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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2
10 ILCS 5/7-1	from Ch. 46, par. 7-1
10 ILCS 5/7-2	from Ch. 46, par. 7-2
10 ILCS 5/7-7	from Ch. 46, par. 7-7
10 ILCS 5/7-8	from Ch. 46, par. 7-8
10 ILCS 5/7-9	from Ch. 46, par. 7-9
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/7-12	from Ch. 46, par. 7-12
10 ILCS 5/7-13	from Ch. 46, par. 7-13
10 ILCS 5/7-19	from Ch. 46, par. 7-19
10 ILCS 5/7-51	from Ch. 46, par. 7-51
10 ILCS 5/7-53	from Ch. 46, par. 7-53
10 ILCS 5/7-56	from Ch. 46, par. 7-56
10 ILCS 5/7-58	from Ch. 46, par. 7-58
10 ILCS 5/7-59	from Ch. 46, par. 7-59
10 ILCS 5/8-5	from Ch. 46, par. 8-5

Amends the Election Code. Removes ward committeepersons for each ward in cities containing a population of 500,000 or more and township committeepersons for each township or part of a township that lies outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or more, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or more. Makes conforming changes throughout the Code.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2A-1.2, 7-1, 7-2, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10, 7-12, 7-13,  
6 7-19, 7-51, 7-53, 7-56, 7-58, 7-59, and 8-5 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

8 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated schedule of elections - offices  
9 designated.

10 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
11 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or  
12 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

13 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
14 United States;

15 (2) United States Senator and United States  
16 Representative;

17 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

18 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

19 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
20 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
21 elected President of the County Board or County Chief  
22 Executive;

23 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

1           (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in  
2           counties or educational service regions in which that  
3           office has been abolished;

4           (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
5           Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and  
6           newly created judicial offices;

7           (9) (Blank);

8           (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of  
9           Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary Districts;

10          (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
11          designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
12          authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual  
13          election and permits or requires election of candidates of  
14          political parties.

15          (b) At the general primary election:

16           (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political  
17           parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled  
18           at the general election in that year, except where pursuant  
19           to law nomination of candidates of political parties is  
20           made by caucus.

21           (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the  
22           political party offices of State central committeeperson,  
23           ~~township committeeperson, ward committeeperson,~~ and  
24           precinct committeeperson shall be filled and delegates and  
25           alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions  
26           shall be elected as may be required pursuant to this Code.

1 In the even-numbered years in which a Presidential election  
2 is to be held, candidates in the Presidential preference  
3 primary shall also be on the ballot.

4 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality  
5 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal  
6 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article  
7 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal  
8 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of  
9 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held  
10 on the date of the general primary election, provided that  
11 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election  
12 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan  
13 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to  
14 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at  
15 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6  
16 weeks preceding that election.

17 (4) in each school district which has adopted the  
18 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to  
19 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in  
20 the year in which the general primary is held shall be  
21 elected.

22 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate  
23 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

24 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in  
25 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other  
26 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates

1 of political parties, the runoff election where required by  
2 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,  
3 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and  
4 provided further, in the case of municipal officers  
5 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of  
6 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of  
7 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be  
8 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided  
9 by such ordinance;

10 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

11 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

12 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

13 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

14 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
15 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
16 authorizing the creation of the district permits or  
17 requires election of candidates of political parties;

18 (7) Township officers, including township park  
19 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
20 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
21 Assessors;

22 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

23 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which  
24 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

25 (10) The directors and chair of the Chain O Lakes - Fox  
26 River Waterway Management Agency;

1           (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected  
2           under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District  
3           Act;

4           (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
5           trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
6           trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
7           counties or educational service regions having a  
8           population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of  
9           boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school  
10          districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

11          (13) Members of Community College district boards;

12          (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

13          (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan  
14          Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

15          (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
16          Districts;

17          (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
18          otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
19          governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
20          political parties.

21          (d) At the consolidated primary election in each  
22          odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be  
23          nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated  
24          election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination  
25          of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and  
26          except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of

1 subsection (c).

2 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
3 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen  
4 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for  
5 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law  
6 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff  
7 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be  
8 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a  
9 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law  
10 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates  
11 of political parties.

12 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
13 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or  
14 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by  
15 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality  
16 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

17 (e) (Blank).

18 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, public  
19 questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this Code and  
20 any special election otherwise required or authorized by law or  
21 by court order may be conducted pursuant to this Code.

22 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers  
23 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for  
24 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are  
25 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the  
26 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so

1 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial  
2 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

3 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
4 officials established in this Article, any community college  
5 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant  
6 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or  
7 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board  
8 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the  
9 effective date of the new district.

10 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in  
11 any precinct there are no offices or public questions required  
12 to be on the ballot under this Code then no election shall be  
13 held in the precinct on that date.

14 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance with  
15 the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

16 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-1)

18 Sec. 7-1. Application of Article.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the  
20 nomination of all candidates for all elective State,  
21 congressional, judicial, and county officers, State's  
22 Attorneys (whether elected from a single county or from more  
23 than one county), city, village, and incorporated town and  
24 municipal officers, trustees of sanitary districts, township  
25 officers in townships of over 5,000 population coextensive with



1 or included wholly within cities or villages not under the  
2 commission form of government, precinct, ~~township, ward,~~ and  
3 State central committee persons, and delegates and alternate  
4 delegates to national nominating conventions by all political  
5 parties, as defined in Section 7-2 of this Article 7, shall be  
6 made in the manner provided in this Article 7 and not  
7 otherwise. The nomination of candidates for electors of  
8 President and Vice President of the United States shall be made  
9 only in the manner provided for in Section 7-9 of this Article.

10 (b) This Article 7 shall not apply to (i) the nomination of  
11 candidates for school elections and township elections, except  
12 in those townships specifically mentioned in subsection (a) and  
13 except in those cases in which a township central committee  
14 determines under Section 6A-2 of the Township Law of 1874 or  
15 Section 45-55 of the Township Code that its candidates for  
16 township offices shall be nominated by primary in accordance  
17 with this Article, (ii) the nomination of park commissioners in  
18 park districts organized under the Park District Code, (iii)  
19 the nomination of officers of cities and villages organized  
20 under special charters, or (iv) the nomination of municipal  
21 officers for cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a  
22 population of 5,000 or less, except where a city, village, or  
23 incorporated town with a population of 5,000 or less has by  
24 ordinance determined that political parties shall nominate  
25 candidates for municipal office in the city, village, or  
26 incorporated town by primary in accordance with this Article.

1 In that event, the municipal clerk shall certify the ordinance  
2 to the proper election officials no later than November 15 in  
3 the year preceding the consolidated primary election.

4 (c) The words "township officers" or "township offices"  
5 shall be construed, when used in this Article, to include  
6 supervisors.

7 (d) As provided in Sections 3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60 of  
8 the Illinois Municipal Code, a village may adopt a system of  
9 nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of  
10 village officers.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-2)

13 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election  
14 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,  
15 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the  
16 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the  
17 State, and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this  
18 Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect  
19 precinct, ~~township, ward~~ and State central committee persons as  
20 herein provided.

21 A political party, which at the general election for State  
22 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more  
23 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any  
24 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political  
25 party within the meaning of this Article, within such

1 congressional district, and shall nominate its candidate for  
2 Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof. A  
3 political party, which at the general election for State and  
4 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5  
5 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby  
6 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
7 Article, within said county, and shall nominate all county  
8 officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall  
9 elect precinct, ~~township, and ward~~ committeepersons, as herein  
10 provided. +

11 A political party, which at the municipal election for  
12 city, village, or incorporated town officers then next  
13 preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the entire  
14 vote cast in any city, or village, or incorporated town is  
15 hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning of  
16 this Article, within said city, village, or incorporated town,  
17 and shall nominate all city, village, or incorporated town  
18 officers in said city, or village, or incorporated town under  
19 the provisions hereof to the extent and in the cases provided  
20 in Section 7-1.

21 A political party, which at the municipal election for town  
22 officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per  
23 cent of the entire vote cast in said town, is hereby declared  
24 to be a political party within the meaning of this Article,  
25 within said town, and shall nominate all town officers in said  
26 town under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the cases

1 provided in Section 7-1.

2 A political party, which at the municipal election in any  
3 other municipality or political subdivision, (except townships  
4 and school districts), for municipal or other officers therein  
5 then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the  
6 entire vote cast in such municipality or political subdivision,  
7 is hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning  
8 of this Article, within said municipality or political  
9 subdivision, and shall nominate all municipal or other officers  
10 therein under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the  
11 cases provided in Section 7-1.

12 Provided, that no political organization or group shall be  
13 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a  
14 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or  
15 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi, or other  
16 un-American principles and engages in activities or propaganda  
17 designed to teach subservience to the political principles and  
18 ideals of foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the  
19 established constitutional form of government of the United  
20 States and the State of Illinois.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19; revised 9-18-18.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-7)

23 Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain  
24 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the  
25 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the

1 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A  
2 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but  
3 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in  
4 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to  
5 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee  
6 for each congressional district, a county central committee for  
7 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,  
8 incorporated town or village, ~~a ward committeeperson for each~~  
9 ~~ward in cities containing a population of 500,000 or more; a~~  
10 ~~township committeeperson for each township or part of a~~  
11 ~~township that lies outside of cities having a population of~~  
12 ~~200,000 or more, in counties having a population of 2,000,000~~  
13 ~~or more;~~ a precinct committeeperson for each precinct in a  
14 county ~~counties having a population of less than 2,000,000;~~ a  
15 county board district committee for each county board district  
16 created under Division 2-3 of the Counties Code; a State's  
17 Attorney committee for each group of 2 or more counties which  
18 jointly elect a State's Attorney; a Superintendent of  
19 Multi-County Educational Service Region committee for each  
20 group of 2 or more counties which jointly elect a  
21 Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service Region; a  
22 judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit divided  
23 into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that circuit.  
24 ~~; and a board of review election district committee for each~~  
25 ~~Cook County Board of Review election district.~~

26 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

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

5 State Central Committee

6 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective  
7 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each  
8 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections  
9 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the  
10 State central committee of that party.

11 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general  
12 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary  
13 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of  
14 the State central committee for the congressional district in  
15 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of  
16 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeperson  
17 from the district. A political party may, in lieu of the  
18 foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State  
19 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the  
20 State central committeepersons in the manner following:

21 At the county convention held by such political party,  
22 State central committeepersons shall be elected in the same  
23 manner as provided in this Article for the election of officers  
24 of the county central committee, and such election shall follow  
25 the election of officers of the county central committee. Each

1 elected ~~ward, township or~~ precinct committeeperson shall cast  
2 as his vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ~~ward,~~  
3 ~~township, part of a township or~~ precinct in the last preceding  
4 primary election of his political party. In the case of a  
5 county lying partially within one congressional district and  
6 partially within another congressional district, each ~~ward,~~  
7 ~~township or~~ precinct committeeperson shall vote only with  
8 respect to the congressional district in which his ~~ward,~~  
9 ~~township, part of a township or~~ precinct is located. In the  
10 case of a congressional district which encompasses more than  
11 one county, each ~~ward, township or~~ precinct committeeperson  
12 residing within the congressional district shall cast as his  
13 vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ~~ward, township, part~~  
14 ~~of a township or~~ precinct in the last preceding primary  
15 election of his political party for one candidate of his party  
16 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
17 district in which he resides and the Chair of the county  
18 central committee shall report the results of the election to  
19 the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections  
20 shall certify the candidate receiving the highest number of  
21 votes elected State central committeeperson for that  
22 congressional district.

23 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide  
24 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of  
25 members of the State central committee.

26 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act

1 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair of a  
2 State central committee, or at the end of the term of office of  
3 Chair, the State central committee of each political party that  
4 has selected Alternative A shall elect a Chair who shall not be  
5 required to be a member of the State Central Committee. The  
6 Chair shall be a registered voter in this State and of the same  
7 political party as the State central committee.

8 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within  
9 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a  
10 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
11 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
12 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
13 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each  
14 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
15 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
16 each congressional district at the general primary election  
17 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
18 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
19 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female  
20 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's  
21 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be  
22 declared elected State central committeeman and State central  
23 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary  
24 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a  
25 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State  
26 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the



1 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
2 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State  
3 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a  
4 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
5 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
6 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
7 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional  
8 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
9 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
10 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or  
11 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each  
12 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
13 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

14 The Chair of a State central committee composed as provided  
15 in this Alternative B must be selected from the committee's  
16 members.

17 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the  
18 selection of the Chair of the State central committee, under  
19 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central committee  
20 of each political party shall be composed of members elected or  
21 appointed from the several congressional districts of the  
22 State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The  
23 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days  
24 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in  
25 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a Chair, and  
26 may at such time elect such officers from among their own

1 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient.  
2 The outgoing chair of the State central committee of the party  
3 shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of the  
4 State central committee elected at the primary of the time and  
5 place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings of  
6 the State central committee, each State central committeeman  
7 and State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each  
8 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the  
9 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
10 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central  
11 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central  
12 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled  
13 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees  
14 of the political party of the counties located within the  
15 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs. ~~and, if~~  
16 ~~applicable, the ward and township committeepersons of the~~  
17 ~~political party in counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants~~  
18 ~~located within the congressional district. If the~~  
19 ~~congressional district in which the vacancy occurs lies wholly~~  
20 ~~within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the ward and~~  
21 ~~township committeepersons of the political party in that~~  
22 ~~congressional district shall vote to fill the vacancy.~~ In  
23 voting to fill the vacancy, each chair of a county central  
24 committee ~~and each ward and township committeeperson in~~  
25 ~~counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants~~ shall have one vote  
26 for each ballot voted in each precinct of the congressional

1 district in which the vacancy exists of his or her county<sup>7</sup>  
2 ~~township, or ward~~ cast by the primary electors of his or her  
3 party at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting  
4 to fill the vacancy in the State central committee. The person  
5 appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the  
6 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs, shall be a  
7 qualified voter, and, in a committee composed as provided in  
8 Alternative B, shall be of the same sex as his or her  
9 predecessor. A political party may, by a majority vote of the  
10 delegates of any State convention of such party, determine to  
11 return to the election of State central committeeman and State  
12 central committeewoman by the vote of primary electors. Any  
13 action taken by a political party at a State convention in  
14 accordance with this Section shall be reported to the State  
15 Board of Elections by the chair and secretary of such  
16 convention within 10 days after such action.

17 ~~Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons~~

18 (b) ~~At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary~~  
19 ~~election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in~~  
20 ~~cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one~~  
21 ~~candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeperson.~~  
22 ~~Each candidate for ward committeeperson must be a resident of~~  
23 ~~and in the ward where he seeks to be elected ward~~  
24 ~~committeeperson. The one having the highest number of votes~~  
25 ~~shall be such ward committeeperson of such party for such ward.~~  
26 ~~At the primary election in 1970 and at the general primary~~

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

23       Terms of Committeepersons. All precinct committeepersons  
24 elected under the provisions of this Article shall continue as  
25 such committeepersons until the date of the primary to be held  
26 in the second year after their election. ~~Except as otherwise~~

1 ~~provided in this Section for certain State central~~  
2 ~~committeepersons who have 2 year terms, all State central~~  
3 ~~committeepersons, township committeepersons and ward~~  
4 ~~committeepersons shall continue as such committeepersons until~~  
5 ~~the date of primary to be held in the fourth year after their~~  
6 ~~election.~~ However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct  
7 committeeperson when a precinct committeeperson ceases to  
8 reside in the precinct in which he was elected and such  
9 precinct committeeperson shall thereafter neither have nor  
10 exercise any rights, powers or duties as committeeperson in  
11 that precinct, even if a successor has not been elected or  
12 appointed.

13 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of  
14 the precinct committeepersons of such party, in the  
15 multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to Section  
16 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the  
17 purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In  
18 the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central  
19 Committee each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote for  
20 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of  
21 his party at the primary at which he was elected.

22 County Central Committee

23 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
24 each county shall consist of the various ~~township~~  
25 ~~committeepersons,~~ precinct committeepersons ~~and ward~~  
26 ~~committeepersons, if any,~~ of such party in the county. In the

1 organization and proceedings of the county central committee,  
2 each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote for each  
3 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his  
4 party at the primary at which he was elected.  ~~; each township  
5 committeeperson shall have one vote for each ballot voted in  
6 his township or part of a township as the case may be by the  
7 primary electors of his party at the primary election for the  
8 nomination of candidates for election to the General Assembly  
9 immediately preceding the meeting of the county central  
10 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of the  
11 county central committee, each ward committeeperson shall have  
12 one vote for each ballot voted in his ward by the primary  
13 electors of his party at the primary election for the  
14 nomination of candidates for election to the General Assembly  
15 immediately preceding the meeting of the county central  
16 committee.~~

17 ~~Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee~~

18 ~~(d 1) Each board of review election district committee of  
19 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
20 various township committeepersons and ward committeepersons,  
21 if any, of that party in the portions of the county composing  
22 the board of review election district. In the organization and  
23 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
24 township committeeperson shall have one vote for each ballot  
25 voted in his or her township or part of a township, as the case  
26 may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the~~

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

9 Congressional Committee

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

23 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
24 committees composed of precinct committeepersons ~~or township~~  
25 ~~committeepersons or ward committeepersons, or any combination~~  
26 ~~thereof,~~ each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote for

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

19 Judicial District Committee

20 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
21 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chair of the  
22 county central committees of the counties composing the  
23 judicial district.

24 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
25 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
26 committees of the counties within such district, each chair of



1 such county central committee shall have one vote for each  
2 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party  
3 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of  
4 the judicial district committee.

5 Circuit Court Committee

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

10 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
11 committees, each chair of a county central committee shall have  
12 one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the primary  
13 electors of his party at the primary election immediately  
14 preceding the meeting of the circuit court committee.

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 ~~committeepersons of the townships and wards composing the~~  
20 ~~judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct~~  
21 ~~committeepersons of the precincts composing the judicial~~  
22 ~~subcircuit in any county other than Cook County.~~

23 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial  
24 subcircuit committee, ~~each township committeeperson 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 committeeperson shall have one vote  
4 for each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as  
5 the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary  
6 electors of his party at the primary election immediately  
7 preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee. ~~†~~  
8 ~~and each ward committeeperson shall have one vote for each~~  
9 ~~ballot voted in his ward or part of a ward, as the case may be,~~  
10 ~~in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party~~  
11 ~~at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of~~  
12 ~~the judicial subcircuit committee.~~

13 Municipal Central Committee

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

22 For political parties, other than a statewide political  
23 party, established only within a municipality or township, the  
24 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of  
25 the party officers of the local established party. The party  
26 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the

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

#### 12 Powers

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

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

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

23           Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
24 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
25 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
26 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of

1 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
2 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
3 automatically become vacant.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

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

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

8 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
9 committeepersons are elected, the county central committee of  
10 each political party shall meet within the county and proceed  
11 to organize by electing from its own number a chair and either  
12 from its own number, or otherwise, such other officers as such  
13 committee may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the  
14 county central committee shall be known as the county  
15 convention.

16 The chair of each county committee shall within 10 days  
17 after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
18 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
19 precinct committeepersons and representative committeepersons  
20 elected by his political party.

21 The county convention of each political party shall choose  
22 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party  
23 chooses to hold a State convention. ~~but in any county having~~  
24 ~~within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or~~  
25 ~~over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the~~

1 ~~ward committeepersons from the respective wards choosing the~~  
2 ~~number of delegates to which such ward is entitled on the basis~~  
3 ~~prescribed in paragraph (c) of this Section such delegates to~~  
4 ~~be members of the delegation to the State convention from such~~  
5 ~~county. In all counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or~~  
6 ~~more outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or more,~~  
7 ~~the delegates from each of the townships or parts of townships~~  
8 ~~as the case may be shall be chosen by townships or parts of~~  
9 ~~townships as the case may be, the township committeepersons~~  
10 ~~from the respective townships or parts of townships as the case~~  
11 ~~may be choosing the number of delegates to which such townships~~  
12 ~~or parts of townships as the case may be are entitled, on the~~  
13 ~~basis prescribed in paragraph (c) of this Section such~~  
14 ~~delegates to be members of the delegation to the State~~  
15 ~~convention from such county.~~

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

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

25 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the  
26 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.

1 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chair of a  
2 State central committee may issue a call for a State convention  
3 within 180 days after the general primary.

4 The State convention of each political party, if the party  
5 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make  
6 nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
7 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
8 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined  
9 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
10 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
11 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee  
12 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the  
13 State convention.

14 (c) The chair and secretary of each State convention, if  
15 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2  
16 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of  
17 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses  
18 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors  
19 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of  
20 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and  
21 alternate delegates at large to national nominating  
22 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by such  
23 State convention for electors of President and Vice President  
24 of the United States, shall be caused by the State Board of  
25 Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at the general  
26 election, in the manner required by law, and shall be certified

1 to the various county clerks of the proper counties in the  
2 manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the  
3 certifying of the names of persons nominated by any party for  
4 State offices. If and as long as this Act prescribes that the  
5 names of such electors be not printed on the ballot, then the  
6 names of such electors shall be certified in such manner as may  
7 be prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

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

11 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,  
12 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chair of  
13 the State central committee of each political party shall file  
14 in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a call  
15 for the State convention. Such call shall state, among other  
16 things, the time and place (designating the building or hall)  
17 for holding the State convention. Such call shall be signed by  
18 the chair and attested by the secretary of the committee. In  
19 such convention each county shall be entitled to one delegate  
20 for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors of the party  
21 in such county at the primary to be held next after the  
22 issuance of such call; and if in such county, less than 500  
23 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so voted is  
24 not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one delegate for  
25 such group which is less than 500, or for such group  
26 representing the number of votes over the multiple of 500,



1 which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each primary  
2 vote so represented by him. The call for such convention shall  
3 set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in full and shall  
4 direct that the number of delegates to be chosen be calculated  
5 in compliance herewith and that such number of delegates be  
6 chosen.

7 (f) All precinct, ~~township and ward~~ committeepersons when  
8 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though  
9 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made  
10 in precinct, ~~township or ward~~ boundaries and the voting  
11 strength of each committeeperson shall remain as provided in  
12 this Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

13 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
14 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
15 provided in this Act.

16 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
17 called by the chair, or by not less than 25% of the members of  
18 such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such  
19 committee in writing designating the time and place at which  
20 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is  
21 proposed to present at such special meeting.

22 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a  
23 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson  
24 because no one was elected to that office or because the  
25 precinct committeeperson ceases to reside in the precinct or  
26 for any other reason, the chair of the county central committee

1 of the appropriate political party may fill the vacancy in such  
2 office by appointment of a qualified resident of the county and  
3 the appointed precinct committeeperson shall serve as though  
4 elected; however, no such appointment may be made between the  
5 general primary election and the 30th day after the general  
6 primary election.

7 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
8 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of  
9 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
10 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
11 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
12 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
13 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
14 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
15 their terms.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

18 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
19 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, ~~or~~  
20 ~~township committeeperson,~~ or precinct committeeperson, ~~or ward~~  
21 ~~committeeperson~~ or candidate for delegate or alternate  
22 delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed  
23 upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has  
24 been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in  
25 substantially the following form:

1 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the  
 2 .... party and qualified primary electors of the .... party, in  
 3 the .... of ....., in the county of .... and State of Illinois,  
 4 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons  
 5 shall be a candidate or candidates of the .... party for the  
 6 nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for election to)  
 7 the office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at  
 8 the primary election to be held on (insert date).

9	Name	Office	Address
10	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
11	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	Peoria, Ill.
12	Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

13 Name..... Address.....

14 State of Illinois)

15 ) ss.

16 County of.....)

17 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....  
 18 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 19 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 20 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 21 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 22 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at  
 23 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the ....  
 24 party, and that their respective residences are correctly

1 stated, as above set forth.

2 .....

3 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

4 .....

5 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
6 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
7 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate  
8 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or  
9 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the  
10 office, the political party represented and place of residence;  
11 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

12 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors  
13 residing in the political division for which the nomination is  
14 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the  
15 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be  
16 written or printed. The residence address required to be  
17 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's  
18 name shall include the street address or rural route number of  
19 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,  
20 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or  
21 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors  
22 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors  
23 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village  
24 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in  
25 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.

1 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a  
2 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or  
3 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street  
4 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as  
5 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying  
6 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed  
7 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are  
8 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that  
9 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last  
10 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that  
11 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90  
12 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and  
13 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief  
14 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the  
15 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a  
16 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before  
17 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

21 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
22 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
23 signature from the petition, provided that:

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

26 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a

1 certification listing the page number and line number of  
2 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
3 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

4 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
5 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
6 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
7 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
8 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
9 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition  
10 sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
11 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections  
12 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the  
13 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or  
14 duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part  
15 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates  
16 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This  
17 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the  
18 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
19 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which  
20 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified  
21 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state  
22 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a  
23 licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he  
24 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing  
25 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the  
26 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the

1 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall  
 2 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some  
 3 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State  
 4 and shall be in substantially the following form:

5 Statement of Candidacy

6	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
7	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
8		Belvidere,			
9		Illinois			

10 State of Illinois)

11 ) ss.

12 County of .....)

13 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
 14 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
 15 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
 16 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
 17 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
 18 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the  
 19 office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to be  
 20 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including  
 21 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility  
 22 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold  
 23 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the  
 24 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic  
 25 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act

1 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official  
2 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case  
3 of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates)  
4 such office.

5 Signed .....

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

8 Signed .....

9 (Official Character)

10 (Seal, if officer has one.)

11 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
12 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation  
13 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
14 authority or local election official with whom the petition is  
15 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
16 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
17 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction  
18 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

19 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
20 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
21 his or her petition for nomination.

22 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
23 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or  
24 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating  
25 convention elected from the State at-large, then the



1 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000  
2 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

3 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
4 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for  
5 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or  
6 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating  
7 convention elected from a congressional district, then the  
8 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
9 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
10 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional  
11 district. In the first primary election following a  
12 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's  
13 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of  
14 qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party  
15 in his or her congressional district.

16 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any  
17 countywide office, including but not limited to county board  
18 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large  
19 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's  
20 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
21 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or  
22 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election  
23 in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county  
24 board member elected from a county board district, then the  
25 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
26 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary

1 electors of his or her party in the county board district. In  
2 the first primary election following a redistricting of county  
3 board districts or the initial establishment of county board  
4 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
5 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
6 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who  
7 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by  
8 the total number of county board districts comprising the  
9 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of  
10 signatures be less than 25.

11 (d) County office; Cook County only.

12 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office  
13 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
14 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
15 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
16 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in  
17 Cook County.

18 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
19 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
20 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to  
21 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party  
22 in his or her county board district. In the first primary  
23 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of  
24 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for  
25 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
26 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party

1 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding  
2 general election divided by the total number of county  
3 board districts comprising the county board; provided that  
4 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

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

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

1 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a  
2 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the  
3 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
4 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
5 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary  
6 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or  
7 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial  
8 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for  
9 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at  
10 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate  
11 of that political party who received the highest number of  
12 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election  
13 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
14 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or  
15 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less  
16 than 25.

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

22 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
23 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not  
24 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
25 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
26 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the

1 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a  
2 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,  
3 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at  
4 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary  
5 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary  
6 district. In the first primary election following  
7 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a  
8 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
9 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward  
10 of that sanitary district.

11 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for  
12 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition  
13 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to  
14 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the  
15 candidate for his or her political party for the office of  
16 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was  
17 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a  
18 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or  
19 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
20 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number  
21 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her  
22 political party who received the highest number of votes at the  
23 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same  
24 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,  
25 but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and  
26 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500

1 signatures in every other Judicial District.

2 (i) Precinct, ~~ward, and township~~ committeeperson. If a  
3 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the  
4 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10  
5 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the  
6 precinct. ~~If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,~~  
7 ~~then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no~~  
8 ~~less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary~~  
9 ~~electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%~~  
10 ~~of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of~~  
11 ~~signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is~~  
12 ~~greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township~~  
13 ~~committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination~~  
14 ~~must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%~~  
15 ~~of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,~~  
16 ~~but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the~~  
17 ~~maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum~~  
18 ~~number, whichever is greater.~~

19 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools  
20 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
21 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
22 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
23 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
24 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
25 comprising the counties.

26 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other

1 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
2 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
3 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
4 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
5 whichever is greater.

6 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors  
7 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the  
8 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party  
9 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the  
10 last general election in the State at which electors for  
11 President of the United States were elected. For political  
12 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
13 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
14 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
15 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at  
16 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
17 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political  
18 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
19 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
20 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
21 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
22 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward  
23 or district.

24 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
25 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
26 party.

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

4           Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
5 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
6 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
7 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
8 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
9 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

10          (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

11           (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

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



1 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of  
2 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 days and not  
3 less than 82 days prior to the date of the primary.

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

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

1 central committee of such national political party.

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

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

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

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

26 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various

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

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

20 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate  
21 election authority or local election official with whom  
22 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the  
23 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed of  
24 the obligation to file statements of organization, reports  
25 of campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign  
26 contributions and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act.

1           Such notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by  
2           paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

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

20          (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or  
21          for committeeperson or for delegate or alternate delegate  
22          to a national nominating convention has been filed may  
23          cause his name to be withdrawn by request in writing,  
24          signed by him and duly acknowledged before an officer  
25          qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in  
26          the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board

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

1 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

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

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

1 where the nomination of such political party for said  
2 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,  
3 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  
7 seeking the nomination of such established party for  
8 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
9 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
10 scheduled election day.

11 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
12 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
13 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to  
14 become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
15 nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
16 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
17 intent with the State Board of Elections or the local  
18 election official with whom nomination papers for such  
19 office are filed, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a  
20 primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or  
21 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in  
22 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary  
23 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name  
24 and address of the person intending to become a write-in  
25 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified  
26 primary elector of the political party from whom the



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

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

1 void.

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

5 (Source: P.A. 99-221, eff. 7-31-15; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-13)

7 Sec. 7-13. ~~The board of election commissioners in cities of~~  
8 ~~500,000 or more population having such board, shall constitute~~  
9 ~~an electoral board for the hearing and passing upon objections~~  
10 ~~to nomination petitions for ward committeepersons.~~

11 ~~Such objections shall be filed in the office of the county~~  
12 ~~clerk within 5 business days after the last day for filing~~  
13 ~~nomination papers. The objection shall state the name and~~  
14 ~~address of the objector, who may be any qualified elector in~~  
15 ~~the ward, the specific grounds of objection and the relief~~  
16 ~~requested of the electoral board. Upon the receipt of the~~  
17 ~~objection, the county clerk shall forthwith transmit such~~  
18 ~~objection and the petition of the candidate to the board of~~  
19 ~~election commissioners. The board of election commissioners~~  
20 ~~shall forthwith notify the objector and candidate objected to~~  
21 ~~of the time and place for hearing hereon. After a hearing upon~~  
22 ~~the validity of such objections, the board shall certify to the~~  
23 ~~county clerk its decision stating whether or not the name of~~  
24 ~~the candidate shall be printed on the ballot and the county~~  
25 ~~clerk in his or her certificate to the board of election~~

1 ~~commissioners shall leave off of the certificate the name of~~  
2 ~~the candidate for ward committeeperson that the election~~  
3 ~~commissioners order not to be printed on the ballot. However,~~  
4 ~~the decision of the board of election commissioners is subject~~  
5 ~~to judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1.~~

6 The county electoral board composed as provided in Section  
7 10-9 shall constitute an electoral board for the hearing and  
8 passing upon objections to nomination petitions for precinct  
9 ~~and township~~ committeepersons. Such objections shall be filed  
10 in the office of the county clerk within 5 business days after  
11 the last day for filing nomination papers. The objection shall  
12 state the name and address of the objector who may be any  
13 qualified elector in the precinct ~~or in the township or part of~~  
14 ~~a township that lies outside of a city having a population of~~  
15 ~~500,000 or more,~~ the specific grounds of objection and the  
16 relief requested of the electoral board. Upon the receipt of  
17 the objection the county clerk shall forthwith transmit such  
18 objection and the petition of the candidate to the chair of the  
19 county electoral board. The chair of the county electoral board  
20 shall forthwith notify the objector, the candidate whose  
21 petition is objected to and the other members of the electoral  
22 board of the time and place for hearing thereon. After hearing  
23 upon the validity of such objections the board shall certify  
24 its decision to the county clerk stating whether or not the  
25 name of the candidate shall be printed on the ballot, and the  
26 county clerk, in his or her certificate to the board of

1 election commissioners, shall leave off of the certificate the  
2 name of the candidate ordered by the board not to be printed on  
3 the ballot, and the county clerk shall also refrain from  
4 printing on the official primary ballot, the name of any  
5 candidate whose name has been ordered by the electoral board  
6 not to be printed on the ballot. However, the decision of the  
7 board is subject to judicial review as provided in Section  
8 10-10.1.

9 In such proceedings the electoral boards have the same  
10 powers as other electoral boards under the provisions of  
11 Section 10-10 of this Act and their decisions are subject to  
12 judicial review under Section 10-10.1.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

15 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for  
16 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in  
17 the manner following:

18 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
19 printed in large capital letters, words designating the ballot,  
20 if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall be:  
21 "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
22 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and in  
23 like manner for each political party.

24 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning not  
25 less than one inch below designating words, the name of each

1 office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters. Such  
2 names may be printed on the ballot either in a single column or  
3 in 2 or more columns and in the following order, to-wit:

4 President of the United States, State offices,  
5 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be  
6 elected from the State at large to National nominating  
7 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected  
8 from congressional districts to National nominating  
9 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,  
10 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial  
11 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town  
12 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be  
13 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, ~~township or ward~~  
14 committeepersons. If two or more columns are used, the  
15 foregoing offices to and including member of the State central  
16 committee shall be listed in the left-hand column and  
17 Senatorial offices, as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the  
18 first offices listed in the second column.

19 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
20 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for not  
21 more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no candidate  
22 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons  
23 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,  
24 then below the title of that office the election authority  
25 instead shall print "No Candidate".

26 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or

1 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
2 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
3 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or (b)  
4 no official designation, depending upon the action taken by the  
5 State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of this Act.

6 Below the name of each office shall be printed in capital  
7 letters the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in  
8 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as  
9 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.  
10 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
11 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall  
12 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for  
13 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed  
14 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front  
15 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under  
16 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
17 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
18 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
19 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

20 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
21 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
22 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
23 is applicable.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-51) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-51)

1           Sec. 7-51. If the primary elector marks more names upon the  
2 primary ballot than there are persons to be nominated as  
3 candidates for an office, or for State central  
4 committeepersons, or precinct committeepersons, ~~or township~~  
5 ~~committeepersons, or ward committeepersons,~~ or delegates or  
6 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions, or if  
7 for any reason it is impossible to determine the primary  
8 elector's choice of a candidate for the nomination for an  
9 office, or committeeperson, or delegate, his primary ballot  
10 shall not be counted for the nomination for such office or  
11 committeeperson.

12           No primary ballot, without the endorsement of the judge's  
13 initials thereon, shall be counted.

14           No judge shall omit to endorse his initials on a primary  
15 ballot, as required by this Article, nor shall any person not  
16 authorized so to do initial a primary ballot knowing that he is  
17 not so authorized.

18           Primary ballots not counted shall be marked "defective" on  
19 the back thereof; and primary ballots to which objections have  
20 been made by either of the primary judges or challengers shall  
21 be marked "objected to" on the back thereof; and a memorandum,  
22 signed by the primary judges, stating how it was counted, shall  
23 be written on the back of each primary ballot so marked; and  
24 all primary ballots marked "defective" or "objected to" shall  
25 be enclosed in an envelope and securely sealed, and so marked  
26 and endorsed as to clearly disclose its contents. The envelope

1 to be used for enclosing ballots marked "defective" or  
2 "objected to" shall bear upon its face, in not less than 1 1/2  
3 inch type, the legend: "This envelope is for use after 6:00  
4 P.M. only." The envelope to be used for enclosing ballots  
5 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote shall bear upon its  
6 face, in not less than 1 1/2 inch type, the legend: "This  
7 envelope is for use before 6:00 P.M. only."

8 All primary ballots not voted, and all that have been  
9 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote, shall be returned  
10 to the proper election authority by the primary judges, and a  
11 receipt taken therefor, and shall be preserved 2 months. Such  
12 official shall keep a record of the number of primary ballots  
13 delivered for each polling place, and he or they shall also  
14 enter upon such record the number and character of primary  
15 ballots returned, with the time when and the persons by whom  
16 they are returned.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-53)

19 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party  
20 shall have been read and the votes of the political party  
21 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in  
22 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as  
23 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of  
24 the political party and for each candidate for State Central  
25 committeeperson and precinct committeeperson, ~~township~~



1 ~~committeeperson or ward committeeperson,~~ and delegate and  
 2 alternate delegate to National nominating conventions, and  
 3 certify the same to be correct. Thereupon, the primary judges  
 4 shall set down in a certificate of results on the tally sheet,  
 5 under the name of the political party, the name of each  
 6 candidate voted for upon the primary ballot, written at full  
 7 length, the name of the office for which he is a candidate for  
 8 nomination or for committeeperson, or delegate or alternate  
 9 delegate to National nominating conventions, the total number  
 10 of votes which the candidate received, and they shall also set  
 11 down the total number of ballots voted by the primary electors  
 12 of the political party in the precinct. The certificate of  
 13 results shall be made substantially in the following form:

14 ..... Party

15 At the primary election held in the .... precinct of the  
 16 (1) \*township of ....., or (2) \*City of ....., or (3) \*.... ward  
 17 in the city of .... on (insert date), the primary electors of  
 18 the .... party voted .... ballots, and the respective  
 19 candidates whose names were written or printed on the primary  
 20 ballot of the .... party, received respectively the following  
 21 votes:

22	Name of		No. of
23	Candidate,	Title of Office,	Votes
24	John Jones	Governor	100
25	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	100
26	Sam Smith	Governor	70

1	Samantha Smythe	Lieutenant Governor	70
2	Frank Martin	Attorney General	150
3	William Preston	Rep. in Congress	200
4	Frederick John	Circuit Judge	50

5 \*Fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

6 And so on for each candidate.

7 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and  
8 correct.

9 Dated (insert date).

10	.....	
11	Name	Address
12	.....	
13	Name	Address
14	.....	
15	Name	Address
16	.....	
17	Name	Address
18	.....	
19	Name	Address

20 Judges of Primary

21 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
22 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
23 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever  
24 is applicable.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-56) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-56)

2 Sec. 7-56. As soon as complete returns are delivered to the  
3 proper election authority, the returns shall be canvassed for  
4 all primary elections as follows. The election authority acting  
5 as the canvassing board pursuant to Section 1-8 of this Code  
6 shall also open and canvass the returns of a primary. Upon the  
7 completion of the canvass of the returns by the election  
8 authority, the election authority shall make a tabulated  
9 statement of the returns for each political party separately,  
10 stating in appropriate columns and under proper headings, the  
11 total number of votes cast in said county for each candidate  
12 for nomination or election by said party, including candidates  
13 for President of the United States and for State central  
14 committeepersons, and for delegates and alternate delegates to  
15 National nominating conventions, and for precinct  
16 committeepersons, ~~township committeepersons, and for ward~~  
17 ~~committeepersons~~. Within 2 days after the completion of said  
18 canvass by the election authority, the county clerk shall mail  
19 to the State Board of Elections a certified copy of such  
20 tabulated statement of returns. The election authority shall  
21 also determine and set down as to each precinct the number of  
22 ballots voted by the primary electors of each party at the  
23 primary.

24 In the case of the nomination or election of candidates for  
25 offices, including President of the United States and the State

1 central committeepersons, and delegates and alternate  
2 delegates to National nominating conventions, certified  
3 tabulated statement of returns for which are filed with the  
4 State Board of Elections, said returns shall be canvassed by  
5 the election authority. And, provided, further, that within 5  
6 days after said returns shall be canvassed by the said Board,  
7 the Board shall cause to be published in one daily newspaper of  
8 general circulation at the seat of the State government in  
9 Springfield a certified statement of the returns filed in its  
10 office, showing the total vote cast in the State for each  
11 candidate of each political party for President of the United  
12 States, and showing the total vote for each candidate of each  
13 political party for President of the United States, cast in  
14 each of the several congressional districts in the State.

15 Within 48 hours of conducting a canvass, as required by  
16 this Code, of the consolidated primary, the election authority  
17 shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local  
18 election official, with respect to whose political  
19 subdivisions nominations were made at such primary, for each  
20 precinct in his jurisdiction in which such nominations were on  
21 the ballot. Such original certificate of results need not  
22 include any offices or nominations for any other political  
23 subdivisions.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-58) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-58)

1           Sec. 7-58. Each county clerk or board of election  
2 commissioners shall, upon completion of the canvassing of the  
3 returns, make and transmit to the State Board of Elections and  
4 to each election authority whose duty it is to print the  
5 official ballot for the election for which the nomination is  
6 made a proclamation of the results of the primary. The  
7 proclamation shall state the name of each candidate of each  
8 political party so nominated or elected, as shown by the  
9 returns, together with the name of the office for which he or  
10 she was nominated or elected, including precinct, ~~township and~~  
11 ~~ward~~ committeepersons, and including in the case of the State  
12 Board of Elections, candidates for State central  
13 committeepersons, and delegates and alternate delegates to  
14 National nominating conventions. If a notice of contest is  
15 filed, the election authority shall, within one business day  
16 after receiving a certified copy of the court's judgment or  
17 order, amend its proclamation accordingly and proceed to file  
18 an amended proclamation with the appropriate election  
19 authorities and with the State Board of Elections.

20           The State Board of Elections shall issue a certificate of  
21 election to each of the persons shown by the returns and the  
22 proclamation thereof to be elected State central  
23 committeepersons, and delegates and alternate delegates to  
24 National nominating ~~nomination~~ conventions; and the county  
25 clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person  
26 shown by the returns to be elected precinct, ~~township or ward~~

1       committeeperson. The certificate issued to such precinct  
2       committeeperson shall state the number of ballots voted in his  
3       or her precinct by the primary electors of his or her party at  
4       the primary at which he or she was elected. ~~The certificate  
5       issued to such township committeeperson shall state the number  
6       of ballots voted in his or her township or part of a township,  
7       as the case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party  
8       at the primary at which he or she was elected. The certificate  
9       issued to such ward committeeperson shall state the number of  
10      ballots voted in his or her ward by the primary electors of his  
11      or her party at the primary at which he or she was elected.~~

12      (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19; revised 10-10-18.)

13           (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

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

24           Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,  
25      the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party

1 for State central committeeperson of his congressional  
2 district shall be declared elected State central  
3 committeeperson from said congressional district.

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

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

1           A political party which elects the members to its State  
2 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
3 Section 7-8 shall select its at large delegates and alternate  
4 delegates to its national nominating convention by  
5 proportional selection representation according to the results  
6 of a Presidential preference primary in the whole State in the  
7 manner provided by the rules of the national political party  
8 and the State Central Committee, when the rules and policies of  
9 the national political party so require.

10           The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
11 party for precinct committeeperson of his precinct shall be  
12 declared elected precinct committeeperson from said precinct.

13           ~~The person receiving the highest number of votes of his~~  
14 ~~party for township committeeperson of his township or part of a~~  
15 ~~township as the case may be, shall be declared elected township~~  
16 ~~committeeperson from said township or part of a township as the~~  
17 ~~case may be. In cities where ward committeepersons are elected,~~  
18 ~~the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party~~  
19 ~~for ward committeeperson of his ward shall be declared elected~~  
20 ~~ward committeeperson from said ward.~~

21           When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest  
22 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
23 committeeperson of the same political party, or where more than  
24 one person of the same political party is to be nominated as a  
25 candidate for office or committeeperson, if it appears that  
26 more than the number of persons to be nominated for an office



1 or elected committeeperson have the highest and an equal number  
2 of votes for the nomination for the same office or for election  
3 as committeeperson, the election authority by which the returns  
4 of the primary are canvassed shall decide by lot which of said  
5 persons shall be nominated or elected, as the case may be. In  
6 such case the election authority shall issue notice in writing  
7 to such persons of such tie vote stating therein the place, the  
8 day (which shall not be more than 5 days thereafter) and the  
9 hour when such nomination or election shall be so determined.

10 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who  
11 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in  
12 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities  
13 not later than 61 days prior to the primary. However, whenever  
14 an objection to a candidate's nominating papers or petitions  
15 for any office is sustained under Section 10-10 after the 61st  
16 day before the election, then write-in votes shall be counted  
17 for that candidate if he or she has filed a notarized  
18 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that  
19 office with the proper election authority or authorities not  
20 later than 7 days prior to the election.

21 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
22 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. Such  
23 declaration shall specify the office for which the person seeks  
24 nomination or election as a write-in candidate.

25 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list  
26 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election

1 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the primary.

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

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

23 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/8-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-5)

25 Sec. 8-5. There shall be constituted one legislative

1 committee for each political party in each legislative district  
2 and one representative committee for each political party in  
3 each representative district. Legislative and representative  
4 committees shall be composed as follows:

5 In legislative or representative districts within or  
6 including a portion of any county containing 2,000,000 or more  
7 inhabitants, the legislative or representative committee of a  
8 political party shall consist of the committeepersons of such  
9 party representing each township or ward of such county any  
10 portion of which township or ward is included within such  
11 legislative or representative district and the chair of each  
12 county central committee of such party of any county containing  
13 less than 2,000,000 inhabitants any portion of which county is  
14 included within such legislative or representative district.

15 In the remainder of the State, the legislative or  
16 representative committee of a political party shall consist of  
17 the chair of each county central committee of such party, any  
18 portion of which county is included within such legislative or  
19 representative district; but if a legislative or  
20 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a  
21 county, its legislative or representative committee shall  
22 consist of the chair of the county central committee and 2  
23 members of the county central committee who reside in the  
24 legislative or representative district, as the case may be,  
25 elected by the county central committee.

26 Within 180 days after the primary of the even-numbered year

1 immediately following the decennial redistricting required by  
2 Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970,  
3 the ~~ward committeepersons, township committeepersons~~ or  
4 chairmen of county central committees within each of the  
5 redistricted legislative and representative districts shall  
6 meet and proceed to organize by electing from among their own  
7 number a chair and, either from among their own number or  
8 otherwise, such other officers as they may deem necessary or  
9 expedient. The ~~ward committeepersons, township~~  
10 ~~committeepersons~~ or chairmen of county central committees  
11 shall determine the time and place (which shall be in the  
12 limits of such district) of such meeting. Immediately upon  
13 completion of organization, the chair shall forward to the  
14 State Board of Elections the names and addresses of the chair  
15 and secretary of the committee. A vacancy shall occur when a  
16 member dies, resigns or ceases to reside in the county,  
17 township or ward which he represented.

18 Within 180 days after the primary of each other  
19 even-numbered year, each legislative committee and  
20 representative committee shall meet and proceed to organize by  
21 electing from among its own number a chair, and either from its  
22 own number or otherwise, such other officers as each committee  
23 may deem necessary or expedient. Immediately upon completion of  
24 organization, the chair shall forward to the State Board of  
25 Elections, the names and addresses of the chair and secretary  
26 of the committee. The outgoing chair of such committee shall

1 notify the members of the time and place (which shall be in the  
2 limits of such district) of such meeting. A vacancy shall occur  
3 when a member dies, resigns, or ceases to reside in the county,  
4 township or ward, which he represented.

5 If any change is made in the boundaries of any precinct,  
6 township or ward, the committeeperson previously elected  
7 therefrom shall continue to serve, as if no boundary change had  
8 occurred, for the purpose of acting as a member of a  
9 legislative or representative committee until his successor is  
10 elected or appointed.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)