



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-3	from Ch. 46, par. 1-3
10 ILCS 5/1-13	
10 ILCS 5/1-13.5 new	
10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.1
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10

Amends the Election Code. Changes the date for general primary elections from the third Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in April. Changes the date for consolidated primary elections from the last Tuesday in February to the second Tuesday in March. In provisions concerning nomination petitions for established party candidates, provides that the minimum signature requirement for various offices may not exceed 5,000. For various offices currently without a maximum signature requirement, provides that a candidate's petition for nomination may not contain more than 3 times the minimum number of signatures required for the office. Provides that when reviewing a candidate's petition for nomination under these provisions, an election authority shall only consider signatures beginning on the first page of the petition through the signature on the page where the maximum signature requirement is met. Requires the State Board of Elections to adopt rules authorizing election authorities and local election officials to establish procedures under which digital voter signatures may be collected for nominating, candidate, and referendum petitions. Provides that the rules shall allow any election authority or local election official to provide or supply electronic devices for the collection of digital voter signatures on petitions. Provides that the electronic devices may be capable of allowing a person to access and use the online voter registration system established under the Code. Makes conforming changes. 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 1-3, 1-13, 7-10, and 2A-1.1 and by adding Section  
6 1-13.5 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

8 Sec. 1-3. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise  
9 requires:

10 1. "Election" includes the submission of all questions of  
11 public policy, propositions, and all measures submitted to  
12 popular vote, and includes primary elections when so indicated  
13 by the context.

14 2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,  
15 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly  
16 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal  
17 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only  
18 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is  
19 required to be held on such date.

20 3. "Special election" means an election not regularly  
21 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is  
22 held at the same time and place and by the same election  
23 officers as a regular election.

1           4. "General election" means the biennial election at which  
2 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary  
3 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary  
4 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates  
5 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

6           5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,  
7 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and  
8 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,  
9 village or incorporated town.

10          6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit  
11 of local government, or school district in which elections are  
12 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also  
13 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School  
14 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

15          7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply  
16 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization  
17 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township  
18 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality  
19 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal  
20 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

21          8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of  
22 Election Commissioners.

23          9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in  
24 the case of a county in which no city board of election  
25 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of  
26 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial

1 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (c)  
2 the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city  
3 board of election commissioners. In each instance election  
4 jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election  
5 authority maintains the permanent registration records of  
6 qualified electors.

7 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary  
8 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case  
9 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,  
10 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the  
11 various school officer elections and school referenda for which  
12 the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by The  
13 School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

14 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar  
15 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,  
16 when used in connection with duties at an election during the  
17 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of  
18 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with  
19 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to  
20 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the  
21 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated  
22 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,  
23 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be  
24 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be  
25 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the  
26 holdover judges.

1           12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and  
2 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's  
3 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of  
4 qualified primary electors bound together.

5           13. "Election district" and "precinct", when used with  
6 reference to a 30-day residence requirement, means the smallest  
7 constituent territory in which electors vote as a unit at the  
8 same polling place in any election governed by this Act.

9           14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the  
10 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of  
11 local government or school district, and includes, but is not  
12 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,  
13 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and  
14 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and  
15 precincts.

16           15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means  
17 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at  
18 an election dealing with subject matter other than the  
19 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is  
20 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions  
21 relating to the Constitution.

22           16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a  
23 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the  
24 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions  
25 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of government,  
26 the officers or the manner of selection or terms of office of

1 officers of such municipality or county, pursuant to the  
2 provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the  
3 Constitution.

4 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,  
5 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc  
6 or other electronic data processing information containing  
7 voter information.

8 18. "Accessible" means accessible to persons with  
9 disabilities and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting  
10 or registration, as determined by rule of the State Board of  
11 Elections.

12 19. "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

13 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a  
14 temporary or permanent physical disability.

15 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two  
16 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most  
17 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the  
18 highest or second highest average number of votes. The  
19 political party whose candidates for governor received the  
20 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first  
21 leading political party and the political party whose  
22 candidates for governor received the second highest average  
23 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political  
24 party.

25 22. "Business day" means any day in which the office of an  
26 election authority, local election official or the State Board

1 of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of 7 hours.

2 23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a  
3 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a  
4 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space under  
5 a bridge.

6 24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized  
7 form. Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-13.5, this ~~This~~  
8 definition does not apply to a nominating or candidate petition  
9 or a referendum petition.

10 25. "Intelligent mail barcode tracking system" means a  
11 printed trackable barcode attached to the return business reply  
12 envelope for mail-in ballots under Article 19 or Article 20  
13 that allows an election authority to determine the date the  
14 envelope was mailed in absence of a postmark.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/1-13)

17 Sec. 1-13. Forms of signature. The making and signing of  
18 any form, including an application to register, a certificate  
19 authorizing cancellation of a registration or authorizing a  
20 transfer of registration, an application to vote, a provisional  
21 ballot, or affidavit, ~~but not including a nominating or~~  
22 ~~candidate petition or a referendum petition,~~ may be by a  
23 signature written in ink or in digitized form. Except as  
24 otherwise provided in Section 1-13.5, the making and signing of  
25 forms under this Section does not include the signing of a

1 nominating or candidate petition or a referendum petition.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/1-13.5 new)

4 Sec. 1-13.5. Authorization of digital signatures on  
5 nominating, candidate, and referendum petitions. No later than  
6 September 1, 2018, the State Board of Elections shall adopt  
7 rules authorizing election authorities and local election  
8 officials to establish procedures under which digital voter  
9 signatures may be collected for nominating, candidate, and  
10 referendum petitions. Those rules shall provide that any  
11 election authority or local election official may provide or  
12 supply electronic devices for the collection of digital voter  
13 signatures on petitions. The electronic devices, whether or not  
14 they are supplied by an election authority or local election  
15 official, may be capable of allowing a person to access and use  
16 the online voter registration system established under Section  
17 1A-16.5.

18 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.1)

19 Sec. 2A-1.1. All Elections - Consolidated Schedule.

20 (a) In even-numbered years, the general election shall be  
21 held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November;  
22 and an election to be known as the general primary election  
23 shall be held on the first ~~third~~ Tuesday in April ~~March~~;

24 (b) In odd-numbered years, an election to be known as the



1 consolidated election shall be held on the first Tuesday in  
 2 April except as provided in Section 2A-1.1a of this Act; and an  
 3 election to be known as the consolidated primary election shall  
 4 be held on the second ~~last~~ Tuesday in March ~~February~~.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 96-886, eff. 1-1-11.)

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

7 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
 8 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman, or  
 9 township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward  
 10 committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to  
 11 national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the  
 12 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed  
 13 in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the  
 14 following form:

15 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the  
 16 .... party and qualified primary electors of the .... party, in  
 17 the .... of ....., in the county of .... and State of Illinois,  
 18 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons  
 19 shall be a candidate or candidates of the .... party for the  
 20 nomination for (or in case of committeemen for election to) the  
 21 office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at the  
 22 primary election to be held on (insert date).

23	Name	Office	Address
24	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
25	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	Peoria, Ill.



1 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

2 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors  
3 residing in the political division for which the nomination is  
4 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the  
5 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be  
6 written or printed. The residence address required to be  
7 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's  
8 name shall include the street address or rural route number of  
9 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,  
10 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or  
11 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors  
12 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors  
13 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village  
14 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in  
15 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.  
16 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a  
17 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or  
18 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street  
19 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as  
20 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying  
21 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed  
22 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are  
23 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that  
24 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last  
25 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that  
26 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90

1 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and  
2 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief  
3 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the  
4 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a  
5 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before  
6 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

7 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days  
8 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing  
9 of such petition.

10 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
11 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
12 signature from the petition, provided that:

13 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the  
14 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

15 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
16 certification listing the page number and line number of  
17 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
18 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

19 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
20 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
21 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
22 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
23 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
24 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition  
25 sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
26 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections

1 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the  
2 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or  
3 duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part  
4 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates  
5 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This  
6 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the  
7 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
8 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which  
9 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified  
10 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state  
11 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a  
12 licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he  
13 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing  
14 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the  
15 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
16 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall  
17 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some  
18 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State  
19 and shall be in substantially the following form:

20 Statement of Candidacy

21	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
22	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
23		Belvidere,			
24		Illinois			

25 State of Illinois)

1 ) ss.

2 County of .....

3 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
4 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
5 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
6 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
7 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
8 committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates) to the  
9 office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to be  
10 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including  
11 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility  
12 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold  
13 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the  
14 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic  
15 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act  
16 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official  
17 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case  
18 of committeemen and delegates and alternate delegates) such  
19 office.

20 Signed .....

21 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by .....,  
22 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

23 Signed .....

24 (Official Character)

25 (Seal, if officer has one.)

1           The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
2 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation  
3 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
4 authority or local election official with whom the petition is  
5 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
6 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
7 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction  
8 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

9           A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
10 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
11 his or her petition for nomination.

12           (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
13 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or  
14 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating  
15 convention elected from the State at-large, then the  
16 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000  
17 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

18           (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
19 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for  
20 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or  
21 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating  
22 convention elected from a congressional district, then the  
23 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
24 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
25 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional  
26 district, except the minimum signature requirement for the

1 candidate may not exceed 5,000. In the first primary election  
2 following a redistricting of congressional districts, a  
3 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 600  
4 signatures of qualified primary electors of the candidate's  
5 political party in his or her congressional district.

6 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any  
7 countywide office, including but not limited to county board  
8 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large  
9 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's  
10 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
11 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or  
12 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election  
13 in his or her county, except the minimum signature requirement  
14 for the candidate may not exceed 5,000. If a candidate seeks to  
15 run for county board member elected from a county board  
16 district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
17 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
18 qualified primary electors of his or her party in the county  
19 board district, except the minimum signature requirement for  
20 the candidate may not exceed 5,000. In the first primary  
21 election following a redistricting of county board districts or  
22 the initial establishment of county board districts, a  
23 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
24 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of  
25 his or her party in the entire county who cast votes at the  
26 last preceding general election divided by the total number of



1 county board districts comprising the county board; provided  
2 that in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25  
3 and the minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not  
4 exceed 5,000.

5 (d) County office; Cook County only.

6 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office  
7 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
8 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
9 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
10 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in  
11 Cook County, except the minimum signature requirement for  
12 the candidate may not exceed 5,000.

13 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
14 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
15 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to  
16 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party  
17 in his or her county board district, except the minimum  
18 signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed  
19 5,000. In the first primary election following a  
20 redistricting of Cook County Board of Commissioners  
21 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must  
22 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
23 the qualified electors of his or her party in the entire  
24 county who cast votes at the last preceding general  
25 election divided by the total number of county board  
26 districts comprising the county board; provided that in no

1 event shall the number of signatures be less than 25 and  
2 the minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not  
3 exceed 5,000.

4 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
5 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district  
6 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property  
7 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
8 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
9 the total number of registered voters in his or her board  
10 of review district in the last general election at which a  
11 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
12 that board of review district. In no event shall the number  
13 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number  
14 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County  
15 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first  
16 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County  
17 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for  
18 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at  
19 least the number of signatures required for a countywide  
20 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the  
21 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

22 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
23 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
24 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
25 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
26 his or her party in the municipality or township, except the

1 minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed  
2 5,000. If a candidate seeks to run for alderman of a  
3 municipality, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
4 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
5 the qualified primary electors of his or her party of the ward,  
6 except the minimum signature requirement for the candidate may  
7 not exceed 5,000. In the first primary election following  
8 redistricting of aldermanic wards or trustee districts of a  
9 municipality or the initial establishment of wards or  
10 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
11 the number of signatures equal to at least 0.5% of the total  
12 number of votes cast for the candidate of that political party  
13 who received the highest number of votes in the entire  
14 municipality at the last regular election at which an officer  
15 was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire  
16 municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts. In  
17 no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25 and the  
18 minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed  
19 5,000.

20 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
21 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's  
22 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of  
23 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her  
24 congressional district.

25 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
26 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not

1 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
2 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
3 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the  
4 sanitary district, except the minimum signature requirement  
5 for the candidate may not exceed 5,000. If a candidate seeks to  
6 run for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are  
7 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
8 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
9 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party in the ward  
10 of that sanitary district, except the minimum signature  
11 requirement for the candidate may not exceed 5,000. In the  
12 first primary election following redistricting of sanitary  
13 districts elected from wards, a candidate's petition for  
14 nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150  
15 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary  
16 district.

17 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for  
18 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition  
19 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to  
20 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the  
21 candidate for his or her political party for the office of  
22 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was  
23 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures and the  
24 minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed  
25 5,000. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a  
26 circuit or subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for

1 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25%  
2 of the number of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his  
3 or her political party who received the highest number of votes  
4 at the last general election at which a judicial officer from  
5 the same circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be  
6 elected, but in no event: (1) less than 1,000 signatures, and  
7 the minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not  
8 exceed 5,000, in circuits and subcircuits located in the First  
9 Judicial District; or (2) less than 500 signatures, and the  
10 minimum signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed  
11 5,000, in every other Judicial District.

12 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a  
13 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the  
14 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10  
15 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the  
16 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,  
17 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no  
18 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary  
19 electors of his or her party of the ward, except the minimum  
20 signature requirement for the candidate may not exceed 5,000,  
21 but no more than 16% of those same electors; provided that the  
22 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum  
23 number, whichever is greater. If a candidate seeks to run for  
24 township committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for  
25 nomination must contain no less than the number of signatures  
26 equal to 5% of the primary electors of his or her party of the

1 township, except the minimum signature requirement for the  
2 candidate may not exceed 5,000, but no more than 8% of those  
3 same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures  
4 may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater.

5 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools  
6 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
7 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
8 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
9 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
10 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
11 comprising the counties, except the minimum signature  
12 requirement for the candidate may not exceed 5,000.

13 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other  
14 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
15 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
16 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
17 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
18 whichever is greater, except the minimum signature requirement  
19 for the candidate may not exceed 5,000.

20 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors  
21 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the  
22 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party  
23 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the  
24 last general election in the State at which electors for  
25 President of the United States were elected. For political  
26 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be

1 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
2 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
3 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at  
4 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
5 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political  
6 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
7 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
8 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
9 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
10 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward  
11 or district.

12 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
13 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
14 party.

15 The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of  
16 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,  
17 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

18 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
19 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
20 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
21 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
22 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
23 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

24 (l) A candidate's petition for nomination under subsection  
25 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (j), or (k) may not contain  
26 more than 3 times the minimum number of signatures required for

1 the office.

2 (m) When reviewing a candidate's petition for nomination  
3 under this Section, an election authority shall only consider  
4 signatures beginning on the first page of the petition through  
5 the signature on the page where the maximum signature  
6 requirement is met.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.