

1 AN ACT concerning presidential and vice-presidential  
2 electors.

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

5 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
6 Section 21-1 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

8 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President  
9 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the  
10 following manner:

11 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President  
12 of the United States are chosen, each political party or  
13 group in this State shall choose by its State Convention  
14 electors of President and Vice-President of the United States  
15 and such State Convention of such party or group shall also  
16 choose electors at large, if any are to be appointed for this  
17 State and such State Convention of such party or group shall  
18 by its chairman and secretary certify the total list of such  
19 electors together with electors at large so chosen to the  
20 State Board of Elections.

21 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such  
22 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the  
23 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such  
24 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided  
25 in choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President  
26 of the United States.

27 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political  
28 parties or groups for electors of President and  
29 Vice-President shall not be printed on the official ballot to  
30 be voted in the election to be held on the day in this Act  
31 above named. In lieu of the names of the candidates for such

1 electors of President and Vice-President, immediately under  
2 the appellation of party name of a party or group in the  
3 column of its candidates on the official ballot, to be voted  
4 at said election first above named in subsection (1) of  
5 Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there shall be printed  
6 within a bracket the name of the candidate for President and  
7 the name of the candidate for Vice-President of such party or  
8 group with a square to the left of such bracket. Each voter  
9 in this State from the several lists or sets of electors so  
10 chosen and selected by the said respective political parties  
11 or groups, may choose and elect one of such lists or sets of  
12 electors by placing a cross in the square to the left of the  
13 bracket aforesaid of one of such parties or groups. Placing a  
14 cross within the square before the bracket enclosing the  
15 names of President and Vice-President shall not be deemed and  
16 taken as a direct vote for such candidates for President and  
17 Vice-President, or either of them, but shall only be deemed  
18 and taken to be a vote for the entire list or set of electors  
19 chosen by that political party or group so certified to the  
20 State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by means  
21 of placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the  
22 appellation or title of the particular political party or  
23 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the  
24 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of  
25 them, but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the  
26 entire list or set of electors chosen by that political party  
27 or group so certified to the State Board of Elections as  
28 herein provided.

29 (c) Such certification by the respective political  
30 parties or groups in this State of electors of President and  
31 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections  
32 within 2 days after such State convention.

33 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and  
34 selection of electors of the same political party or group be

1 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it  
2 shall be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10  
3 days after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to  
4 meet and determine which set of nominees for electors of such  
5 party or group was chosen and selected by the authorized  
6 convention of such party or group. The Board, after notice to  
7 the chairman and secretaries or managers of the conventions  
8 or groups and after a hearing shall determine which set of  
9 electors was so chosen by the authorized convention and shall  
10 so announce and publish the fact, and such decision shall be  
11 final and the set of electors so determined upon by the  
12 electoral board to be so chosen shall be the list or set of  
13 electors to be deemed elected if that party shall be  
14 successful at the polls, as herein provided.

15 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector  
16 in a congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by  
17 the executive committee of the party or group for such  
18 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to  
19 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the  
20 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by  
21 the State committee of such political party or group, and  
22 certified by it to the State Board of Elections.

23 (f) Presidential and vice-presidential electors must  
24 cast their votes for the winner of the statewide popular  
25 vote.

26 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)