 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the

1 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name  
2 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list  
3 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on  
4 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition  
5 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the  
6 candidate's previous names during the period specified in  
7 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was  
8 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds  
9 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the  
10 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes  
11 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or  
12 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or  
13 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of  
14 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such  
15 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the  
16 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or  
17 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,  
18 or similar information may be used in connection with the  
19 candidate's surname.

20 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid  
21 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk  
22 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may  
23 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school  
24 district is located a receipt from the county clerk showing  
25 that the candidate has filed a statement of economic interests  
26 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such

1 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar  
2 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the  
3 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with  
4 the general election law.

5 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of  
6 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county  
7 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the  
8 county in which the principal office of the school district is  
9 located within the time provided for by the general election  
10 law. ~~The county clerk or the county board of election~~  
11 ~~commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions which~~  
12 ~~include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter~~  
13 ~~signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator~~  
14 ~~and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate~~  
15 ~~has filed a statement of economic interest on or before the~~  
16 ~~last day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental~~  
17 ~~Ethics Act.~~ The county clerk or the county board of election  
18 commissioners may have petition forms available for issuance to  
19 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition  
20 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general  
21 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days  
22 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the  
23 county board of election commissioners shall make  
24 certification to the proper election authorities in accordance  
25 with the general election law.

26 The county clerk or the county board of election

1 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the  
2 principal office of the school district is located shall notify  
3 the candidates for whom a petition for nomination is filed or  
4 the appropriate committee of the obligations under the Campaign  
5 Financing Act as provided in the general election law. Such  
6 notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the State Board  
7 of Elections and in accordance with the requirements of the  
8 general election law. The county clerk or county board of  
9 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the  
10 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
11 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

12 A candidate for membership on the board of education or for  
13 office as a school director, who has petitioned for nomination  
14 to fill a full term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon  
15 at the same election, must withdraw his or her petition for  
16 nomination from either the full term or the vacant term by  
17 written declaration.

18 In all newly organized districts the petition for the  
19 nomination of candidates for members of the board of education  
20 at the first election shall be addressed to and filed with the  
21 regional superintendent of schools in the manner herein  
22 specified for the petitions for members of a board of  
23 education. For such election the regional superintendent shall  
24 fulfill all duties otherwise assigned to the secretary of the  
25 board of education.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.