

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 Section
5 1A-8 as follows:

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

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

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

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

17 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each
18 primary and general election and any other election it
19 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions
20 consistent with the provisions of this Act which shall be
21 used by election authorities in the preparation of the
22 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of
23 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,
24 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the
25 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board
26 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions
27 applicable to different election jurisdictions which
28 administer elections under different options provided by
29 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular
30 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any
31 official manual of instructions published by election
32 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any

1 election authority shall be identical with the manual of
2 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be
3 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special or
4 unusual local election problems, provided that all manuals
5 published by election authorities must be consistent with
6 the provisions of this Act in all respects and must receive
7 the approval of the State Board of Elections prior to
8 publication; provided further that if the State Board does
9 not approve or disapprove of a proposed manual within 60
10 days of its submission, the manual shall be deemed
11 approved.

12 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform
13 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this Act as it shall deem advisable which
15 shall be used by election authorities in the conduct of
16 elections and registrations;

17 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any
18 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
19 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the electors
20 throughout the State or, when required to do so by law, to
21 the voters of any area or unit of local government of the
22 State;

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

26 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating
27 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed
28 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to the
29 appropriate State's Attorney;

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

32 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in
33 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules
34 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of
35 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise
36 provided by law;

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

4 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research
5 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of
6 votes by precinct for general primary elections and general
7 elections, current precinct maps and current precinct poll
8 lists from all election jurisdictions within the State. The
9 research library shall be open to the public during regular
10 business hours. Such abstracts, maps and lists shall be
11 preserved as permanent records and shall be available for
12 examination and copying at a reasonable cost;

13 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration
14 and election laws throughout the State;

15 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management
16 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of
17 Central Management Services Law (20 ILCS 405/405-250),
18 such use of electronic data processing equipment as may be
19 required to perform the duties of the State Board of
20 Elections and to provide election-related information to
21 candidates, public and party officials, interested civic
22 organizations and the general public in a timely and
23 efficient manner; and

24 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or
25 required to give effect to directions of the national
26 committee or State central committee of an established
27 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11 and 7-14.1 or such
28 other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to the
29 selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an
30 established political party's national nominating
31 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate
32 certification schedule contained within the Election Code,
33 the certification of the Presidential and Vice
34 Presidential candidate selected by the established party's
35 national nominating convention in 2004.

36 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or

1 functions under this Article, except that final determinations
2 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the
3 Board.

4 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
5 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
6 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
8 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as
9 required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law in
10 relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25, 1874,
11 as amended, and filing such additional copies with the State
12 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly
13 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State
14 Library Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.