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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2651

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2651 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 authority's perceived need for new voting equipment, and
2 the costs associated with obtaining new equipment.

3 Each election authority must publish the information
4 submitted under this Section online.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any
25 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
26 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the electors

1 throughout the State or, when required to do so by law, to
2 the voters of any area or unit of local government of the
3 State;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 business hours. Such abstracts, maps and lists shall be
2 preserved as permanent records and shall be available for
3 examination and copying at a reasonable cost;

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

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

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

1 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by
2 election authority and hours of operation on its website at
3 least 5 business days before the period for early voting
4 begins; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

26 (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

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

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

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

12 (d-5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to
13 the contrary, whenever a person who has not timely filed valid
14 nomination papers and who intends to become a write-in
15 candidate for a political party's nomination in the
16 consolidated primary election for any office for which the
17 nomination is uncontested files a written statement or notice
18 of that intent with the State Board of Elections or the local
19 election official with whom nomination papers for such office
20 are filed, no primary ballot shall be printed. Where no primary
21 is held, a person intending to become a write-in candidate at
22 the consolidated primary election may re-file a declaration of
23 intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated election
24 with the appropriate election authority or authorities.

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

26 (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

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

2 Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain
3 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the
4 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the
5 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A
6 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but
7 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in
8 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to
9 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee
10 for each congressional district, a county central committee for
11 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,
12 incorporated town or village, a ward committeeman for each ward
13 in cities containing a population of 500,000 or more; a
14 township committeeman for each township or part of a township
15 that lies outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or
16 more, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or more; a
17 precinct committeeman for each precinct in counties having a
18 population of less than 2,000,000; a county board district
19 committee for each county board district created under Division
20 2-3 of the Counties Code; a State's Attorney committee for each
21 group of 2 or more counties which jointly elect a State's
22 Attorney; a Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service
23 Region committee for each group of 2 or more counties which
24 jointly elect a Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational
25 Service Region; a judicial district committee for each judicial

1 district; a judicial circuit committee for each judicial
2 circuit; a judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit
3 divided into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that
4 circuit; and a board of review election district committee for
5 each Cook County Board of Review election district; and a
6 Committee for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;
8 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

10 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed of
11 one or two members from each congressional district in the
12 State and shall be elected as follows:

13 State Central Committee

14 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective
15 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each
16 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections
17 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the
18 State central committee of that party.

19 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general
20 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary
21 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of
22 the State central committee for the congressional district in
23 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of
24 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeman from
25 the district. A political party may, in lieu of the foregoing,

1 by a majority vote of delegates at any State convention of such
2 party, determine to thereafter elect the State central
3 committeemen in the manner following:

4 At the county convention held by such political party,
5 State central committeemen shall be elected in the same manner
6 as provided in this Article for the election of officers of the
7 county central committee, and such election shall follow the
8 election of officers of the county central committee. Each
9 elected ward, township or precinct committeeman shall cast as
10 his vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township,
11 part of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary
12 election of his political party. In the case of a county lying
13 partially within one congressional district and partially
14 within another congressional district, each ward, township or
15 precinct committeeman shall vote only with respect to the
16 congressional district in which his ward, township, part of a
17 township or precinct is located. In the case of a congressional
18 district which encompasses more than one county, each ward,
19 township or precinct committeeman residing within the
20 congressional district shall cast as his vote one vote for each
21 ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township or
22 precinct in the last preceding primary election of his
23 political party for one candidate of his party for member of
24 the State central committee for the congressional district in
25 which he resides and the Chairman of the county central
26 committee shall report the results of the election to the State

1 Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall certify
2 the candidate receiving the highest number of votes elected
3 State central committeeman for that congressional district.

4 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide
5 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of
6 members of the State central committee.

7 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act
8 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman of
9 a State central committee, or at the end of the term of office
10 of Chairman, the State central committee of each political
11 party that has selected Alternative A shall elect a Chairman
12 who shall not be required to be a member of the State Central
13 Committee. The Chairman shall be a registered voter in this
14 State and of the same political party as the State central
15 committee.

16 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within
17 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a
18 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for
19 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of
20 the State central committee until his or her successor is
21 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each
22 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting
23 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In
24 each congressional district at the general primary election
25 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate
26 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male

1 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female
2 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's
3 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be
4 declared elected State central committeeman and State central
5 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary
6 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a
7 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State
8 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the
9 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
10 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State
11 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a
12 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a
13 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second
14 member of the State central committee from the district. This
15 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional
16 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to
17 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional
18 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or
19 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each
20 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting
21 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

22 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as
23 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the
24 committee's members.

25 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the
26 selection of the Chairman of the State central committee, under

1 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central committee
2 of each political party shall be composed of members elected or
3 appointed from the several congressional districts of the
4 State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The
5 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days
6 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in
7 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a chairman,
8 and may at such time elect such officers from among their own
9 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient.
10 The outgoing chairman of the State central committee of the
11 party shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of
12 the State central committee elected at the primary of the time
13 and place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings
14 of the State central committee, each State central committeeman
15 and State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each
16 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the
17 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
18 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central
19 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central
20 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled
21 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees
22 of the political party of the counties located within the
23 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs and, if
24 applicable, the ward and township committeemen of the political
25 party in counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants located
26 within the congressional district. If the congressional

1 district in which the vacancy occurs lies wholly within a
2 county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the ward and township
3 committeemen of the political party in that congressional
4 district shall vote to fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the
5 vacancy, each chairman of a county central committee and each
6 ward and township committeeman in counties of 2,000,000 or more
7 inhabitants shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each
8 precinct of the congressional district in which the vacancy
9 exists of his or her county, township, or ward cast by the
10 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
11 immediately preceding the meeting to fill the vacancy in the
12 State central committee. The person appointed to fill the
13 vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional district in
14 which the vacancy occurs, shall be a qualified voter, and, in a
15 committee composed as provided in Alternative B, shall be of
16 the same sex as his or her predecessor. A political party may,
17 by a majority vote of the delegates of any State convention of
18 such party, determine to return to the election of State
19 central committeeman and State central committeewoman by the
20 vote of primary electors. Any action taken by a political party
21 at a State convention in accordance with this Section shall be
22 reported to the State Board of Elections by the chairman and
23 secretary of such convention within 10 days after such action.

24 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeemen

25 (b) At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary
26 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in

1 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one
2 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeman. Each
3 candidate for ward committeeman must be a resident of and in
4 the ward where he seeks to be elected ward committeeman. The
5 one having the highest number of votes shall be such ward
6 committeeman of such party for such ward. At the primary
7 election in 1970 and at the general primary election every 4
8 years thereafter, each primary elector in counties containing a
9 population of 2,000,000 or more, outside of cities containing a
10 population of 200,000 or more, may vote for one candidate of
11 his party for township committeeman. Each candidate for
12 township committeeman must be a resident of and in the township
13 or part of a township (which lies outside of a city having a
14 population of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a
15 population of 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part
16 of a township he seeks to be elected township committeeman. The
17 one having the highest number of votes shall be such township
18 committeeman of such party for such township or part of a
19 township. At the primary in 1970 and at the general primary
20 election every 2 years thereafter, each primary elector, except
21 in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or over, may vote
22 for one candidate of his party in his precinct for precinct
23 committeeman. Each candidate for precinct committeeman must be
24 a bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be
25 elected precinct committeeman. The one having the highest
26 number of votes shall be such precinct committeeman of such

1 party for such precinct. The official returns of the primary
2 shall show the name of the committeeman of each political
3 party.

4 Terms of Committeemen. All precinct committeemen elected
5 under the provisions of this Article shall continue as such
6 committeemen until the date of the primary to be held in the
7 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided
8 in this Section for certain State central committeemen who have
9 2 year terms, all State central committeemen, township
10 committeemen and ward committeemen shall continue as such
11 committeemen until the date of primary to be held in the fourth
12 year after their election. However, a vacancy exists in the
13 office of precinct committeeman when a precinct committeeman
14 ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was elected and
15 such precinct committeeman shall thereafter neither have nor
16 exercise any rights, powers or duties as committeeman in that
17 precinct, even if a successor has not been elected or
18 appointed.

19 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of
20 the precinct committeemen of such party, in the multi-township
21 assessing district formed pursuant to Section 2-10 of the
22 Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the purposes set
23 forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In the
24 organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central
25 Committee each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for
26 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of

1 his party at the primary at which he was elected.

2 County Central Committee

3 (d) The county central committee of each political party in
4 each county shall consist of the various township committeemen,
5 precinct committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of such
6 party in the county. In the organization and proceedings of the
7 county central committee, each precinct committeeman shall
8 have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by the
9 primary electors of his party at the primary at which he was
10 elected; each township committeeman shall have one vote for
11 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the
12 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary
13 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the
14 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the
15 county central committee; and in the organization and
16 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward
17 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
18 ward by the primary electors of his party at the primary
19 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the
20 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the
21 county central committee.

22 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

23 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of
24 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the
25 various township committeemen and ward committeemen, if any, of
26 that party in the portions of the county composing the board of

1 review election district. In the organization and proceedings
2 of each of the 3 election district committees, each township
3 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
4 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by
5 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary
6 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of
7 review election district committee; and in the organization and
8 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each
9 ward committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in
10 his or her ward or part of that ward, as the case may be, by the
11 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
12 immediately preceding the meeting of the board of review
13 election district committee.

14 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Committee

15 (d-2) The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
16 Committee of each political party in Cook County shall consist
17 of the various township committeemen and ward committeemen, if
18 any, of that party in the portions of the County composing the
19 district. In the organization and proceedings of the Committee,
20 each township committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot
21 voted in his or her township or part of a township, as the case
22 may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the
23 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the board
24 of review election district committee; and in the organization
25 and proceedings of the Committee, each ward committeeman shall
26 have one vote for each ballot voted in his or her ward or part

1 of that ward, as the case may be, by the primary electors of
2 his or her party at the primary election immediately preceding
3 the meeting of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
4 Committee. This Committee may only make nominations to fill a
5 vacancy in nomination under Sections 7-60 and 7-61.

6 Congressional Committee

7 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each
8 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the
9 county central committees of the counties composing the
10 congressional district, except that in congressional districts
11 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, the
12 precinct committeemen, township committeemen and ward
13 committeemen, if any, of the party representing the precincts
14 within the limits of the congressional district, shall compose
15 the congressional committee. A State central committeeman in
16 each district shall be a member and the chairman or, when a
17 district has 2 State central committeemen, a co-chairman of the
18 congressional committee, but shall not have the right to vote
19 except in case of a tie.

20 In the organization and proceedings of congressional
21 committees composed of precinct committeemen or township
22 committeemen or ward committeemen, or any combination thereof,
23 each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot
24 voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his party at
25 the primary at which he was elected, each township committeeman
26 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his township or

1 part of a township as the case may be by the primary electors
2 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
3 meeting of the congressional committee, and each ward
4 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each
5 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by
6 the primary electors of his party at the primary election
7 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional
8 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of
9 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county
10 central committees of the counties within such district, each
11 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote
12 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of
13 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
14 meeting of the congressional committee.

15 Judicial District Committee

16 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party
17 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chairman of
18 the county central committees of the counties composing the
19 judicial district.

20 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district
21 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central
22 committees of the counties within such district, each chairman
23 of such county central committee shall have one vote for each
24 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party
25 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of
26 the judicial district committee. A judicial district committee

1 may only make nominations to fill a vacancy in nomination under
2 Sections 7-60 and 7-61.

3 Circuit Court Committee

4 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in
5 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of
6 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties
7 composing the judicial circuit.

8 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court
9 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall
10 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the
11 primary electors of his party at the primary election
12 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court
13 committee. A circuit court committee may only make nominations
14 to fill a vacancy in nomination under Sections 7-60 and 7-61.

15 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

16 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political
17 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided
18 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township
19 committeemen of the townships and wards composing the judicial
20 subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct committeemen of
21 the precincts composing the judicial subcircuit in any county
22 other than Cook County.

23 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial
24 subcircuit committee, each township committeeman shall have
25 one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part of a
26 township, as the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the

1 primary electors of his party at the primary election
2 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit
3 committee; each precinct committeeman shall have one vote for
4 each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as the
5 case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors
6 of his party at the primary election immediately preceding the
7 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward
8 committeeman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
9 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial
10 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary
11 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial
12 subcircuit committee. A judicial subcircuit committee may only
13 make nominations to fill a vacancy in nomination under Sections
14 7-60 and 7-61.

Municipal Central Committee

15
16 (h) The municipal central committee of each political party
17 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward
18 committeemen, as the case may be, of such party representing
19 the precincts or wards, embraced in such city, incorporated
20 town or village. The voting strength of each precinct, township
21 or ward committeeman on the municipal central committee shall
22 be the same as his voting strength on the county central
23 committee.

24 For political parties, other than a statewide political
25 party, established only within a municipality or township, the
26 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of

1 the party officers of the local established party. The party
2 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the
3 chairman and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities
4 and townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by
5 caucus shall serve as party officers for the purpose of filling
6 vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61; for municipalities
7 and townships authorized by statute or ordinance to nominate
8 candidates by petition and primary election, the party officers
9 shall be the party's candidates who are nominated at the
10 primary. If no party primary was held because of the provisions
11 of Section 7-5, vacancies in nomination shall be filled by the
12 party's remaining candidates who shall serve as the party's
13 officers.

14 Powers

15 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers
16 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers
17 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.
18 The several committees herein provided for shall not have power
19 to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other
20 person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed
21 to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership
22 proper and necessary subcommittees.

23 (j) The State central committee of a political party which
24 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this
25 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate
26 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy

1 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by
2 a national political party.

3 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a
4 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State
5 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State
6 central committee of a political party which elects its members
7 by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy
8 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township
9 committeemen, if any, of the wards and townships which lie
10 entirely or partially within the Congressional District from
11 which the absent State central committeeman or committeewoman
12 was elected and the vote of the chairmen of the county central
13 committees of those counties which lie entirely or partially
14 within that Congressional District and in which there are no
15 ward or township committeemen. When voting for such proxy, the
16 county chairman, ward committeeman or township committeeman,
17 as the case may be, shall have one vote for each ballot voted
18 in his county, ward or township, or portion thereof within the
19 Congressional District, by the primary electors of his party at
20 the primary at which he was elected. However, the absent State
21 central committeeman or committeewoman may designate a proxy
22 when permitted by the rules of a political party which elects
23 its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this
24 Section.

25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is
26 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any

1 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is
2 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of
3 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of
4 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall
5 automatically become vacant.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

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

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

10 (a) On the 27th ~~29th~~ day next succeeding the primary at
11 which committeemen are elected, the county central committee of
12 each political party shall meet within the county and proceed
13 to organize by electing from its own number a chairman and
14 either from its own number, or otherwise, such other officers
15 as such committee may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting
16 of the county central committee shall be known as the county
17 convention. Such convention shall not be scheduled to conflict
18 with a scheduled session of the General Assembly. If the county
19 central committee is unable to organize on the 27th day, the
20 convention may be recessed. If the convention is recessed, it
21 shall be to a date and time certain on or before the 36th day
22 next succeeding the primary at which committeemen are elected.
23 Notice of the recessed convention, including the recessed date
24 and time shall be given to each committeeman.

25 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10 days

1 after the organization, forward to the State Board of
2 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,
3 precinct committeemen and representative committeemen elected
4 by his political party.

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

25 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political
26 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph

1 (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State Convention,
2 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, ex officio.

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

8 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the
9 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.
10 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chairman of
11 a State central committee may issue a call for a State
12 convention within 180 days after the general primary.

13 The State convention of each political party, if the party
14 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make
15 nominations of candidates of its political party for the
16 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,
17 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined
18 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to
19 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to
20 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee
21 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the
22 State convention.

23 (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention, if
24 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2
25 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of
26 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses

1 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors
2 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of
3 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and
4 alternate delegates at large to national nominating
5 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by such
6 State convention for electors of President and Vice President
7 of the United States, shall be caused by the State Board of
8 Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at the general
9 election, in the manner required by law, and shall be certified
10 to the various county clerks of the proper counties in the
11 manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the
12 certifying of the names of persons nominated by any party for
13 State offices. If and as long as this Act prescribes that the
14 names of such electors be not printed on the ballot, then the
15 names of such electors shall be certified in such manner as may
16 be prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

17 (d) Each convention, if the party chooses to hold a State
18 convention, may perform all other functions inherent to such
19 political organization and not inconsistent with this Article.

20 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,
21 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chairman
22 of the State central committee of each political party shall
23 file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a
24 call for the State convention. Such call shall state, among
25 other things, the time and place (designating the building or
26 hall) for holding the State convention. Such call shall be

1 signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of the
2 committee. In such convention each county shall be entitled to
3 one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors
4 of the party in such county at the primary to be held next
5 after the issuance of such call; and if in such county, less
6 than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so
7 voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one
8 delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for such
9 group representing the number of votes over the multiple of
10 500, which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each
11 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such
12 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in
13 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen
14 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of
15 delegates be chosen.

16 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeemen when
17 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though
18 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made
19 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting
20 strength of each committeeman shall remain as provided in this
21 Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

22 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in
23 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as
24 provided in this Act.

25 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be
26 called by the chairman, or by not less than 25% of the members

1 of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such
2 committee in writing designating the time and place at which
3 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is
4 proposed to present at such special meeting.

5 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a
6 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman because
7 no one was elected to that office or because the precinct
8 committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct or for any other
9 reason, the chairman of the county central committee of the
10 appropriate political party may fill the vacancy in such office
11 by appointment of a qualified resident of the county and the
12 appointed precinct committeeman shall serve as though elected;
13 however, no such appointment may be made between the general
14 primary election and the 30th day after the general primary
15 election.

16 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State
17 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of
18 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,
19 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a
20 political party which elects its State Central Committee by
21 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of
22 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve
23 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of
24 their terms.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

4 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,
5 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a
6 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or
7 district which comprises more than one county or is partly
8 in one county and partly in another county or counties,
9 then, except as otherwise provided in this Section, such
10 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal
11 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 113
12 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of the
13 primary, but, in the case of petitions for nomination to
14 fill a vacancy by special election in the office of
15 representative in Congress from this State, such petition
16 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of
17 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 days and not
18 less than 82 days prior to the date of the primary.

19 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,
20 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period
21 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,
22 petitions for nomination for the office in which the
23 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office
24 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less
25 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary
26 election.

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

17 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county
18 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition
19 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not more
20 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the
21 primary.

22 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal
23 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be
24 filed in the office of the local election official, not
25 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the
26 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's

1 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the
2 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
3 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office
4 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office
5 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election
6 authority.

7 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central
8 committeeman shall be filed in the principal office of the
9 State Board of Elections not more than 113 nor less than
10 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

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

15 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various
16 election authorities and local election officials with
17 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall specify
18 the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt
19 shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which each
20 petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons waiting
21 in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as
22 of the normal opening hour of the office involved on such
23 day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal
24 opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail
25 and received after midnight of the first day for filing and
26 in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be

1 deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the
2 normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All
3 petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in
4 the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more petitions
5 filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be
6 deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are
7 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or
8 the various election authorities or local election
9 officials with whom such petitions are filed shall break
10 ties and determine the order of filing, by means of a
11 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random
12 selection approved by the State Board of Elections. Such
13 lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following the last
14 day for petition filing and shall be open to the public.
15 Seven days written notice of the time and place of
16 conducting such random selection shall be given by the
17 State Board of Elections to the chairman of the State
18 central committee of each established political party, and
19 by each election authority or local election official, to
20 the County Chairman of each established political party,
21 and to each organization of citizens within the election
22 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at the
23 next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on
24 the day of election. The State Board of Elections, election
25 authority or local election official shall post in a
26 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the

1 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The
2 State Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations
3 governing the procedures for the conduct of such lottery.
4 All candidates shall be certified in the order in which
5 their petitions have been filed. Where candidates have
6 filed simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order
7 determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the
8 same office at a later time.

9 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate
10 election authority or local election official with whom
11 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the
12 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed of
13 the obligation to file statements of organization, reports
14 of campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign
15 contributions and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act.
16 Such notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by
17 paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

18 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not
19 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a
20 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
21 Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with
22 the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the
23 filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement
24 of economic interests in relation to the same governmental
25 unit with that officer within a year preceding the date on
26 which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination

1 papers of any candidate and the statement of economic
2 interest of that candidate are not required to be filed
3 with the same officer, the candidate must file with the
4 officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt
5 from the officer with whom the statement of economic
6 interests is filed showing the date on which such statement
7 was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than
8 the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

9 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or
10 for committeeman or for delegate or alternate delegate to a
11 national nominating convention has been filed may cause his
12 name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by him
13 and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take
14 acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal or
15 permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections or
16 with the appropriate election authority or local election
17 official, not later than the date of certification of
18 candidates for the consolidated primary or general primary
19 ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be certified or printed
20 on the primary ballot. If petitions for nomination have
21 been filed for the same person with respect to more than
22 one political party, his name shall not be certified nor
23 printed on the primary ballot of any party. If petitions
24 for nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or
25 more offices which are incompatible so that the same person
26 could not serve in more than one of such offices if

1 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all
2 but one of such offices within the 5 business days
3 following the last day for petition filing. A candidate in
4 a judicial election may file petitions for nomination for
5 only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only one vacancy in a
6 circuit in any one filing period, and if petitions for
7 nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or
8 more vacancies in the same circuit or subcircuit in the
9 same filing period, his or her name shall be certified only
10 for the first vacancy for which the petitions for
11 nomination were filed. If he fails to withdraw as a
12 candidate for all but one of such offices within such time
13 his name shall not be certified, nor printed on the primary
14 ballot, for any office. For the purpose of the foregoing
15 provisions, an office in a political party is not
16 incompatible with any other office.

17 (10) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
18 statute, no primary shall be held for an established
19 political party in any township, municipality, or ward
20 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every
21 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,
22 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a
23 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested
24 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted
25 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward
26 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in

1 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided
2 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices
3 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for
4 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this
5 Article, the nomination of an established political party
6 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to
7 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to
8 be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
9 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such
10 office.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
12 statute, no primary election shall be held for an
13 established political party for any special primary
14 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
15 office of representative in the United States Congress
16 where the nomination of such political party for said
17 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,
18 the nomination of an established political party of a
19 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be
20 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be
21 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
22 seeking the nomination of such established party for
23 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not
24 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly
25 scheduled election day.

26 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to

1 ~~the contrary in subparagraph (a) and (b) of this paragraph~~
2 ~~(10)~~, whenever a person who has not timely filed valid
3 nomination papers and who intends to become a write-in
4 candidate for a political party's nomination for any office
5 for which the nomination is uncontested files a written
6 statement or notice of that intent with the State Board of
7 Elections or the local election official with whom
8 nomination papers for such office are filed, no primary
9 ballot shall be printed. Where no primary is held, a person
10 intending to become a write-in candidate at the
11 consolidated primary election shall re-file a declaration
12 of intent to be a write-in candidate for the consolidated
13 election with the appropriate election authority or
14 authorities a primary ballot shall be prepared and a
15 primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or
16 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in
17 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary
18 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name
19 and address of the person intending to become a write in
20 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified
21 primary elector of the political party from whom the
22 nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person
23 intends to become a write in candidate for the party's
24 nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a
25 write in candidate. An election authority shall have no
26 duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for

1 ~~any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a~~
2 ~~statement or notice meeting the requirements of this~~
3 ~~Section is filed in a timely manner.~~

4 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed
5 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of
6 Elections, appropriate election authority or local
7 election official where the petitions are filed shall
8 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her
9 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3
10 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the
11 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority
12 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior
13 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State
14 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
15 local election official, the last set of petitions filed
16 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the
17 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
18 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the
19 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
20 election official then only the first set of petitions
21 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be
22 void.

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

2 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of
3 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination
4 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such
5 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the
6 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,
7 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for
8 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons
9 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and
10 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the
11 following election.

12 Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,
13 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party
14 for State central committeeman of his congressional district
15 shall be declared elected State central committeeman from said
16 congressional district.

17 Unless a national political party specifies that delegates
18 and alternate delegates to a National nominating convention be
19 allocated by proportional selection representation according
20 to the results of a Presidential preference primary, the
21 requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of
22 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to
23 National nominating conventions from the State at large, and
24 the requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of
25 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to

1 National nominating conventions in their respective
2 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates
3 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions
4 of their party.

5 A political party which elects the members to its State
6 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of
7 Section 7-8 shall select its congressional district delegates
8 and alternate delegates to its national nominating convention
9 by proportional selection representation according to the
10 results of a Presidential preference primary in each
11 congressional district in the manner provided by the rules of
12 the national political party and the State Central Committee,
13 when the rules and policies of the national political party so
14 require.

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

24 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his
25 party for precinct committeeman of his precinct shall be
26 declared elected precinct committeeman from said precinct.

1 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his
2 party for township committeeman of his township or part of a
3 township as the case may be, shall be declared elected township
4 committeeman from said township or part of a township as the
5 case may be. In cities where ward committeemen are elected, the
6 person receiving the highest number of votes of his party for
7 ward committeeman of his ward shall be declared elected ward
8 committeeman from said ward.

9 When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest
10 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for
11 committeeman of the same political party, or where more than
12 one person of the same political party is to be nominated as a
13 candidate for office or committeeman, if it appears that more
14 than the number of persons to be nominated for an office or
15 elected committeeman have the highest and an equal number of
16 votes for the nomination for the same office or for election as
17 committeeman, the election authority by which the returns of
18 the primary are canvassed shall decide by lot which of said
19 persons shall be nominated or elected, as the case may be. In
20 such case the election authority shall issue notice in writing
21 to such persons of such tie vote stating therein the place, the
22 day (which shall not be more than 5 days thereafter) and the
23 hour when such nomination or election shall be so determined.

24 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who
25 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in
26 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities no

1 more than 106 days before, and not later than 61 days prior to
2 the primary. However, whenever an objection to a candidate's
3 nominating papers or petitions for any office is sustained
4 under Section 10-10 after the 61st day before the election,
5 then write-in votes shall be counted for that candidate if he
6 or she has filed a notarized declaration of intent to be a
7 write-in candidate for that office with the proper election
8 authority or authorities not later than 7 days prior to the
9 election.

10 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in
11 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. A
12 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include:

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

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

22 Persons intending to become write-in candidates for
23 the offices of President of the United States and Vice
24 President of the United States or Governor and Lieutenant
25 Governor shall file one joint declaration of intent to be a
26 write-in candidate that identifies the candidate for each

1 office. ~~Such declaration shall specify the office for which~~
2 ~~the person seeks nomination or election as a write-in~~
3 ~~candidate.~~

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

7 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
8 Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been
9 printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to
10 an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the
11 party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the
12 primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's
13 primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to
14 the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a
15 result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of
16 votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures
17 required on a petition for nomination for that office; or
18 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of
19 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names
20 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or
21 election to the same office.

22 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply where
23 the number of candidates whose names have been printed on the
24 party's ballot for nomination for or election to the office at
25 the primary equals or exceeds the number of persons the party
26 is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the

1 primary.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

4 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the
5 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in
6 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5
7 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of
8 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting
9 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems
10 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
11 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable
12 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general
13 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered
14 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team
15 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election
16 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
17 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
18 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
19 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board
20 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in
21 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this
22 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
23 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
24 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
25 office of representative in the United States Congress or to

1 nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county board
2 passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of election
3 to 3 for primary elections. In addition, an election authority
4 may reduce the number of judges of election in each precinct
5 from 5 to 3 for any election. The tally judges shall possess
6 the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same
7 manner and with the same division between political parties as
8 is provided for judges of election.

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

20 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as
21 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3
22 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges
23 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The
24 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county
25 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as
26 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified

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

1 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
2 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such
3 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
4 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,
5 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for
6 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners
7 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
8 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The
9 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their
10 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in
11 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of
12 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge
13 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

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

15 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

16 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the
17 county board shall at its meeting in July in each even-numbered
18 year except in counties containing a population of 3,000,000
19 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are appointed
20 by election commissioners, select in each election precinct in
21 the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be judges of
22 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this
23 Act for such judges. Where neither voting machines nor
24 electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems are used, the
25 county board may, for any precinct with respect to which the

1 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of
2 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any
3 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
4 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.
5 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the
6 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally
7 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated
8 pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the
9 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same
10 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and
11 with the same division between political parties as is provided
12 for judges of election.

13 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election
14 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required
15 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in
16 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or
17 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in
18 the office of representative in the United States Congress or
19 to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county
20 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of
21 election to 3 for primary elections. In addition, an election
22 authority may reduce the number of judges of election in each
23 precinct from 5 to 3 for any election.

24 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall
25 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
26 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner

1 and with the same division between political parties as is
2 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
3 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of
4 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
5 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
6 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at
7 recent elections or any combination of such factors.

8 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
9 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
10 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various
11 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The
12 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges
13 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the
14 chairman of the County Central Committee of the first leading
15 political party in such election precinct and shall also select
16 and approve 2 judges of election in each election precinct from
17 a certified list furnished by the chairman of the County
18 Central Committee of the second leading political party in such
19 election precinct. However, if only 3 judges of election serve
20 in each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same
21 political party shall be judges of election in the same
22 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2
23 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one
24 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set
25 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5
26 election judges in each precinct. The respective County Central

1 Committee chairman shall notify the county board by June 1 of
2 each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual
3 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list
4 will be filed by such chairman. Such list shall be arranged
5 according to precincts. The chairman of each county central
6 committee shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside
7 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.
8 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of
9 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county
10 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,
11 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the
12 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3
13 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the
14 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2
15 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be filed with the
16 county clerk not less than 20 days before the annual meeting of
17 the county board. The county board shall acknowledge in writing
18 to each county chairman the names of all persons submitted on
19 such certified list and the total number of persons listed
20 thereon. If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete
21 (that is, no names or an insufficient number of names are
22 furnished for certain election precincts), the county board
23 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
24 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided,
25 further, that in any case where a township has been or shall be
26 redistricted, in whole or in part, subsequent to one general

1 election for Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of
2 election to be selected for all new or altered precincts shall
3 be selected in that one of the methods above detailed, which
4 shall be applicable according to the facts and circumstances of
5 the particular case, but the majority of such judges for each
6 such precinct shall be selected from the first leading
7 political party, and the minority judges from the second
8 leading political party. Provided, further, that in counties
9 having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the
10 selection of judges of election shall be made in the same
11 manner in all respects as in other counties, except that the
12 provisions relating to tally judges are inapplicable to such
13 counties and except that the county board shall meet during the
14 month of January for the purpose of making such selection, each
15 township committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities
16 given to the chairman of the county central committee in this
17 Section for the precincts within his or her township, and the
18 township committeeperson shall notify the county board by the
19 preceding October 1 whether or not the certified list will be
20 filed. Such judges of election shall hold their office for 2
21 years from their appointment and until their successors are
22 duly appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county
23 board shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
24 elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

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

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

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

8 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical
9 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election
10 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the
11 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of
12 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any
13 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
14 addition to the ~~5~~ judges of election chosen under this
15 subsection a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the
16 judges of election shall preside over the election during the
17 hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the
18 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to
19 Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the
20 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications
21 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same
22 division between political parties as is provided for judges of
23 election. The foregoing provisions relating to the appointment
24 of tally judges are inapplicable in counties with a population
25 of 1,000,000 or more.

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

2 (1) be citizens of the United States;

3 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to
4 the registration requirement of the Sex Offender
5 Registration Act;

6 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English
7 language;

8 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of
9 arithmetic;

10 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

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

13 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in
14 which they are selected to serve, except that in each
15 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be
16 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so
17 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not
18 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within
19 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such
20 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the
21 qualifications of this Section, except as provided in
22 subsection (c) or (c-5).

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

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

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

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

6 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the
7 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
8 appointment;

9 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
10 legal guardian;

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

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

16 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
17 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
18 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
19 certify in writing to the election authority the political
20 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

21 Students appointed as election judges under this
22 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
23 day they serve as judges.

24 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to
25 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or
26 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date

1 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or
2 she:

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

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

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

9 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course
10 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,
11 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

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

14 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
15 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
16 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
17 certify in writing to the election authority the political
18 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

19 Students appointed as election judges under this
20 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
21 day they serve as judges.

22 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2
23 additional judges of election, one from each of the major
24 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any
25 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section
26 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications

1 prescribed in this Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;
3 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-16.1)

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

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

- 20 (1) the name and address of the person intending to
21 become a write-in candidate;
22 (2) the office sought;
23 (3) the date of the election; and
24 (4) the notarized signature of the candidate or
25 candidates.

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

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

16 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a
17 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated
18 for his or her nomination at the primary election is ineligible
19 to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for
20 election in that general or consolidated election.

21 A candidate seeking election to an office for which
22 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is
23 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her
24 nomination at such caucus is ineligible to file a declaration
25 of intent to be a write-in candidate for election in that
26 general or consolidated election.

1 A candidate seeking election to an office for which
2 candidates are nominated at a primary election on a nonpartisan
3 basis and who is defeated for his or her nomination at the
4 primary election is ineligible to file a declaration of intent
5 to be a write-in candidate for election in that general or
6 consolidated election.

7 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to
8 votes cast under the provisions of subsection (b) of Section
9 16-5.01.

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

11 (10 ILCS 5/18-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-9.1)

12 Sec. 18-9.1. Write-in votes shall be counted only for
13 persons who have filed notarized declarations of intent to be
14 write-in candidates with the proper election authority or
15 authorities no more than 106 days before, and not later than 61
16 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a
17 candidate's nominating papers or petitions is sustained under
18 Section 10-10 after the 61st day before the election, then
19 write-in votes shall be counted for that candidate if he or she
20 has filed a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in
21 candidate for that office with the proper election authority or
22 authorities not later than 7 days prior to the election.

23 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in
24 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. A
25 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall include:

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

3 (2) the office sought;

4 (3) the date of the election; and

5 (4) the notarized signature of the candidate or
6 candidates.

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

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

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

22 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a
23 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated
24 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is
25 ineligible to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in
26 candidate for election in that general or consolidated

1 election.

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

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

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

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

21 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

22 To be voted at the election in the County of and
23 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
24 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

25 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the

1 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
2 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
3 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
4 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
5 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
6 held therein on; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail
7 ballot.

8 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
9 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
10 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
11 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
12 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than election day,
13 for counting no later than during the period for counting
14 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
15 following election day.

16 I understand that this application is made for an official
17 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the
18 election specified in this application and that I must submit a
19 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or
20 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

21 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
22 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
23 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

24

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

26 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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2 However, if application is made for a primary election
3 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
4 designate the name of the political party with which the
5 applicant is affiliated.

6 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
7 mark the box associated with the above described statement
8 included as part of the online application certifying that the
9 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
10 and a signature is not required.

11 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to
12 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.
13 Any campaign, party, or other organization or individual that
14 engages in a vote by mail operation in which voters are sent
15 applications for vote by mail ballots shall also provide the
16 voter with a return envelope addressed only to the appropriate
17 local election authority for that registered voter. Removing,
18 tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on
19 the application unreadable by the election authority shall
20 establish a rebuttable presumption of a violation of this
21 paragraph. Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority
22 shall accept and promptly process any application for vote by
23 mail ballot submitted in a form substantially similar to that
24 required by this Section, including any substantially similar
25 production or reproduction generated by the applicant.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15;

1 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/22-19 new)

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

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election
5 authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit before
6 the certification of the results of an election as provided
7 under Section 22-18. The determination to conduct a
8 risk-limiting audit, the scope of an audit, and the uses of the
9 results of an audit are entirely within the discretion of the
10 election authority. The provisions of the law regarding the
11 anonymity of the ballot and chain of custody shall be observed
12 in any process conducted under this subsection (a).

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election
14 authority is authorized to conduct a risk-limiting audit after
15 the results of an election have been certified and the period
16 for filing an election contest has expired. The determination
17 to conduct a risk-limiting audit, the scope of an audit, and
18 the uses of the results of an audit are entirely within the
19 discretion of the election authority.

20 (c) The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules to
21 create a certification process for certifying that the
22 procedure to be used by an election authority comports with the
23 requirements of this Section, uses generally-accepted
24 statistical methods, and meets the standards for best practices
25 to insure statistically sound results. Upon application by an

1 election authority, accompanied by a sufficient showing of the
2 statistical soundness of an election authority's risk-limiting
3 audit methods, the State Board of Elections may waive the
4 certification process requirement for that election authority,
5 notwithstanding the rules adopted under this subsection (c).

6 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "risk-limiting audit"
7 means a process of examining election materials, including
8 ballots, under an audit protocol that makes use of statistical
9 methods and is designed to limit the risk of the certification
10 of an incorrect election outcome. The method used in a
11 risk-limiting audit shall be capable of producing an outcome
12 that demonstrates a strong statistical likelihood that the
13 outcome of an election is correct.

14 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
15 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
17 January 1, 2019, except that this Section and the changes to
18 Sections 1-17, 1A-8, 13-1, 13-2, 14-1, 19-3, and 22-19 of the
19 Election Code take effect upon becoming law."