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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2651

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2651 on page 1, by  
3 replacing lines 4 and 5 with the following:

4 "The Election Code is amended by changing Sections 1A-8, 7-5,  
5 7-7, 7-9, 7-12, 7-59, 13-1, 13-2, 14-1, 17-16.1, 18-9.1, and  
6 19-3 and by adding Sections 1-17 and 22-19 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-17 new)

8 Sec. 1-17. Election authority voting equipment  
9 information. Every 2 years, each election authority shall  
10 submit information on the voting equipment used within the  
11 jurisdiction of the election authority to the State Board of  
12 Elections. The information must include:

13 (1) the age and functionality of each item of voting  
14 equipment; and

15 (2) a formal letter containing a general description of  
16 the status of the voting equipment, the election  
17 authority's perceived need for new voting equipment, and

1           the costs associated with obtaining new equipment.  
2           Each election authority must publish the information submitted  
3           under this Section online.  
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5           (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

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

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

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

16           (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each  
17 primary and general election and any other election it  
18 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions  
19 consistent with the provisions of this Code Act which shall  
20 be used by election authorities in the preparation of the  
21 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of  
22 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,  
23 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the  
24 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board  
25 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions

1 applicable to different election jurisdictions which  
2 administer elections under different options provided by  
3 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular  
4 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any  
5 official manual of instructions published by election  
6 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any  
7 election authority shall be identical with the manual of  
8 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be  
9 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special or  
10 unusual local election problems, provided that all manuals  
11 published by election authorities must be consistent with  
12 the provisions of this Code Act in all respects and must  
13 receive the approval of the State Board of Elections prior  
14 to publication; provided further that if the State Board  
15 does not approve or disapprove of a proposed manual within  
16 60 days of its submission, the manual shall be deemed  
17 approved.

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

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

1 the voters of any area or unit of local government of the  
2 State;

3 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the  
4 conduct of elections and registration from election  
5 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

6 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating  
7 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed  
8 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to the  
9 appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

10 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to  
11 improve the administration of elections and registration;

12 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in  
13 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules  
14 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of  
15 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise  
16 provided by law;

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

20 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research  
21 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of  
22 votes by precinct for general primary elections and general  
23 elections, current precinct maps and current precinct poll  
24 lists from all election jurisdictions within the State. The  
25 research library shall be open to the public during regular  
26 business hours. Such abstracts, maps and lists shall be

1 preserved as permanent records and shall be available for  
2 examination and copying at a reasonable cost;

3 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration  
4 and election laws throughout the State;

5 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management  
6 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of  
7 Central Management Services Law (20 ILCS 405/405-250),  
8 such use of electronic data processing equipment as may be  
9 required to perform the duties of the State Board of  
10 Elections and to provide election-related information to  
11 candidates, public and party officials, interested civic  
12 organizations and the general public in a timely and  
13 efficient manner;

14 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or  
15 required to give effect to directions of the national  
16 committee or State central committee of an established  
17 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or  
18 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to  
19 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an  
20 established political party's national nominating  
21 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate  
22 certification schedule contained within this ~~the Election~~  
23 Code, the certification of the Presidential and Vice  
24 Presidential candidate selected by the established  
25 political party's national nominating convention;

26 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by

1 election authority and hours of operation on its website at  
2 least 5 business days before the period for early voting  
3 begins; ~~and~~

4 (16) To post on its website the statewide totals, and  
5 totals separated by each election authority, for each of  
6 the counts received pursuant to Section 1-9.2; and ~~and~~

7 (17) To post on its website, in a downloadable format,  
8 the information received from each election authority  
9 under Section 1-17.

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; revised 9-21-17.)

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

2 Sec. 7-5. (a) Primary elections shall be held on the dates  
3 prescribed in Article 2A.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, no  
5 primary shall be held for an established political party in any  
6 township, municipality, or ward thereof, where the nomination  
7 of such party for every office to be voted upon by the electors  
8 of such township, municipality, or ward thereof, is  
9 uncontested. Whenever a political party's nomination of  
10 candidates is uncontested as to one or more, but not all, of  
11 the offices to be voted upon by the electors of a township,  
12 municipality, or ward thereof, then a primary shall be held for  
13 that party in such township, municipality, or ward thereof;  
14 provided that the primary ballot shall not include those  
15 offices within such township, municipality, or ward thereof,  
16 for which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
17 Article, the nomination of an established political party of a  
18 candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to be  
19 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be  
20 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers seeking the  
21 nomination of such party for election to such office.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, no  
23 primary election shall be held for an established political  
24 party for any special primary election called for the purpose  
25 of filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the  
26 United States Congress where the nomination of such political

1 party for said office is uncontested. For the purposes of this  
2 Article, the nomination of an established political party of a  
3 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be  
4 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be  
5 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers seeking the  
6 nomination of such established party for election to said  
7 office. This subsection (c) shall not apply if such primary  
8 election is conducted on a regularly scheduled election day.

9 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the  
10 contrary, in subsection (b) and (c) of this Section whenever a  
11 person who has not timely filed valid nomination papers and who  
12 intends to become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
13 nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
14 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that intent  
15 with the State Board of Elections or the local election  
16 official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed,  
17 no primary ballot shall be printed. Where no primary is held, a  
18 person intending to become a write-in candidate at the  
19 consolidated primary election shall re-file a declaration of  
20 intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated election  
21 with the appropriate election authority or authorities ~~a~~  
22 ~~primary ballot shall be prepared and a primary shall be held~~  
23 ~~for that office. Such statement or notice shall be filed on or~~  
24 ~~before the date established in this Article for certifying~~  
25 ~~candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement or notice~~  
26 ~~shall contain (i) the name and address of the person intending~~



1 ~~to become a write in candidate, (ii) a statement that the~~  
2 ~~person is a qualified primary elector of the political party~~  
3 ~~from whom the nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the~~  
4 ~~person intends to become a write in candidate for the party's~~  
5 ~~nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a~~  
6 ~~write in candidate. An election authority shall have no duty to~~  
7 ~~conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for any office~~  
8 ~~for which the nomination is uncontested, unless a statement or~~  
9 ~~notice meeting the requirements of this Section is filed in a~~  
10 ~~timely manner.~~

11 (e) The polls shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

12 (Source: P.A. 86-873.)"; and

13 on page 2, immediately below line 14, by inserting the  
14 following:

15 "(10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

16 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
17 conventions.

18 (a) On the 27th ~~29th~~ day next succeeding the primary at  
19 which committeemen are elected, the county central committee of  
20 each political party shall meet within the county and proceed  
21 to organize by electing from its own number a chairman and  
22 either from its own number, or otherwise, such other officers  
23 as such committee may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting  
24 of the county central committee shall be known as the county

1 convention. Such convention shall not be scheduled to conflict  
2 with a scheduled session of the General Assembly. If the county  
3 central committee is unable to organize on the 27th day, the  
4 convention may be recessed. If the convention is recessed, it  
5 shall be to a date and time certain on or before the 36th day  
6 next succeeding the primary at which committeemen are elected.  
7 Notice of the recessed convention, including the recessed date  
8 and time shall be given to each committeeman.

9 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10 days  
10 after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
11 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
12 precinct committeemen and representative committeemen elected  
13 by his political party.

14 The county convention of each political party shall choose  
15 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party  
16 chooses to hold a State convention; but in any county having  
17 within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or  
18 over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the  
19 ward committeemen from the respective wards choosing the number  
20 of delegates to which such ward is entitled on the basis  
21 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to  
22 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such  
23 county. In all counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or  
24 more outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or more,  
25 the delegates from each of the townships or parts of townships  
26 as the case may be shall be chosen by townships or parts of

1 townships as the case may be, the township committeemen from  
2 the respective townships or parts of townships as the case may  
3 be choosing the number of delegates to which such townships or  
4 parts of townships as the case may be are entitled, on the  
5 basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such  
6 delegates to be members of the delegation to the State  
7 convention from such county.

8 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
9 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
10 (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State Convention,  
11 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, ex officio.

12 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
13 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
14 (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the State  
15 Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
16 who must be residents of the member's Congressional District.

17 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the  
18 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.  
19 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chairman of  
20 a State central committee may issue a call for a State  
21 convention within 180 days after the general primary.

22 The State convention of each political party, if the party  
23 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make  
24 nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
25 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
26 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined

1 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
2 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
3 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee  
4 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the  
5 State convention.

6 (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention, if  
7 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2  
8 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of  
9 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses  
10 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors  
11 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of  
12 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and  
13 alternate delegates at large to national nominating  
14 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by such  
15 State convention for electors of President and Vice President  
16 of the United States, shall be caused by the State Board of  
17 Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at the general  
18 election, in the manner required by law, and shall be certified  
19 to the various county clerks of the proper counties in the  
20 manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the  
21 certifying of the names of persons nominated by any party for  
22 State offices. If and as long as this Act prescribes that the  
23 names of such electors be not printed on the ballot, then the  
24 names of such electors shall be certified in such manner as may  
25 be prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

26 (d) Each convention, if the party chooses to hold a State

1 convention, may perform all other functions inherent to such  
2 political organization and not inconsistent with this Article.

3 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,  
4 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chairman  
5 of the State central committee of each political party shall  
6 file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a  
7 call for the State convention. Such call shall state, among  
8 other things, the time and place (designating the building or  
9 hall) for holding the State convention. Such call shall be  
10 signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of the  
11 committee. In such convention each county shall be entitled to  
12 one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors  
13 of the party in such county at the primary to be held next  
14 after the issuance of such call; and if in such county, less  
15 than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so  
16 voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one  
17 delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for such  
18 group representing the number of votes over the multiple of  
19 500, which delegate shall have  $1/500$  of one vote for each  
20 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such  
21 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in  
22 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen  
23 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of  
24 delegates be chosen.

25 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeemen when  
26 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though

1 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made  
2 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting  
3 strength of each committeeman shall remain as provided in this  
4 Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

5 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
6 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
7 provided in this Act.

8 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
9 called by the chairman, or by not less than 25% of the members  
10 of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such  
11 committee in writing designating the time and place at which  
12 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is  
13 proposed to present at such special meeting.

14 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a  
15 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman because  
16 no one was elected to that office or because the precinct  
17 committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct or for any other  
18 reason, the chairman of the county central committee of the  
19 appropriate political party may fill the vacancy in such office  
20 by appointment of a qualified resident of the county and the  
21 appointed precinct committeeman shall serve as though elected;  
22 however, no such appointment may be made between the general  
23 primary election and the 30th day after the general primary  
24 election.

25 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
26 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of

1 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
2 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
3 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
4 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
5 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
6 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
7 their terms.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

10 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by  
11 mail or in person as follows:

12 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,  
13 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a  
14 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or  
15 district which comprises more than one county or is partly  
16 in one county and partly in another county or counties,  
17 then, except as otherwise provided in this Section, such  
18 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal  
19 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 113  
20 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
21 primary, but, in the case of petitions for nomination to  
22 fill a vacancy by special election in the office of  
23 representative in Congress from this State, such petition  
24 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of  
25 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 days and not

1 less than 82 days prior to the date of the primary.

2 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,  
3 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
4 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,  
5 petitions for nomination for the office in which the  
6 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office  
7 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less  
8 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary  
9 election.

10 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or  
11 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,  
12 then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the  
13 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
14 than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of  
15 the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or  
16 policies of a national political party conflict with such  
17 requirements for filing petitions for nomination for  
18 delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating  
19 convention, the chairman of the State central committee of  
20 such national political party shall notify the Board in  
21 writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the  
22 national political party in conflict, and in such case the  
23 Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in accordance  
24 with the delegate selection plan adopted by the state  
25 central committee of such national political party.

26 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county



1 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition  
2 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not more  
3 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
4 primary.

5 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal  
6 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be  
7 filed in the office of the local election official, not  
8 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the  
9 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's  
10 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the  
11 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
12 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
13 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
14 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election  
15 authority.

16 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
17 committeeman shall be filed in the principal office of the  
18 State Board of Elections not more than 113 nor less than  
19 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

20 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or  
21 ward committeemen shall be filed in the office of the  
22 county clerk not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior  
23 to the date of the primary.

24 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various  
25 election authorities and local election officials with  
26 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall specify

1 the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt  
2 shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which each  
3 petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons waiting  
4 in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as  
5 of the normal opening hour of the office involved on such  
6 day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal  
7 opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail  
8 and received after midnight of the first day for filing and  
9 in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be  
10 deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the  
11 normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All  
12 petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in  
13 the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more petitions  
14 filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be  
15 deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are  
16 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or  
17 the various election authorities or local election  
18 officials with whom such petitions are filed shall break  
19 ties and determine the order of filing, by means of a  
20 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random  
21 selection approved by the State Board of Elections. Such  
22 lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following the last  
23 day for petition filing and shall be open to the public.  
24 Seven days written notice of the time and place of  
25 conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
26 State Board of Elections to the chairman of the State

1 central committee of each established political party, and  
2 by each election authority or local election official, to  
3 the County Chairman of each established political party,  
4 and to each organization of citizens within the election  
5 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at the  
6 next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on  
7 the day of election. The State Board of Elections, election  
8 authority or local election official shall post in a  
9 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the  
10 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The  
11 State Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations  
12 governing the procedures for the conduct of such lottery.  
13 All candidates shall be certified in the order in which  
14 their petitions have been filed. Where candidates have  
15 filed simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order  
16 determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the  
17 same office at a later time.

18 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate  
19 election authority or local election official with whom  
20 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the  
21 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed of  
22 the obligation to file statements of organization, reports  
23 of campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign  
24 contributions and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act.  
25 Such notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by  
26 paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

1           (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
2           valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a  
3           statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
4           Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with  
5           the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the  
6           filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement  
7           of economic interests in relation to the same governmental  
8           unit with that officer within a year preceding the date on  
9           which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination  
10          papers of any candidate and the statement of economic  
11          interest of that candidate are not required to be filed  
12          with the same officer, the candidate must file with the  
13          officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt  
14          from the officer with whom the statement of economic  
15          interests is filed showing the date on which such statement  
16          was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than  
17          the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

18          (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or  
19          for committeeman or for delegate or alternate delegate to a  
20          national nominating convention has been filed may cause his  
21          name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by him  
22          and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
23          acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal or  
24          permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections or  
25          with the appropriate election authority or local election  
26          official, not later than the date of certification of

1 candidates for the consolidated primary or general primary  
2 ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be certified or printed  
3 on the primary ballot. If petitions for nomination have  
4 been filed for the same person with respect to more than  
5 one political party, his name shall not be certified nor  
6 printed on the primary ballot of any party. If petitions  
7 for nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or  
8 more offices which are incompatible so that the same person  
9 could not serve in more than one of such offices if  
10 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all  
11 but one of such offices within the 5 business days  
12 following the last day for petition filing. A candidate in  
13 a judicial election may file petitions for nomination for  
14 only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only one vacancy in a  
15 circuit in any one filing period, and if petitions for  
16 nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or  
17 more vacancies in the same circuit or subcircuit in the  
18 same filing period, his or her name shall be certified only  
19 for the first vacancy for which the petitions for  
20 nomination were filed. If he fails to withdraw as a  
21 candidate for all but one of such offices within such time  
22 his name shall not be certified, nor printed on the primary  
23 ballot, for any office. For the purpose of the foregoing  
24 provisions, an office in a political party is not  
25 incompatible with any other office.

26 (10) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other

1 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
2 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
3 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
4 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
5 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a  
6 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
7 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted  
8 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward  
9 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
10 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
11 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
12 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
13 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
14 Article, the nomination of an established political party  
15 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
16 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to  
17 be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
18 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
19 office.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
21 statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
22 established political party for any special primary  
23 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
24 office of representative in the United States Congress  
25 where the nomination of such political party for said  
26 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,

1 the nomination of an established political party of a  
2 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be  
3 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be  
4 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
5 seeking the nomination of such established party for  
6 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
7 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
8 scheduled election day.

9 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to  
10 the contrary in subparagraph (a) and (b) of this paragraph  
11 ~~(10)~~, whenever a person who has not timely filed valid  
12 nomination papers and who intends to become a write-in  
13 candidate for a political party's nomination for any office  
14 for which the nomination is uncontested files a written  
15 statement or notice of that intent with the State Board of  
16 Elections or the local election official with whom  
17 nomination papers for such office are filed, no primary  
18 ballot shall be printed. Where no primary is held, a person  
19 intending to become a write-in candidate at the  
20 consolidated primary election shall re-file a declaration  
21 of intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated  
22 election with the appropriate election authority or  
23 authorities ~~a primary ballot shall be prepared and a~~  
24 ~~primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or~~  
25 ~~notice shall be filed on or before the date established in~~  
26 ~~this Article for certifying candidates for the primary~~

1 ~~ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name~~  
2 ~~and address of the person intending to become a write in~~  
3 ~~candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified~~  
4 ~~primary elector of the political party from whom the~~  
5 ~~nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person~~  
6 ~~intends to become a write in candidate for the party's~~  
7 ~~nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a~~  
8 ~~write in candidate. An election authority shall have no~~  
9 ~~duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for~~  
10 ~~any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a~~  
11 ~~statement or notice meeting the requirements of this~~  
12 ~~Section is filed in a timely manner.~~

13 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed  
14 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of  
15 Elections, appropriate election authority or local  
16 election official where the petitions are filed shall  
17 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her  
18 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3  
19 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the  
20 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority  
21 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior  
22 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State  
23 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or  
24 local election official, the last set of petitions filed  
25 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the  
26 State Board of Elections, election authority or local



1 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the  
2 State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
3 election official then only the first set of petitions  
4 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be  
5 void.

6 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for  
7 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
8 not less than 6 months.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-221, eff. 7-31-15.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

11 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of  
12 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination  
13 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such  
14 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the  
15 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,  
16 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for  
17 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons  
18 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and  
19 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the  
20 following election.

21 Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,  
22 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party  
23 for State central committeeman of his congressional district  
24 shall be declared elected State central committeeman from said  
25 congressional district.

1           Unless a national political party specifies that delegates  
2 and alternate delegates to a National nominating convention be  
3 allocated by proportional selection representation according  
4 to the results of a Presidential preference primary, the  
5 requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
6 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
7 National nominating conventions from the State at large, and  
8 the requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
9 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
10 National nominating conventions in their respective  
11 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates  
12 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions  
13 of their party.

14           A political party which elects the members to its State  
15 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
16 Section 7-8 shall select its congressional district delegates  
17 and alternate delegates to its national nominating convention  
18 by proportional selection representation according to the  
19 results of a Presidential preference primary in each  
20 congressional district in the manner provided by the rules of  
21 the national political party and the State Central Committee,  
22 when the rules and policies of the national political party so  
23 require.

24           A political party which elects the members to its State  
25 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
26 Section 7-8 shall select its at large delegates and alternate

1 delegates to its national nominating convention by  
2 proportional selection representation according to the results  
3 of a Presidential preference primary in the whole State in the  
4 manner provided by the rules of the national political party  
5 and the State Central Committee, when the rules and policies of  
6 the national political party so require.

7 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
8 party for precinct committeeman of his precinct shall be  
9 declared elected precinct committeeman from said precinct.

10 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
11 party for township committeeman of his township or part of a  
12 township as the case may be, shall be declared elected township  
13 committeeman from said township or part of a township as the  
14 case may be. In cities where ward committeemen are elected, the  
15 person receiving the highest number of votes of his party for  
16 ward committeeman of his ward shall be declared elected ward  
17 committeeman from said ward.

18 When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest  
19 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
20 committeeman of the same political party, or where more than  
21 one person of the same political party is to be nominated as a  
22 candidate for office or committeeman, if it appears that more  
23 than the number of persons to be nominated for an office or  
24 elected committeeman have the highest and an equal number of  
25 votes for the nomination for the same office or for election as  
26 committeeman, the election authority by which the returns of

1 the primary are canvassed shall decide by lot which of said  
2 persons shall be nominated or elected, as the case may be. In  
3 such case the election authority shall issue notice in writing  
4 to such persons of such tie vote stating therein the place, the  
5 day (which shall not be more than 5 days thereafter) and the  
6 hour when such nomination or election shall be so determined.

7 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who  
8 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in  
9 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities no  
10 more than 106 days before, and not later than 61 days prior to  
11 the primary. However, whenever an objection to a candidate's  
12 nominating papers or petitions for any office is sustained  
13 under Section 10-10 after the 61st day before the election,  
14 then write-in votes shall be counted for that candidate if he  
15 or she has filed a notarized declaration of intent to be a  
16 write-in candidate for that office with the proper election  
17 authority or authorities not later than 7 days prior to the  
18 election.

19 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
20 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. A  
21 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include:

22 (1) the name and address of the person intending to  
23 become a write-in candidate;

24 (2) the office sought;

25 (3) the date of the election; and

26 (4) the notarized signature of the candidate or

1       candidates.

2           A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate that  
3       does not include the information required by paragraphs (1)  
4       through (4) shall not be accepted.

5           Persons intending to become write-in candidates for  
6       the offices of President of the United States and Vice  
7       President of the United States or Governor and Lieutenant  
8       Governor shall file one joint declaration of intent to be a  
9       write-in candidate that identifies the candidate for each  
10       office. ~~Such declaration shall specify the office for which~~  
11       ~~the person seeks nomination or election as a write-in~~  
12       ~~candidate.~~

13       The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list  
14       of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election  
15       judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the primary.

16       (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
17       Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been  
18       printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to  
19       an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the  
20       party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
21       primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's  
22       primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to  
23       the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a  
24       result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of  
25       votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures  
26       required on a petition for nomination for that office; or

1 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of  
2 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names  
3 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or  
4 election to the same office.

5 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply where  
6 the number of candidates whose names have been printed on the  
7 party's ballot for nomination for or election to the office at  
8 the primary equals or exceeds the number of persons the party  
9 is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
10 primary.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

13 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the  
14 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in  
15 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
16 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
17 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
18 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
19 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
20 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable  
21 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general  
22 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered  
23 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team  
24 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election  
25 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are

1 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover  
2 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the  
3 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board  
4 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in  
5 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this  
6 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any  
7 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special  
8 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
9 office of representative in the United States Congress or to  
10 nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county board  
11 passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of election  
12 to 3 for primary elections. In addition, an election authority  
13 may reduce the number of judges of election in each precinct  
14 from 5 to 3 for any election. The tally judges shall possess  
15 the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same  
16 manner and with the same division between political parties as  
17 is provided for judges of election.

18 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of  
19 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,  
20 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
21 appointed in the same manner and with the same division between  
22 political parties as is provided for other judges of election.  
23 The number of such panels of judges required shall be  
24 determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections which  
25 shall base the required numbers of special panels on the number  
26 of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of vote

1 by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any combination  
2 of such factors.

3 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
4 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
5 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
6 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
7 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
8 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
9 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
10 list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central Committee  
11 of the first leading political party in such precinct; and the  
12 county board of commissioners shall also select and approve 2  
13 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from a  
14 certified list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central  
15 Committee of the second leading political party. However, if  
16 only 3 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no  
17 more than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges  
18 of election in the same election precinct; and which political  
19 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
20 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
21 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
22 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
23 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not  
24 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board  
25 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to  
26 precincts. The chairman of each county central committee shall,



1 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the  
2 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,  
3 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside  
4 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the  
5 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit  
6 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each  
7 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit  
8 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each  
9 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county  
10 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each  
11 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such  
12 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
13 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,  
14 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for  
15 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners  
16 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
17 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The  
18 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their  
19 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in  
20 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of  
21 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge  
22 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.  
23 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

25 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the

1 county board shall at its meeting in July in each even-numbered  
2 year except in counties containing a population of 3,000,000  
3 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are appointed  
4 by election commissioners, select in each election precinct in  
5 the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be judges of  
6 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this  
7 Act for such judges. Where neither voting machines nor  
8 electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems are used, the  
9 county board may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
10 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
11 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
12 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
13 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.  
14 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
15 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
16 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
17 pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the  
18 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
19 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
20 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
21 for judges of election.

22 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election  
23 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required  
24 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in  
25 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or  
26 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in

1 the office of representative in the United States Congress or  
2 to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county  
3 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of  
4 election to 3 for primary elections. In addition, an election  
5 authority may reduce the number of judges of election in each  
6 precinct from 5 to 3 for any election.

7 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall  
8 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the  
9 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner  
10 and with the same division between political parties as is  
11 provided for other judges of election. The number of such  
12 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of  
13 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required  
14 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in  
15 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at  
16 recent elections or any combination of such factors.

17 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be  
18 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided  
19 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various  
20 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The  
21 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges  
22 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the  
23 chairman of the County Central Committee of the first leading  
24 political party in such election precinct and shall also select  
25 and approve 2 judges of election in each election precinct from  
26 a certified list furnished by the chairman of the County

1 Central Committee of the second leading political party in such  
2 election precinct. However, if only 3 judges of election serve  
3 in each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same  
4 political party shall be judges of election in the same  
5 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2  
6 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one  
7 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set  
8 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5  
9 election judges in each precinct. The respective County Central  
10 Committee chairman shall notify the county board by June 1 of  
11 each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual  
12 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list  
13 will be filed by such chairman. Such list shall be arranged  
14 according to precincts. The chairman of each county central  
15 committee shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside  
16 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.  
17 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of  
18 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county  
19 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,  
20 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the  
21 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3  
22 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the  
23 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2  
24 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be filed with the  
25 county clerk not less than 20 days before the annual meeting of  
26 the county board. The county board shall acknowledge in writing

1 to each county chairman the names of all persons submitted on  
2 such certified list and the total number of persons listed  
3 thereon. If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete  
4 (that is, no names or an insufficient number of names are  
5 furnished for certain election precincts), the county board  
6 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
7 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided,  
8 further, that in any case where a township has been or shall be  
9 redistricted, in whole or in part, subsequent to one general  
10 election for Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of  
11 election to be selected for all new or altered precincts shall  
12 be selected in that one of the methods above detailed, which  
13 shall be applicable according to the facts and circumstances of  
14 the particular case, but the majority of such judges for each  
15 such precinct shall be selected from the first leading  
16 political party, and the minority judges from the second  
17 leading political party. Provided, further, that in counties  
18 having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the  
19 selection of judges of election shall be made in the same  
20 manner in all respects as in other counties, except that the  
21 provisions relating to tally judges are inapplicable to such  
22 counties and except that the county board shall meet during the  
23 month of January for the purpose of making such selection, each  
24 township committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities  
25 given to the chairman of the county central committee in this  
26 Section for the precincts within his or her township, and the

1 township committee person shall notify the county board by the  
2 preceding October 1 whether or not the certified list will be  
3 filed. Such judges of election shall hold their office for 2  
4 years from their appointment and until their successors are  
5 duly appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county  
6 board shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of  
7 elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

8 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
9 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

10 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

12 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
13 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and  
14 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose no  
15 less than 3 ~~5~~ persons, men or women, as judges of election for  
16 each precinct in such city, village or incorporated town.

17 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical  
18 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election  
19 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
20 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
21 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
22 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
23 addition to the ~~5~~ judges of election chosen under this  
24 subsection a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the  
25 judges of election shall preside over the election during the

1 hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the  
2 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to  
3 Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the  
4 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications  
5 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same  
6 division between political parties as is provided for judges of  
7 election. The foregoing provisions relating to the appointment  
8 of tally judges are inapplicable in counties with a population  
9 of 1,000,000 or more.

10 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

11 (1) be citizens of the United States;

12 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to  
13 the registration requirement of the Sex Offender  
14 Registration Act;

15 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English  
16 language;

17 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of  
18 arithmetic;

19 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

20 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election  
21 and not be elected committeemen;

22 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in  
23 which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
24 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
25 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
26 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not

1 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within  
2 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
3 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the  
4 qualifications of this Section, except as provided in  
5 subsection (c) or (c-5).

6 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
7 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
8 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
9 person serves as a judge, he or she:

10 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

11 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
12 a public or private secondary school;

13 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
14 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

15 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
16 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
17 appointment;

18 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
19 legal guardian;

20 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
21 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
22 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

23 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
24 service as an election judge.

25 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
26 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to



1 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
2 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
3 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

4 Students appointed as election judges under this  
5 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
6 day they serve as judges.

7 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to  
8 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or  
9 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date  
10 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or  
11 she:

12 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

13 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as  
14 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
15 private Illinois university or college;

16 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
17 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

18 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
19 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
20 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

21 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
22 service as an election judge.

23 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
24 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
25 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
26 certify in writing to the election authority the political

1 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

2 Students appointed as election judges under this  
3 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
4 day they serve as judges.

5 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2  
6 additional judges of election, one from each of the major  
7 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any  
8 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section  
9 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications  
10 prescribed in this Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;  
12 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-16.1)

14 Sec. 17-16.1. Write-in votes shall be counted only for  
15 persons who have filed notarized declarations of intent to be  
16 write-in candidates with the proper election authority or  
17 authorities no more than 106 days before, and not later than 61  
18 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a  
19 candidate's nominating papers or petitions for any office is  
20 sustained under Section 10-10 after the 61st day before the  
21 election, then write-in votes shall be counted for that  
22 candidate if he or she has filed a notarized declaration of  
23 intent to be a write-in candidate for that office with the  
24 proper election authority or authorities not later than 7 days  
25 prior to the election.

1 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
2 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. A  
3 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include:

4 (1) the name and address of the person intending to  
5 become a write-in candidate;

6 (2) the office sought;

7 (3) the date of the election; and

8 (4) the notarized signature of the candidate or  
9 candidates.

10 A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate that  
11 does not include the information required by paragraphs (1)  
12 through (4) shall not be accepted.

13 Persons intending to become write-in candidates for  
14 the offices of President of the United States and Vice  
15 President of the United States or Governor and Lieutenant  
16 Governor shall file one joint declaration of intent to be a  
17 write-in candidate that identifies the candidate for each  
18 office. A vote cast for either candidate shall constitute a  
19 valid write-in vote for the team of candidates. ~~Such~~  
20 ~~declaration shall specify the office for which the person~~  
21 ~~seeks election as a write-in candidate.~~

22 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list  
23 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election  
24 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the election.

25 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
26 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated

1 for his or her nomination at the primary election is ineligible  
2 to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for  
3 election in that general or consolidated election.

4 A candidate seeking election to an office for which  
5 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is  
6 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her  
7 nomination at such caucus is ineligible to file a declaration  
8 of intent to be a write-in candidate for election in that  
9 general or consolidated election.

10 A candidate seeking election to an office for which  
11 candidates are nominated at a primary election on a nonpartisan  
12 basis and who is defeated for his or her nomination at the  
13 primary election is ineligible to file a declaration of intent  
14 to be a write-in candidate for election in that general or  
15 consolidated election.

16 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to  
17 votes cast under the provisions of subsection (b) of Section  
18 16-5.01.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/18-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-9.1)

21 Sec. 18-9.1. Write-in votes shall be counted only for  
22 persons who have filed notarized declarations of intent to be  
23 write-in candidates with the proper election authority or  
24 authorities no more than 106 days before, and not later than 61  
25 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a

1 candidate's nominating papers or petitions is sustained under  
2 Section 10-10 after the 61st day before the election, then  
3 write-in votes shall be counted for that candidate if he or she  
4 has filed a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in  
5 candidate for that office with the proper election authority or  
6 authorities not later than 7 days prior to the election.

7 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
8 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. A  
9 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include:

- 10 (1) the name and address of the person intending to  
11 become a write-in candidate;  
12 (2) the office sought;  
13 (3) the date of the election; and  
14 (4) the notarized signature of the candidate or  
15 candidates.

16 A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate that  
17 does not include the information required by paragraphs (1)  
18 through (4) shall not be accepted.

19 Persons intending to become write-in candidates for  
20 the offices of President of the United States and Vice  
21 President of the United States or Governor and Lieutenant  
22 Governor shall file one joint declaration of intent to be a  
23 write-in candidate that identifies the candidate for each  
24 office. A vote cast for either candidate shall constitute a  
25 valid write-in vote for the team of candidates. ~~Such~~  
26 ~~declaration shall specify the office for which the person~~

1 ~~seeks election as a write-in candidate.~~

2 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list  
3 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election  
4 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the election.

5 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
6 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated  
7 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is  
8 ineligible to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in  
9 candidate for election in that general or consolidated  
10 election.

11 A candidate seeking election to an office for which  
12 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is  
13 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her  
14 nomination at such caucus is ineligible to file a declaration  
15 of intent to be a write-in candidate for election in that  
16 general or consolidated election.

17 A candidate seeking election to an office for which  
18 candidates are nominated at a primary election on a nonpartisan  
19 basis and who is defeated for his or her nomination at the  
20 primary election is ineligible to file a declaration of intent  
21 to be a write-in candidate for election in that general or  
22 consolidated election.

23 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to  
24 votes cast under the provisions of subsection (b) of Section  
25 16-5.01.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

2 Sec. 19-3. The application for vote by mail ballot shall be  
3 substantially in the following form:

4 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

5 To be voted at the .... election in the County of .... and  
6 State of Illinois, in the .... precinct of the (1) \*township of  
7 .... (2) \*City of .... or (3) \*.... ward in the City of ....

8 I state that I am a resident of the .... precinct of the  
9 (1) \*township of .... (2) \*City of .... or (3) \*.... ward in  
10 the city of .... residing at .... in such city or town in the  
11 county of .... and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such  
12 address for .... month(s) last past; that I am lawfully  
13 entitled to vote in such precinct at the .... election to be  
14 held therein on ....; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail  
15 ballot.

16 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
17 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall  
18 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same  
19 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election  
20 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than election day,  
21 for counting no later than during the period for counting  
22 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day  
23 following election day.

24 I understand that this application is made for an official  
25 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the

1 election specified in this application and that I must submit a  
2 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
3 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

4 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
5 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
6 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

7 . . . .

8 \*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

9 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

10 .....

11 However, if application is made for a primary election  
12 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to  
13 designate the name of the political party with which the  
14 applicant is affiliated.

15 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall  
16 mark the box associated with the above described statement  
17 included as part of the online application certifying that the  
18 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,  
19 and a signature is not required.

20 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to  
21 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.  
22 Any campaign, party, or other organization or individual that  
23 engages in a vote by mail operation in which voters are sent  
24 applications for vote by mail ballots shall also provide the  
25 voter with a return envelope addressed only to the appropriate  
26 local election authority for that registered voter. Removing,



1 tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on  
2 the application unreadable by the election authority shall  
3 establish a rebuttable presumption of a violation of this  
4 paragraph. Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority  
5 shall accept and promptly process any application for vote by  
6 mail ballot submitted in a form substantially similar to that  
7 required by this Section, including any substantially similar  
8 production or reproduction generated by the applicant.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15;  
10 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/22-19 new)

12 Sec. 22-19. Risk-limiting election audits.

13 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election  
14 authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit before  
15 the certification of the results of an election as provided  
16 under Section 22-18. The determination to conduct a  
17 risk-limiting audit, the scope of an audit, and the uses of the  
18 results of an audit are entirely within the discretion of the  
19 election authority. The provisions of the law regarding the  
20 anonymity of the ballot and chain of custody shall be observed  
21 in any process conducted under this subsection (a).

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election  
23 authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit after  
24 the results of an election have been certified and the period  
25 for filing an election contest has expired. The determination

1 to conduct a risk-limiting audit, the scope of an audit, and  
2 the uses of the results of an audit are entirely within the  
3 discretion of the election authority.

4 (c) The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules to  
5 create a certification process for certifying that the  
6 procedure to be used by an election authority comports with the  
7 requirements of this Section, uses generally-accepted  
8 statistical methods, and meets the standards for best practices  
9 to insure statistically sound results. Upon application by an  
10 election authority, accompanied by a sufficient showing of the  
11 statistical soundness of an election authority's risk-limiting  
12 audit methods, the State Board of Elections may waive the  
13 certification process requirement for that election authority,  
14 notwithstanding the rules adopted under this subsection (c).

15 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "risk-limiting audit"  
16 means a process of examining election materials, including  
17 ballots, under an audit protocol that makes use of statistical  
18 methods and is designed to limit the risk of the certification  
19 of an incorrect election outcome. The method used in a  
20 risk-limiting audit shall be capable of producing an outcome  
21 that demonstrates a strong statistical likelihood that the  
22 outcome of an election is correct."