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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 172

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 172 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1-9, 1-12, 1A-8, 1A-16, 1A-16.5, 1A-25, 3-6, 4-6.3,
6 4-10, 4-50, 4-105, 5-9, 5-16.3, 5-50, 5-105, 6-29, 6-50.3,
7 6-100, 6-105, 7-15, 7-34, 7-61, 8-17, 9-21, 10-7, 10-9, 11-4.1,
8 11-7, 12-1, 13-1, 13-2, 13-10, 14-3.1, 16-5.01, 17-8, 17-9,
9 17-18.1, 17-19.2, 17-21, 17-23, 17-29, 18-5, 18-9.2, 18A-5,
10 18A-15, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5, 19-6, 19-7, 19-8, 19-10, 19-12.1,
11 19-12.2, 19-13, 19-15, 19-20, 19A-10, 19A-15, 19A-25, 19A-35,
12 19A-75, 20-1, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-4, 20-5,
13 20-6, 20-7, 20-8, 20-10, 20-13, 20-13.1, 20-25, 24-15, 24-16,
14 24A-6, 24A-10, 24A-15.1, 24B-6, 24B-10, 24B-15.1, 24C-1,
15 24C-6, 24C-11, 24C-13, 24C-15, 25-7, 28-9, 29-5, 29-20, and the
16 heading of Article 19 and Section 19-2 and by adding Sections
17 1-9.1, 1-9.2, 1A-45, 13-3.5, 14-3.1A, 18A-218, 18A-218.10,

1 18A-218.20, 18A-218.30, and 18A-218.40, as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/1-9)

3 Sec. 1-9. Central counting of grace period, early, vote by
4 mail absentee, and provisional ballots. Notwithstanding any
5 statutory provision to the contrary enacted before the
6 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
7 Assembly, all grace period ballots, early voting ballots, vote
8 by mail absentee ballots, and provisional ballots to be counted
9 shall be delivered to and counted at an election authority's
10 central ballot counting location and not in precincts.
11 References in this Code enacted before the effective date of
12 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly to delivery
13 and counting of grace period ballots, early voting ballots,
14 vote by mail absentee ballots, or provisional ballots to or at
15 a precinct polling place or to the proper polling place shall
16 be construed as references to delivery and counting of those
17 ballots to and at the election authority's central ballot
18 counting location.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1 new)

21 Sec. 1-9.1. Ballot counting information dissemination.
22 Each election authority maintaining a website must provide
23 24-hour notice on its website of the date, time, and location
24 of the analysis, processing, and counting of all ballot forms.

1 The election authority must also notify any political party or
2 pollwatcher of the same information 24 hours before the count
3 begins if such political party or pollwatcher has requested to
4 be notified. Notification may be by electronic mail at the
5 address provided by the requester.

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2 new)

7 Sec. 1-9.2. Uncounted ballot information on website.
8 Beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the day after election day, each
9 election authority maintaining a website shall post the number
10 of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate
11 the totals into the following categories: ballots cast on
12 election day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote
13 by mail ballots received by the election authority but not
14 counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election
15 authority but have not been returned to the election authority.
16 This information shall be updated on the website of the
17 election authority before 4:00 p.m. on each day until the
18 period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has
19 ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they
20 maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated
21 in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections by 4:00
22 p.m. each day beginning the day after election day and until
23 the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots
24 has ended.

1 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

2 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

3 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
4 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
5 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and
6 grace period voting at the student union ~~in a high traffic~~
7 ~~location~~ on the campus of a public university within the
8 election authority's jurisdiction. The voting required by this
9 subsection (a) to be conducted on campus must be conducted from
10 the beginning of the 6th day before a general election day
11 until the end of the 3rd day before a general election day from
12 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. and as otherwise required by Article 19A
13 of this Code. If an election authority has voting equipment
14 that can accommodate a ballot in every form required in the
15 election authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority
16 shall extend early voting under this Section to any registered
17 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the
18 election authority does not have voting equipment that can
19 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election
20 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may
21 limit early voting under this Section to registered voters in
22 precincts where the public university is located and precincts
23 bordering the university. Each public university shall make the
24 space available at the student union ~~in a high traffic area~~
25 for, and cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate election
26 authority in, the implementation of this subsection (a).

1 (b) (Blank). ~~Each appropriate election authority shall, in~~
2 ~~addition to the voting conducted at locations otherwise~~
3 ~~required by law, conduct in person absentee voting on election~~
4 ~~day in a high traffic location on the campus of a public~~
5 ~~university within the election authority's jurisdiction. The~~
6 ~~procedures for conducting in person absentee voting at a site~~
7 ~~established pursuant to this subsection (b) shall, to the~~
8 ~~extent practicable, be the same procedures required by Article~~
9 ~~19 of this Code for in person absentee ballots. The election~~
10 ~~authority may limit in person absentee voting under this~~
11 ~~subsection (b) to registered voters in precincts where the~~
12 ~~public university is located and precincts bordering the~~
13 ~~university. The election authority shall have voting equipment~~
14 ~~and ballots necessary to accommodate registered voters who may~~
15 ~~cast an in person absentee ballot at a site established~~
16 ~~pursuant to this subsection (b). Each public university shall~~
17 ~~make the space available in a high traffic area for, and~~
18 ~~cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate election~~
19 ~~authority in, the implementation of this subsection (b).~~

20 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
21 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,
22 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern
23 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern
24 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or
25 Northeastern Illinois University ~~the University of Illinois at~~
26 ~~its campuses in Urbana Champaign and Springfield, Southern~~

1 ~~Illinois University at its campuses in Carbondale and~~
2 ~~Edwardsville, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State~~
3 ~~University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois~~
4 ~~University at its campuses in Macomb and Moline.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (Source: P.A. 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16)

24 Sec. 1A-16. Voter registration information; Internet
25 posting; processing of voter registration forms; content of

1 such forms. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
2 following provisions shall apply to voter registration under
3 this Code.

4 (a) Voter registration information; Internet posting of
5 voter registration form. Within 90 days after the effective
6 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the
7 State Board of Elections shall post on its World Wide Web site
8 the following information:

9 (1) A comprehensive list of the names, addresses, phone
10 numbers, and websites, if applicable, of all county clerks
11 and boards of election commissioners in Illinois.

12 (2) A schedule of upcoming elections and the deadline
13 for voter registration.

14 (3) A downloadable, printable voter registration form,
15 in at least English and in Spanish versions, that a person
16 may complete and mail or submit to the State Board of
17 Elections or the appropriate county clerk or board of
18 election commissioners.

19 Any forms described under paragraph (3) must state the
20 following:

21 If you do not have a driver's license or social
22 security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and
23 you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you
24 are now registering in, then you must send, with this
25 application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo
26 identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill,

1 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other
2 government document that shows the name and address of the
3 voter. If you do not provide the information required
4 above, then you will be required to provide election
5 officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first
6 time you vote at a voting place ~~or by absentee ballot~~.

7 (b) Acceptance of registration forms by the State Board of
8 Elections and county clerks and board of election
9 commissioners. The State Board of Elections, county clerks, and
10 board of election commissioners shall accept all completed
11 voter registration forms described in subsection (a) (3) of this
12 Section and Sections 1A-17 and 1A-30 that are:

13 (1) postmarked on or before the day that voter
14 registration is closed under the Election Code;

15 (2) not postmarked, but arrives no later than 5 days
16 after the close of registration;

17 (3) submitted in person by a person using the form on
18 or before the day that voter registration is closed under
19 the Election Code; or

20 (4) submitted in person by a person who submits one or
21 more forms on behalf of one or more persons who used the
22 form on or before the day that voter registration is closed
23 under the Election Code.

24 Upon the receipt of a registration form, the State Board of
25 Elections shall mark the date on which the form was received
26 and send the form via first class mail to the appropriate

1 county clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case
2 may be, within 2 business days based upon the home address of
3 the person submitting the registration form. The county clerk
4 and board of election commissioners shall accept and process
5 any form received from the State Board of Elections.

6 (c) Processing of registration forms by county clerks and
7 boards of election commissioners. The county clerk or board of
8 election commissioners shall promulgate procedures for
9 processing the voter registration form.

10 (d) Contents of the voter registration form. The State
11 Board shall create a voter registration form, which must
12 contain the following content:

13 (1) Instructions for completing the form.

14 (2) A summary of the qualifications to register to vote
15 in Illinois.

16 (3) Instructions for mailing in or submitting the form
17 in person.

18 (4) The phone number for the State Board of Elections
19 should a person submitting the form have questions.

20 (5) A box for the person to check that explains one of
21 3 reasons for submitting the form:

22 (a) new registration;

23 (b) change of address; or

24 (c) change of name.

25 (6) a box for the person to check yes or no that asks,
26 "Are you a citizen of the United States?", a box for the

1 person to check yes or no that asks, "Will you be 18 years
2 of age on or before election day?", and a statement of "If
3 you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions,
4 then do not complete this form."

5 (7) A space for the person to fill in his or her home
6 telephone number.

7 (8) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her first,
8 middle, and last names, street address (principal place of
9 residence), county, city, state, and zip code.

10 (9) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her mailing
11 address, city, state, and zip code if different from his or
12 her principal place of residence.

13 (10) A space for the person to fill in his or her
14 Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
15 driver's license.

16 (11) A space for a person without a driver's license to
17 fill in the last four digits of his or her social security
18 number if the person has a social security number.

19 (12) A space for a person without an Illinois driver's
20 license to fill in his or her identification number from
21 his or her State Identification card issued by the
22 Secretary of State.

23 (13) A space for the person to fill the name appearing
24 on his or her last voter registration, the street address
25 of his or her last registration, including the city,
26 county, state, and zip code.

1 (14) A space where the person swears or affirms the
2 following under penalty of perjury with his or her
3 signature:

4 (a) "I am a citizen of the United States.";

5 (b) "I will be at least 18 years old on or before
6 the next election.";

7 (c) "I will have lived in the State of Illinois and
8 in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date
9 of the next election."; and

10 "The information I have provided is true to the
11 best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I
12 have provided false information, then I may be fined,
13 imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen, deported
14 from or refused entry into the United States."

15 (15) A space for the person to fill in his or her
16 e-mail address if he or she chooses to provide that
17 information.

18 (d-5) Compliance with federal law; rulemaking authority.
19 The voter registration form described in this Section shall be
20 consistent with the form prescribed by the Federal Election
21 Commission under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
22 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and the Help America
23 Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, in all relevant respects. The
24 State Board of Elections shall periodically update the form
25 based on changes to federal or State law. The State Board of
26 Elections shall promulgate any rules necessary for the

1 implementation of this Section; provided that the rules comport
2 with the letter and spirit of the National Voter Registration
3 Act of 1993 and Help America Vote Act of 2002 and maximize the
4 opportunity for a person to register to vote.

5 (e) Forms available in paper form. The State Board of
6 Elections shall make the voter registration form available in
7 regular paper stock and form in sufficient quantities for the
8 general public. The State Board of Elections may provide the
9 voter registration form to the Secretary of State, county
10 clerks, boards of election commissioners, designated agencies
11 of the State of Illinois, and any other person or entity
12 designated to have these forms by the Election Code in regular
13 paper stock and form or some other format deemed suitable by
14 the Board. Each county clerk or board of election commissioners
15 has the authority to design and print its own voter
16 registration form so long as the form complies with the
17 requirements of this Section. The State Board of Elections,
18 county clerks, boards of election commissioners, or other
19 designated agencies of the State of Illinois required to have
20 these forms under the Election Code shall provide a member of
21 the public with any reasonable number of forms that he or she
22 may request. Nothing in this Section shall permit the State
23 Board of Elections, county clerk, board of election
24 commissioners, or other appropriate election official who may
25 accept a voter registration form to refuse to accept a voter
26 registration form because the form is printed on photocopier or

1 regular paper stock and form.

2 (f) (Blank).

3 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

5 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

6 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and
7 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a
8 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her
9 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical
10 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each
11 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system
12 capable of receiving and processing voter registration
13 application information, including electronic signatures, from
14 the online voter registration system established by the State
15 Board of Elections.

16 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ
17 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
18 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to
19 this Section.

20 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information
21 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'
22 website, may cross reference that information with data or
23 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in
24 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may
25 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized

1 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's
2 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's
3 database.

4 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
5 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic
6 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued
7 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register
8 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State
9 Board of Elections.

10 (e) An online voter registration application shall contain
11 all of the information that is required for a paper application
12 as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except that the
13 applicant shall be required to provide:

14 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or
15 State identification card number;

16 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
17 security number; and

18 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State
19 identification card was issued.

20 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in
21 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box
22 associated with the following statement included as part of the
23 online voter registration application:

24 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
25 following:

26 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information

1 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in
2 the State of Illinois.

3 (2) All the information I have provided on this form is
4 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

5 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the
6 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the
7 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be
8 used by my local election authority on this online voter
9 registration application for admission as an elector as if I
10 had signed this form personally."

11 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter
12 registration application, the online voter registration system
13 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the
14 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving
15 such an application, the online voter registration system shall
16 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of
17 whether the following information has been matched with the
18 Secretary of State database:

19 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
20 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
21 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State
22 identification number provided by the applicant matches
23 the driver's license or State identification card number
24 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

25 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's
26 license or State identification card listed on the

1 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
2 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

3 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant
4 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the
5 Secretary of State; and

6 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
7 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person
8 on file with the Secretary of State.

9 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches
10 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any
11 driver's license and State identification card holder and is
12 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter
13 registration system shall:

14 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database
15 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from
16 his or her Illinois driver's license or State
17 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to
18 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter
19 registration application;

20 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
21 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
22 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
23 registration: (i) the application, along with the
24 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
25 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
26 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a

1 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
2 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
3 number, driver's license or State identification card date
4 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
5 information have been successfully matched.

6 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration
7 application, the county clerk or board of election
8 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
9 registration shall promptly search its voter registration
10 database to determine whether the applicant is already
11 registered to vote at the address on the application and
12 whether the new registration would create a duplicate
13 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at
14 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case
15 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and
16 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic
17 mail address on the original voter registration form for that
18 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law
19 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to
20 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already
21 registered to vote at the address on the application and the
22 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk
23 or board, as the case may be, shall:

24 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the
25 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

26 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant

1 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter
2 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as
3 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's
4 name and address as it appears on the application and
5 stating that the person is registered to vote.

6 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a
7 duplicate registration application or a change of address form
8 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's
9 driver's license or State identification card database as
10 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,
11 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that
12 individual in the voter registration database of the county
13 clerk or board of election commissioners.

14 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted
15 electronically as provided in this Section shall become
16 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or
17 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said
18 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section
19 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online
20 application or change of address by the county clerk or board
21 of election commissioners.

22 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter
23 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
24 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
25 this Section. All applications submitted on a website
26 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed

1 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on
2 the final day for voter registration prior to an election.
3 After the registration period for an upcoming election has
4 ended and until the 2nd day following such election, the web
5 page containing the online voter registration form on the State
6 Board of Elections website shall inform users of the procedure
7 for grace period voting.

8 (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of
9 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,
10 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of
11 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration
12 system and those names and that information shall be stored in
13 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
14 accessible to State and local political committees.

15 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or
16 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able
17 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile
18 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016. ~~The Illinois~~
19 ~~State Board of Elections shall submit a report to the General~~
20 ~~Assembly and the Governor by January 31, 2014 detailing the~~
21 ~~progress made to implement the online voter registration system~~
22 ~~described in this Section.~~

23 (o) (Blank). ~~The online voter registration system provided~~
24 ~~for in this Section shall be fully operational by July 1, 2014.~~

25 (p) Each State agency that maintains an Internet website
26 must include a hypertext link to the homepage website

1 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For
2 the purposes of this Section, "State agency" has the meaning
3 set forth in Section 5-105 of the Electronic Commerce Security
4 Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-25)

7 Sec. 1A-25. Centralized statewide voter registration list.
8 The centralized statewide voter registration list required by
9 Title III, Subtitle A, Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act
10 of 2002 shall be created and maintained by the State Board of
11 Elections as provided in this Section.

12 (1) The centralized statewide voter registration list
13 shall be compiled from the voter registration data bases of
14 each election authority in this State.

15 (2) With the exception of voter registration forms
16 submitted electronically through an online voter
17 registration system, all new voter registration forms and
18 applications to register to vote, including those reviewed
19 by the Secretary of State at a driver services facility,
20 shall be transmitted only to the appropriate election
21 authority as required by Articles 4, 5, and 6 of this Code
22 and not to the State Board of Elections. All voter
23 registration forms submitted electronically to the State
24 Board of Elections through an online voter registration
25 system shall be transmitted to the appropriate election

1 authority as required by Section 1A-16.5. The election
2 authority shall process and verify each voter registration
3 form and electronically enter verified registrations on an
4 expedited basis onto the statewide voter registration
5 list. All original registration cards shall remain
6 permanently in the office of the election authority as
7 required by this Code.

8 (3) The centralized statewide voter registration list
9 shall:

10 (i) Be designed to allow election authorities to
11 utilize the registration data on the statewide voter
12 registration list pertinent to voters registered in
13 their election jurisdiction on locally maintained
14 software programs that are unique to each
15 jurisdiction.

16 (ii) Allow each election authority to perform
17 essential election management functions, including but
18 not limited to production of voter lists, processing of
19 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voters, production of
20 individual, pre-printed applications to vote,
21 administration of election judges, and polling place
22 administration, but shall not prevent any election
23 authority from using information from that election
24 authority's own systems.

25 (4) The registration information maintained by each
26 election authority shall be synchronized with that

1 authority's information on the statewide list at least once
2 every 24 hours.

3 To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
4 registration information, the disclosure of any portion of the
5 centralized statewide voter registration list to any person or
6 entity other than to a State or local political committee and
7 other than to a governmental entity for a governmental purpose
8 is specifically prohibited except as follows: (1) subject to
9 security measures adopted by the State Board of Elections
10 which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a catalog or
11 database, available for public view, including the name,
12 address, and telephone number of the person viewing the list as
13 well as the time of that viewing, any person may view the list
14 on a computer screen at the Springfield office of the State
15 Board of Elections, during normal business hours other than
16 during the 27 days before an election, but the person viewing
17 the list under this exception may not print, duplicate,
18 transmit, or alter the list; or (2) as may be required by an
19 agreement the State Board of Elections has entered into with a
20 multi-state voter registration list maintenance system.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/1A-45 new)

23 Sec. 1A-45. Electronic Registration Information Center.

24 (a) The State Board of Elections shall enter into an
25 agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center

1 effective no later than June 1, 2016, for the purpose of
2 maintaining a statewide voter registration database. The State
3 Board of Elections shall comply with the requirements of the
4 Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
5 Agreement.

6 (b) The Secretary of State and the Board of Elections shall
7 enter an into an agreement to permit the Secretary of State to
8 provide the State Board of Elections with any information
9 required for compliance with the Electronic Registration
10 Information Center Membership Agreement. The Secretary of
11 State shall deliver this information as frequently as necessary
12 for the State Board of Elections to comply with the Electronic
13 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

14 (c) Any communication required to be delivered to a
15 registrant or potential registrant pursuant to the Electronic
16 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement shall
17 include at least the following message:

18 "Our records show people at this address may not be
19 registered to vote at this address, but you may be eligible
20 to register to vote or re-register to vote at this address.
21 If you are a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Illinois, and will
22 be 18 years old or older before the next general election
23 in November, you are qualified to vote.

24 We invite you to check your registration online at
25 (enter URL) or register to vote online at (enter URL), by
26 requesting a mail-in voter registration form by (enter

1 instructions for requesting a mail-in voter registration
2 form), or visiting the (name of election authority) office
3 at (address of election authority)."

4 The words "register to vote online at (enter URL)" shall be
5 bolded and of a distinct nature from the other words in the
6 message required by this subsection (c).

7 (d) Any communication required to be delivered to a
8 potential registrant that has been identified by the Electronic
9 Registration Information Center as eligible to vote but who is
10 not registered to vote in Illinois shall be prepared and
11 disseminated at the direction of the State Board of Elections.
12 All other communications with potential registrants or
13 re-registrants pursuant to the Electronic Registration
14 Information Center Membership Agreement shall be prepared and
15 disseminated at the direction of the appropriate election
16 authority.

17 (e) The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections
18 or his or her designee shall serve as the Member Representative
19 to the Electronic Registration Information Center.

20 (f) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules
21 necessary to enforce this Section or comply with the Electronic
22 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

23 (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

24 Sec. 3-6. Voting age. Notwithstanding any other provision
25 of law, a person who is 17 years old on the date of a primary

1 election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to
2 vote at that primary, including voting a vote by mail ~~an~~
3 ~~absentee~~, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to
4 that primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date
5 of the immediately following general election.

6 References in this Code and elsewhere to the requirement
7 that a person must be 18 years old to vote shall be interpreted
8 in accordance with this Section.

9 For the purposes of this Act, an individual who is 17 years
10 of age and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the
11 general election shall be deemed competent to execute and
12 attest to any voter registration forms.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-51, eff. 1-1-14.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.3)

15 Sec. 4-6.3. The county clerk may establish a temporary
16 place of registration for such times and at such locations
17 within the county as the county clerk may select. ~~However, no~~
18 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
19 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of the time and place of
20 registration under this Section shall be published by the
21 county clerk in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
22 county not less than 3 nor more than 15 days before the holding
23 of such registration.

24 Temporary places of registration shall be established so
25 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the

1 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
2 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
3 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
4 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
5 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
6 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
7 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,
8 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
9 county fairs.

10 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
11 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
12 or fraction thereof in the county.

13 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by
14 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant to
15 Section 4-6.2.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
17 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/4-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-10)

19 Sec. 4-10. Except as herein provided, no person shall be
20 registered, unless he applies in person to a registration
21 officer, answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him
22 by the registration officer, and executes the affidavit of
23 registration. The registration officer shall require the
24 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in
25 the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include

1 his or her residence address. These forms of identification
2 shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
3 driver's license, social security card, public aid
4 identification card, utility bill, employee or student
5 identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit
6 card, or a civic, union or professional association membership
7 card. The registration officer shall require a homeless
8 individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing
9 address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail
10 addressed to that individual and received at that address or by
11 a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing
12 address. The registration officer shall require each applicant
13 for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of
14 registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.

15 One of the registration officers or a deputy registration
16 officer, county clerk, or clerk in the office of the county
17 clerk, shall administer to all persons who shall personally
18 apply to register the following oath or affirmation:

19 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and
20 truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching
21 your name, place of residence, place of birth, your
22 qualifications as an elector and your right as such to register
23 and vote under the laws of the State of Illinois."

24 The registration officer shall satisfy himself that each
25 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
26 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to

1 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
2 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
3 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
4 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
5 Act, the following question shall be put, "When you entered the
6 home which is your present address, was it your bona fide
7 intention to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a
8 township, city, village or incorporated town in which such
9 applicant resides, shall be permitted to be present at the
10 place of any precinct registration and shall have the right to
11 challenge any applicant who applies to be registered.

12 In case the officer is not satisfied that the applicant is
13 qualified he shall forthwith notify such applicant in writing
14 to appear before the county clerk to complete his registration.
15 Upon the card of such applicant shall be written the word
16 "incomplete" and no such applicant shall be permitted to vote
17 unless such registration is satisfactorily completed as
18 hereinafter provided. No registration shall be taken and marked
19 as incomplete if information to complete it can be furnished on
20 the date of the original application.

21 Any person claiming to be an elector in any election
22 precinct and whose registration card is marked "Incomplete" may
23 make and sign an application in writing, under oath, to the
24 county clerk in substance in the following form:

25 "I do solemnly swear that I,, did on (insert date)
26 make application to the board of registry of the precinct

1 of the township of (or to the county clerk of county)
 2 and that said board or clerk refused to complete my
 3 registration as a qualified voter in said precinct. That I
 4 reside in said precinct, that I intend to reside in said
 5 precinct, and am a duly qualified voter of said precinct and am
 6 entitled to be registered to vote in said precinct at the next
 7 election.

8 (Signature of applicant)"

9 All such applications shall be presented to the county
 10 clerk or to his duly authorized representative by the
 11 applicant, in person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00
 12 p.m. on any day after the days on which the 1969 and 1970
 13 precinct re-registrations are held but not on any day within 27
 14 days preceding the ensuing general election and thereafter for
 15 the registration provided in Section 4-7 all such applications
 16 shall be presented to the county clerk or his duly authorized
 17 representative by the applicant in person between the hours of
 18 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day prior to 27 days preceding
 19 the ensuing general election. Such application shall be heard
 20 by the county clerk or his duly authorized representative at
 21 the time the application is presented. If the applicant for
 22 registration has registered with the county clerk, such
 23 application may be presented to and heard by the county clerk
 24 or by his duly authorized representative upon the dates
 25 specified above or at any time prior thereto designated by the

1 county clerk.

2 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
3 county of residence either due to business of the United States
4 or because he is temporarily outside the territorial limits of
5 the United States may become registered by mailing an
6 application to the county clerk within the periods of
7 registration provided for in this Article, or by simultaneous
8 application for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail and vote by mail
9 ~~absentee~~ ballot as provided in Article 20 of this Code.

10 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall
11 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,
12 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other
13 information as the State Board of Elections may think it proper
14 to require for the identification of the applicant:

15 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
16 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
17 for such middle name, if any.

18 Sex.

19 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
20 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
21 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
22 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
23 cannot be determined by street and number, then the Section,
24 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
25 other information as may be necessary, including post office
26 mailing address.

1 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
2 this information.

3 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
4 precinct.

5 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
6 born.

7 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
8 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
9 naturalization.

10 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

11 Out of State address of

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13 State of)

14)ss

15 County of)

16 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
17 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
18 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
19 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
20 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
21 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois and of
22 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of
23 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

24

25 (His or her signature or mark)

26 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to

1 administer oaths, on (insert date).

2

3 Signature of officer administering oath.

4 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
5 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information
6 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided for
7 in Section 4-8 of this Article and shall attach thereto a copy
8 of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and
9 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall
10 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he
11 had applied for registration in person.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
13 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 10-1-13;
14 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

16 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
18 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
19 for change of address during the period from the close of
20 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
21 ~~and~~ until and including the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or
22 general ~~before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
23 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
24 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods during
25 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may

1 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
2 address form, in person in the office of the election
3 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
4 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15
5 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
6 a voter registration location specifically designated for this
7 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
8 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
9 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
10 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~
11 ~~established under Section 19A-10 through election day.~~ The
12 election authority shall register that individual, or change a
13 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
14 provided by this Article for registration and change of
15 address.

16 If a voter who registers or changes address during these
17 ~~this~~ grace periods period wishes to vote at the first election
18 or primary occurring after the grace period, he or she must do
19 so by grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
20 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office and any
21 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10 where
22 grace period registration is required by this Section; and may
23 offer in-person grace period voting at additional locations
24 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
25 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
26 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has

1 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
2 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
3 under Article 19A ~~19~~.

4 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
5 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
6 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
7 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
8 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
9 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
10 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
11 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
12 names and that information in an electronic format on its
13 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
14 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
15 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
16 list of persons to whom vote by mail ~~absentee~~ and early ballots
17 have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and
18 18-5.

19 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
20 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
21 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
22 who register or change address during the grace period must be
23 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
24 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
25 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
26 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for

1 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
2 the ballots were opened.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
4 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/4-105)

6 Sec. 4-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
7 first time in person and not ~~by a~~ vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
8 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
9 person first provides the appropriate election authority with
10 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
11 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
12 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
13 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
14 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
15 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
16 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
17 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
18 check, or other federal, State, or local government document
19 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
20 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
21 photo identification issued by a college or university
22 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
23 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
24 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
25 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof

1 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
2 election authority that the registration has not been fully
3 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
4 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-9)

7 Sec. 5-9. Except as herein provided, no person shall be
8 registered unless he applies in person to registration officer,
9 answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him by the
10 registration officer, and executes the affidavit of
11 registration. The registration officer shall require the
12 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in
13 the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include
14 his or her residence address. These forms of identification
15 shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
16 driver's license, social security card, public aid
17 identification card, utility bill, employee or student
18 identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit
19 card, or a civic, union or professional association membership
20 card. The registration officer shall require a homeless
21 individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing
22 address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail
23 addressed to that individual and received at that address or by
24 a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing
25 address. The registration officer shall require each applicant

1 for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of
2 registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.

3 One of the Deputy Registrars, the Judge of Registration, or
4 an Officer of Registration, County Clerk, or clerk in the
5 office of the County Clerk, shall administer to all persons who
6 shall personally apply to register the following oath or
7 affirmation:

8 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and
9 truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching
10 your place of residence, name, place of birth, your
11 qualifications as an elector and your right as such to register
12 and vote under the laws of the State of Illinois."

13 The Registration Officer shall satisfy himself that each
14 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
15 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to
16 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
17 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
18 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
19 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
20 Act, the following question shall be put, "When you entered the
21 home which is your present address, was it your bona fide
22 intention to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a
23 township, city, village or incorporated town in which such
24 applicant resides, shall be permitted to be present at the
25 place of precinct registration, and shall have the right to
26 challenge any applicant who applies to be registered.

1 All such applications shall be presented to the County
2 Clerk by the applicant, in person between the hours of nine
3 o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m., on Monday and Tuesday of
4 the third week subsequent to the weeks in which the 1961 and
5 1962 precinct re-registrations are to be held, and thereafter
6 for the registration provided in Section 5-17 of this Article,
7 all such applications shall be presented to the County Clerk by
8 the applicant in person between the hours of nine o'clock a.m.
9 and nine o'clock p.m. on Monday and Tuesday of the third week
10 prior to the date on which such election is to be held.

11 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
12 county of residence either due to business of the United States
13 or because he is temporarily outside the territorial limits of
14 the United States may become registered by mailing an
15 application to the county clerk within the periods of
16 registration provided for in this Article or by simultaneous
17 application for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail and vote by mail
18 ~~absentee~~ ballot as provided in Article 20 of this Code.

19 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall
20 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,
21 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other
22 information as the State Board of Elections may think it proper
23 to require for the identification of the applicant:

24 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
25 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
26 for such middle name, if any.

1 Sex.

2 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
3 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
4 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
5 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
6 cannot be determined by street and number, then the Section,
7 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
8 other information as may be necessary, including post office
9 mailing address.

10 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
11 this information.

12 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
13 precinct.

14 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
15 born.

16 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
17 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
18 naturalization.

19 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

20 Out of State address of

21 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

22 State of)

23)ss

24 County of)

25 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
26 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall

1 have resided in the State of Illinois for 6 months and in the
 2 election precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote,
 3 that I am not registered to vote anywhere else in the United
 4 States, that I intend to remain a resident of the State of
 5 Illinois and of the election precinct, that I intend to return
 6 to the State of Illinois, and that the above statements are
 7 true.

8
 9 (His or her signature or mark)

10 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to
 11 administer oaths, on (insert date).

12
 13 Signature of officer administering oath.

14 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
 15 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information
 16 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided for
 17 in Section 5-7 of this Article and shall attach thereto a copy
 18 of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and
 19 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall
 20 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he
 21 had applied for registration in person.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
 23 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 10-1-13;
 24 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.3)

2 Sec. 5-16.3. The county clerk may establish temporary
3 places of registration for such times and at such locations
4 within the county as the county clerk may select. ~~However, no~~
5 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
6 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of time and place of
7 registration at any such temporary place of registration under
8 this Section shall be published by the county clerk in a
9 newspaper having a general circulation in the county not less
10 than 3 nor more than 15 days before the holding of such
11 registration.

12 Temporary places of registration shall be established so
13 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the
14 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
15 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
16 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
17 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
18 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
19 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
20 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,
21 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
22 county fairs.

23 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
24 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
25 or fraction thereof in the county.

26 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by

1 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant to
2 Section 5-16.2.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
4 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

6 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
8 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
9 for change of address during the period from the close of
10 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
11 ~~and until and including~~ the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or
12 general ~~before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
13 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
14 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods during
15 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may
16 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
17 address form, in person in the office of the election
18 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
19 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15
20 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
21 a voter registration location specifically designated for this
22 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
23 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
24 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
25 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~

1 ~~established pursuant to Section 19A-10 through election day.~~

2 The election authority shall register that individual, or
3 change a registered voter's address, in the same manner as
4 otherwise provided by this Article for registration and change
5 of address.

6 If a voter who registers or changes address during these
7 ~~this~~ grace periods ~~period~~ wishes to vote at the first election
8 or primary occurring after the grace period, he or she must do
9 so by grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
10 in-person grace period voting at his or her office and any
11 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10 where
12 grace period registration is required by this Section; and may
13 offer in-person grace period voting at additional locations
14 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
15 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
16 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
17 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
18 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
19 under Article 19A ~~19~~.

20 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
21 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
22 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
23 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
24 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
25 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
26 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may

1 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
2 names and that information in an electronic format on its
3 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
4 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
5 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
6 list of persons to whom vote by mail ~~absentee~~ and early ballots
7 have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and
8 18-5.

9 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
10 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
11 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
12 who register or change address during the grace period must be
13 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
14 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
15 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
16 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
17 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
18 the ballots were opened.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
20 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/5-105)

22 Sec. 5-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
23 first time in person and not ~~by~~ a vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
24 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
25 person first provides the appropriate election authority with

1 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
2 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
3 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
4 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
5 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
6 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
7 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
8 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
9 check, or other federal, State, or local government document
10 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
11 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
12 photo identification issued by a college or university
13 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
14 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
15 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
16 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof
17 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
18 election authority that the registration has not been fully
19 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
20 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/6-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-29)

23 Sec. 6-29. For the purpose of registering voters under this
24 Article, the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
25 shall be open during ordinary business hours of each week day,

1 from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on the last four Saturdays
2 immediately preceding the end of the period of registration
3 preceding each election, and such other days and such other
4 times as the board may direct. During the 27 days immediately
5 preceding any election there shall be no registration of voters
6 at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners in cities,
7 villages and incorporated towns of fewer than 200,000
8 inhabitants. In cities, villages and incorporated towns of
9 200,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be no registration of
10 voters at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
11 during the 35 days immediately preceding any election;
12 provided, however, where no precinct registration is being
13 conducted prior to any election then registration may be taken
14 in the office of the Board up to and including the 28th day
15 prior to such election. The Board of Election Commissioners may
16 set up and establish as many branch offices for the purpose of
17 taking registrations as it may deem necessary, and the branch
18 offices may be open on any or all dates and hours during which
19 registrations may be taken in the main office. All officers and
20 employees of the Board of Election Commissioners who are
21 authorized by such board to take registrations under this
22 Article shall be considered officers of the circuit court, and
23 shall be subject to the same control as is provided by Section
24 14-5 of this Act with respect to judges of election.

25 In any election called for the submission of the revision
26 or alteration of, or the amendments to the Constitution,

1 submitted by a Constitutional Convention, the final day for
2 registration at the office of the election authority charged
3 with the printing of the ballot of this election shall be the
4 15th day prior to the date of election.

5 The Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint one or
6 more registration teams, consisting of 2 of its employees for
7 each team, for the purpose of accepting the registration of any
8 voter who files an affidavit, within the period for taking
9 registrations provided for in this Article, that he is
10 physically unable to appear at the office of the Board or at
11 any appointed place of registration. On the day or days when a
12 precinct registration is being conducted such teams shall
13 consist of one member from each of the 2 leading political
14 parties who are serving on the Precinct Registration Board.
15 Each team so designated shall visit each disabled person and
16 shall accept the registration of such person the same as if he
17 had applied for registration in person.

18 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
19 county of residence due to business of the United States, or
20 who is temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of
21 the United States, may make application to become registered by
22 mail to the Board of Election Commissioners within the periods
23 for registration provided for in this Article or by
24 simultaneous application for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail and
25 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot as provided in Article 20 of this
26 Code.

1 Upon receipt of such application the Board of Election
2 Commissioners shall immediately mail an affidavit of
3 registration in duplicate, which affidavit shall contain the
4 following and such other information as the State Board of
5 Elections may think it proper to require for the identification
6 of the applicant:

7 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
8 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
9 for such middle name, if any.

10 Sex.

11 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
12 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
13 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
14 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
15 cannot be determined by street and number, then the section,
16 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
17 other information as may be necessary, including post office
18 mailing address.

19 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
20 this information.

21 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
22 precinct.

23 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
24 born.

25 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
26 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of

1 naturalization.

2 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

3 Out of State address of

4 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

5 State of

6) ss.

7 County of

8 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
9 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
10 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
11 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
12 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
13 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois, and of
14 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of
15 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

16

17 (His or her signature or mark)

18 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to
19 administer oaths, on (insert date).

20

21 Signature of officer administering oath.

22 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
23 Registration, the Board of Election Commissioners shall
24 transfer the information contained thereon to duplicate
25 Registration Cards provided for in Section 6-35 of this Article
26 and shall attach thereto a copy of each of the duplicate

1 affidavit of registration and thereafter such registration
2 card and affidavit shall constitute the registration of such
3 person the same as if he had applied for registration in
4 person.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.3)

7 Sec. 6-50.3. The board of election commissioners may
8 establish temporary places of registration for such times and
9 at such locations as the board may select. ~~However, no~~
10 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
11 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of the time and place of
12 registration at any such temporary place of registration under
13 this Section shall be published by the board of election
14 commissioners in a newspaper having a general circulation in
15 the city, village or incorporated town not less than 3 nor more
16 than 15 days before the holding of such registration.

17 Temporary places of registration shall be established so
18 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the
19 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
20 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
21 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
22 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
23 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
24 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
25 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,

1 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
2 county fairs.

3 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
4 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
5 or fraction thereof in the county.

6 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by
7 employees of the board of election commissioners or deputy
8 registrars appointed pursuant to Section 6-50.2.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
10 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

12 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
14 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
15 for change of address during the period from the close of
16 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
17 ~~and until and including~~ the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or
18 general ~~before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
19 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
20 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods during
21 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may
22 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
23 address form, in person in the office of the election
24 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
25 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15

1 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
2 a voter registration location specifically designated for this
3 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
4 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
5 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
6 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~
7 ~~established pursuant to Section 19A-10 through election day.~~
8 The election authority shall register that individual, or
9 change a registered voter's address, in the same manner as
10 otherwise provided by this Article for registration and change
11 of address.

12 If a voter who registers or changes address during these
13 ~~this~~ grace periods ~~period~~ wishes to vote at the first election
14 or primary occurring after the grace period. The election
15 authority shall offer in-person grace period voting at the
16 authority's office and any permanent polling place established
17 under Section 19A-10 where grace period registration is
18 required by this Section; and may offer in-person grace period
19 voting at additional locations specifically designated for the
20 purpose of grace period voting by the election authority. The
21 election authority may allow grace period voting by mail only
22 if the election authority has no ballots prepared at the
23 authority's office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner
24 substantially similar to voting under Article 19A-19.

25 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
26 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election

1 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
2 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
3 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
4 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
5 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
6 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
7 names and that information in an electronic format on its
8 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
9 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
10 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
11 list of persons to whom vote by mail absentee and early ballots
12 have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and
13 18-5.

14 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
15 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
16 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
17 who register or change address during the grace period must be
18 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
19 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
20 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
21 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
22 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
23 the ballots were opened.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
25 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/6-105)

2 Sec. 6-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
3 first time in person and not ~~by a~~ vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
4 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
5 person first provides the appropriate election authority with
6 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
7 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
8 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
9 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
10 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
11 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
12 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
13 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
14 check, or other federal, State, or local government document
15 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
16 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
17 photo identification issued by a college or university
18 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
19 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
20 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
21 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof
22 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
23 election authority that the registration has not been fully
24 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
25 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-15)

2 Sec. 7-15. At least 60 days prior to each general and
3 consolidated primary, the election authority shall provide
4 public notice, calculated to reach elderly and handicapped
5 voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids
6 under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
7 Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking
8 the ballot, procedures for voting by a vote by mail ~~absentee~~
9 ballot, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
10 At least 20 days before the general primary the county clerk of
11 each county, and not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before
12 the consolidated primary the election authority, shall prepare
13 in the manner provided in this Act, a notice of such primary
14 which notice shall state the time and place of holding the
15 primary, the hours during which the polls will be open, the
16 offices for which candidates will be nominated at such primary
17 and the political parties entitled to participate therein,
18 notwithstanding that no candidate of any such political party
19 may be entitled to have his name printed on the primary ballot.
20 Such notice shall also include the list of addresses of
21 precinct polling places for the consolidated primary unless
22 such list is separately published by the election authority not
23 less than 10 days before the consolidated primary.

24 In counties, municipalities, or towns having fewer than
25 500,000 inhabitants notice of the general primary shall be

1 published once in two or more newspapers published in the
2 county, municipality or town, as the case may be, or if there
3 is no such newspaper, then in any two or more newspapers
4 published in the county and having a general circulation
5 throughout the community.

6 In counties, municipalities, or towns having 500,000 or
7 more inhabitants notice of the general primary shall be
8 published at least 15 days prior to the primary by the same
9 authorities and in the same manner as notice of election for
10 general elections are required to be published in counties,
11 municipalities or towns of 500,000 or more inhabitants under
12 this Act.

13 Notice of the consolidated primary shall be published once
14 in one or more newspapers published in each political
15 subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such
16 newspaper, then published once in a local, community newspaper
17 having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in
18 a newspaper published in the county wherein the political
19 subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are
20 situated.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

23 Sec. 7-34. Pollwatchers in a primary election shall be
24 authorized in the following manner:

25 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to

1 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers must be
2 affiliated with the political party for which they are
3 pollwatching and must be a registered voter in Illinois.

4 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
5 pollwatchers per precinct. For Federal, State, county,
6 township, and municipal primary elections, the pollwatchers
7 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

8 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
9 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
10 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
11 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
12 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
13 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
14 election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per
15 precinct. For all primary elections, the pollwatcher must be
16 registered to vote in Illinois.

17 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
18 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
19 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
20 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
21 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
22 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
23 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
24 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
25 election. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in
26 Illinois. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "State

1 nonpartisan civic organization" means any corporation,
2 unincorporated association, or organization that:

3 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
4 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
5 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
6 information and education, the protection of individual
7 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
8 elections;

9 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities
10 within the State of Illinois; and

11 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
12 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
13 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
14 without a current listed telephone number is not
15 sufficient).

16 (4) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
17 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
18 address of its organization or committee and the name and
19 address of its chairman with the proper election authority at
20 least 40 days before the primary election, shall be entitled to
21 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
22 registered to vote in Illinois.

23 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates for
24 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
25 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
26 resident of a county in which any part of the municipality is

1 situated shall be eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any
2 polling place located within such municipality, provided that
3 such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective
4 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this Section and
5 is a registered voter whose residence is within Illinois.

6 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
7 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
8 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
9 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available
10 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
11 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile
12 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate
13 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the
14 chairman of the proponent or opponent group, as the case may
15 be.

16 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
17 following form:

18 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

19 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

20 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the
21 undersigned hereby appoints (name of pollwatcher)
22 at (address) in the county of,
23 (township or municipality) of (name),
24 State of Illinois and who is duly registered to vote from this
25 address, to act as a pollwatcher in the precinct of

1 the ward (if applicable) of the
2 (township or municipality) of at the
3 election to be held on (insert date).

4 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
5 TITLE (party official, candidate,
6 civic organization president,
7 proponent or opponent group chairman)

8 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
9 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
10 that he or she resides at (address) in the
11 county of, (township or municipality) of
12 (name), State of Illinois, and is duly registered to
13 vote in Illinois.

14
15 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
16 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

17 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
18 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
19 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
20 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
21 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
22 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
23 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
24 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
25 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the

1 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
2 the course of the day, but established political parties,
3 candidates, qualified civic organizations and proponents and
4 opponents of a ballot proposition can have only as many
5 pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this
6 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the
7 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election
8 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to
9 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have
10 closed, pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the
11 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only
12 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
13 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

14 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
15 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and
16 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
17 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
18 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
19 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and
20 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
21 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
22 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority
23 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed
24 forthwith from such polling place.

25 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
26 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to

1 polling places on election day in such district or municipality
 2 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials
 3 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by
 4 and under the facsimile signature of the election authority of
 5 the election jurisdiction where the polling place in which the
 6 candidate seeks admittance is located, and shall be available
 7 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
 8 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

9 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
 10 following form:

11 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

12 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

13 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I
 14 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate
 15 for (name of office) and seek admittance to
 16 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
 17 (township or municipality) of at the election
 18 to be held on (insert date).

19
20	(Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
21		CANDIDATE SEEKS
22		NOMINATION OR
23		ELECTION

24 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings

1 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
2 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
3 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
4 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
5 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
6 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
7 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in
8 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
9 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
10 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
11 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
12 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
13 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
14 violations of this Code.

15 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
16 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
17 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
18 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
19 number, except that each candidate and each established or new
20 political party shall be permitted to have at least one
21 pollwatcher present.

22 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an
23 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,
24 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a
25 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney
26 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in

1 the performance of their official election duties, shall be
2 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling
3 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives
4 shall display their official credentials or other
5 identification to the judges of election.

6 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty
7 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of election.

8 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
9 supervised casting of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided
10 in Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-267, eff. 8-17-07.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-61) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-61)

13 Sec. 7-61. Whenever a special election is necessary the
14 provisions of this Article are applicable to the nomination of
15 candidates to be voted for at such special election.

16 In cases where a primary election is required the officer
17 or board or commission whose duty it is under the provisions of
18 this Act relating to general elections to call an election,
19 shall fix a date for the primary for the nomination of
20 candidates to be voted for at such special election. Notice of
21 such primary shall be given at least 15 days prior to the
22 maximum time provided for the filing of petitions for such a
23 primary as provided in Section 7-12.

24 Any vacancy in nomination under the provisions of this
25 Article 7 occurring on or after the primary and prior to

1 certification of candidates by the certifying board or officer,
2 must be filled prior to the date of certification. Any vacancy
3 in nomination occurring after certification but prior to 15
4 days before the general election shall be filled within 8 days
5 after the event creating the vacancy. The resolution filling
6 the vacancy shall be sent by U. S. mail or personal delivery to
7 the certifying officer or board within 3 days of the action by
8 which the vacancy was filled; provided, if such resolution is
9 sent by mail and the U. S. postmark on the envelope containing
10 such resolution is dated prior to the expiration of such 3 day
11 limit, the resolution shall be deemed filed within such 3 day
12 limit. Failure to so transmit the resolution within the time
13 specified in this Section shall authorize the certifying
14 officer or board to certify the original candidate. Vacancies
15 shall be filled by the officers of a local municipal or
16 township political party as specified in subsection (h) of
17 Section 7-8, other than a statewide political party, that is
18 established only within a municipality or township and the
19 managing committee (or legislative committee in case of a
20 candidate for State Senator or representative committee in the
21 case of a candidate for State Representative in the General
22 Assembly or State central committee in the case of a candidate
23 for statewide office, including but not limited to the office
24 of United States Senator) of the respective political party for
25 the territorial area in which such vacancy occurs.

26 The resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination shall be

1 duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take
2 acknowledgements of deeds and shall include, upon its face, the
3 following information:

4 (a) the name of the original nominee and the office
5 vacated;

6 (b) the date on which the vacancy occurred;

7 (c) the name and address of the nominee selected to fill
8 the vacancy and the date of selection.

9 The resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination shall be
10 accompanied by a Statement of Candidacy, as prescribed in
11 Section 7-10, completed by the selected nominee and a receipt
12 indicating that such nominee has filed a statement of economic
13 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

14 The provisions of Section 10-8 through 10-10.1 relating to
15 objections to certificates of nomination and nomination
16 papers, hearings on objections, and judicial review, shall
17 apply to and govern objections to resolutions for filling a
18 vacancy in nomination.

19 Any vacancy in nomination occurring 15 days or less before
20 the consolidated election or the general election shall not be
21 filled. In this event, the certification of the original
22 candidate shall stand and his name shall appear on the official
23 ballot to be voted at the general election.

24 A vacancy in nomination occurs when a candidate who has
25 been nominated under the provisions of this Article 7 dies
26 before the election (whether death occurs prior to, on or after

1 the day of the primary), or declines the nomination; provided
2 that nominations may become vacant for other reasons.

3 ~~If the name of no established political party candidate was~~
4 ~~printed on the consolidated primary ballot for a particular~~
5 ~~office and if no person was nominated as a write in candidate~~
6 ~~for such office, a vacancy in nomination shall be created which~~
7 ~~may be filled in accordance with the requirements of this~~
8 ~~Section. If the name of no established political party~~
9 ~~candidate was printed on the general primary ballot for a~~
10 ~~particular office and if no person was nominated as a write in~~
11 ~~candidate for such office, a vacancy in nomination shall be~~
12 ~~filled only by a person designated by the appropriate committee~~
13 ~~of the political party and only if that designated person files~~
14 ~~nominating petitions with the number of signatures required for~~
15 ~~an established party candidate for that office within 75 days~~
16 ~~after the day of the general primary. The circulation period~~
17 ~~for those petitions begins on the day the appropriate committee~~
18 ~~designates that person. The person shall file his or her~~
19 ~~nominating petitions, statements of candidacy, notice of~~
20 ~~appointment by the appropriate committee, and receipt of filing~~
21 ~~his or her statement of economic interests together. These~~
22 ~~documents shall be filed at the same location as provided in~~
23 ~~Section 7-12. The electoral boards having jurisdiction under~~
24 ~~Section 10-9 to hear and pass upon objections to nominating~~
25 ~~petitions also shall hear and pass upon objections to~~
26 ~~nomination petitions filed by candidates under this paragraph.~~

1 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a
2 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated
3 for his or her nomination at such primary election, is
4 ineligible to be listed on the ballot at that general or
5 consolidated election as a candidate of another political
6 party.

7 A candidate seeking election to an office for which
8 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is
9 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her
10 nomination at such caucus, is ineligible to be listed on the
11 ballot at that general or consolidated election as a candidate
12 of another political party.

13 In the proceedings to nominate a candidate to fill a
14 vacancy or to fill a vacancy in the nomination, each precinct,
15 township, ward, county or congressional district, as the case
16 may be, shall through its representative on such central or
17 managing committee, be entitled to one vote for each ballot
18 voted in such precinct, township, ward, county or congressional
19 district, as the case may be, by the primary electors of its
20 party at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting
21 at which such vacancy is to be filled.

22 For purposes of this Section, the words "certify" and
23 "certification" shall refer to the act of officially declaring
24 the names of candidates entitled to be printed upon the
25 official ballot at an election and directing election
26 authorities to place the names of such candidates upon the

1 official ballot. "Certifying officers or board" shall refer to
2 the local election official, election authority or the State
3 Board of Elections, as the case may be, with whom nomination
4 papers, including certificates of nomination and resolutions
5 to fill vacancies in nomination, are filed and whose duty it is
6 to "certify" candidates.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-809, eff. 1-1-10; 96-848, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/8-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-17)

9 Sec. 8-17. The death of any candidate prior to, or on, the
10 date of the primary shall not affect the canvass of the
11 ballots. If the result of such canvass discloses that such
12 candidate, if he had lived, would have been nominated, such
13 candidate shall be declared nominated.

14 In the event that a candidate of a party who has been
15 nominated under the provisions of this Article shall die before
16 election (whether death occurs prior to, or on, or after, the
17 date of the primary) or decline the nomination or should the
18 nomination for any other reason become vacant, the legislative
19 or representative committee of such party for such district
20 shall nominate a candidate of such party to fill such vacancy.
21 ~~However, if there was no candidate for the nomination of the~~
22 ~~party in the primary, no candidate of that party for that~~
23 ~~office may be listed on the ballot at the general election,~~
24 ~~unless the legislative or representative committee of the party~~
25 ~~nominates a candidate to fill the vacancy in nomination within~~

1 ~~75 days after the date of the general primary election.~~

2 Vacancies in nomination occurring under this Article shall be
3 filled by the appropriate legislative or representative
4 committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-61 of
5 this Code. In proceedings to fill the vacancy in nomination,
6 the voting strength of the members of the legislative or
7 representative committee shall be as provided in Section 8-6.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/9-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-21)

10 Sec. 9-21. Upon receipt of a complaint as provided in
11 Section 9-20, the Board shall hold a closed preliminary hearing
12 to determine whether or not the complaint appears to have been
13 filed on justifiable grounds. Such closed preliminary hearing
14 shall be conducted as soon as practicable after affording
15 reasonable notice, a copy of the complaint, and an opportunity
16 to testify at such hearing to both the person making the
17 complaint and the person against whom the complaint is
18 directed. If the complaint is received between 31 and 15 days
19 before an election about which the complaint is filed, then the
20 Board shall, at a minimum, hold the closed preliminary hearing
21 and make the determination of whether the complaint was filed
22 upon justifiable grounds, prior to the election. If the Board
23 finds that the complaint was filed upon justifiable grounds and
24 determines that a public hearing is necessary, that hearing may
25 be set prior to the election if time permits. If time does not

1 so permit, the hearing shall take place as soon as practicable
2 after the election. The complaint must be personally served on
3 the respondent by the complainant and proof of service must be
4 included with the complaint filed with the Board. In addition,
5 the complaint must be accompanied by the \$50 filing fee. If the
6 complainant fails to personally serve the respondent and
7 provide proof, or fails to pay the filing fee, then the Board
8 shall not accept the complaint. Complaints involving any
9 conduct that relates to an upcoming election shall not be
10 accepted 14 or fewer business days before that election.
11 However, those complaints may be filed at any time after that
12 election. If the Board fails to determine that the complaint
13 has been filed on justifiable grounds, it shall dismiss the
14 complaint without further hearing. Any additional hearings
15 shall be open to the public.

16 Whenever the Board, in an open meeting, determines, after
17 affording due notice and an opportunity for a public hearing,
18 that any person has engaged or is about to engage in an act or
19 practice which constitutes or will constitute a violation of
20 any provision of this Article or any regulation or order issued
21 thereunder, the Board shall issue an order directing such
22 person to take such action as the Board determines may be
23 necessary in the public interest to correct the violation.
24 Except as provided above, the ~~In addition, if the act or~~
25 ~~practice engaged in consists of the failure to file any~~
26 ~~required report within the time prescribed by this Article, the~~

1 ~~Board, as part of its order, shall further provide that if,~~
2 ~~within the 12-month period following the issuance of the order,~~
3 ~~such person fails to file within the time prescribed by this~~
4 ~~Article any subsequent report as may be required, such person~~
5 ~~may be subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Section 9-23. The~~
6 Board shall render its final judgment within 60 days of the
7 date the complaint is filed; ~~except that during the 60 days~~
8 ~~preceding the date of the election in reference to which the~~
9 ~~complaint is filed, the Board shall render its final judgment~~
10 ~~within 7 days of the date the complaint is filed, and during~~
11 ~~the 7 days preceding such election, the Board shall render such~~
12 ~~judgment before the date of such election, if possible.~~

13 At any time prior to the issuance of the Board's final
14 judgment, the parties may dispose of the complaint by a written
15 stipulation, agreed settlement or consent order. Any such
16 stipulation, settlement or order shall, however, be submitted
17 in writing to the Board and shall become effective only if
18 approved by the Board in an open meeting. If the act or
19 practice complained of consists of the failure to file any
20 required report within the time prescribed by this Article,
21 such stipulation, settlement or order may provide that if,
22 within the 12-month period following the approval of such
23 stipulation, agreement or order, the person complained of fails
24 to file within the time prescribed by this Article any
25 subsequent reports as may be required, such person may be
26 subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Section 9-23.

1 Any person filing a complaint pursuant to Section 9-20 may,
2 upon written notice to the other parties and to the Board,
3 voluntarily withdraw the complaint at any time prior to the
4 issuance of the Board's final determination.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11.)

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

7 Sec. 10-7. Any person whose name has been presented as a
8 candidate, including nonpartisan and independent candidates,
9 may cause his name to be withdrawn from any such nomination by
10 his request in writing, signed by him and duly acknowledged
11 before an officer qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds,
12 and presented to the principal office or permanent branch
13 office of the Board, the election authority, or the local
14 election official, as the case may be, not later than the date
15 for certification of candidates for the ballot. No name so
16 withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballots under the party
17 appellation or title from which the candidate has withdrawn his
18 name. If such a request for withdrawal is received after the
19 date for certification of the candidates for the ballot, then
20 the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and
21 shall not be reported by the election authority. If the name of
22 the same person has been presented as a candidate for 2 or more
23 offices which are incompatible so that the same person could
24 not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that
25 person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such

1 offices within the 5 business days following the last day for
2 petition filing. If he fails to withdraw as a candidate for all
3 but one of such offices within such time, his name shall not be
4 certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any office. However,
5 nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding a
6 judge who is seeking retention in office from also being a
7 candidate for another judicial office. Except as otherwise
8 herein provided, in case the certificate of nomination or
9 petition as provided for in this Article shall contain or
10 exhibit the name of any candidate for any office upon more than
11 one of said certificates or petitions (for the same office),
12 then and in that case the Board or election authority or local
13 election official, as the case may be, shall immediately notify
14 said candidate of said fact and that his name appears
15 unlawfully upon more than one of said certificates or petitions
16 and that within 3 days from the receipt of said notification,
17 said candidate must elect as to which of said political party
18 appellations or groups he desires his name to appear and remain
19 under upon said ballot, and if said candidate refuses, fails or
20 neglects to make such election, then and in that case the Board
21 or election authority or local election official, as the case
22 may be, shall permit the name of said candidate to appear or be
23 printed or placed upon said ballot only under the political
24 party appellation or group appearing on the certificate of
25 nomination or petition, as the case may be, first filed, and
26 shall strike or cause to be stricken the name of said candidate

1 from all certificates of nomination and petitions filed after
2 the first such certificate of nomination or petition.

3 Whenever the name of a candidate for an office is withdrawn
4 from a new political party petition, it shall constitute a
5 vacancy in nomination for that office which may be filled in
6 accordance with Section 10-11 of this Article; provided, that
7 if the names of all candidates for all offices on a new
8 political party petition are withdrawn or such petition is
9 declared invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review,
10 no vacancies in nomination for those offices shall exist and
11 the filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill
12 vacancies in nomination shall have no legal effect.

13 Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office
14 is withdrawn or an independent candidate's petition is declared
15 invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no
16 vacancy in nomination for that office shall exist and the
17 filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill a vacancy
18 in nomination shall have no legal effect.

19 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when
20 presented or filed shall be open, under proper regulation, to
21 public inspection, and the State Board of Elections and the
22 several election authorities and local election officials
23 having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in
24 their respective offices not less than 6 months.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/10-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-9)

2 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated
3 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's
4 petition described in Section 10-8.

5 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon
6 objections to the nominations of candidates for State
7 offices, nominations of candidates for ~~congressional,~~
8 ~~legislative~~ and judicial offices of districts,
9 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,
10 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's
11 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be
12 elected from more than one county, nominations of
13 candidates for congressional and legislative offices that
14 do not have any portion of their district in a county with
15 a population of 3,000,000 or more, and petitions for
16 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of
17 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the
18 Constitution.

19 2. The county officers electoral board of a county with
20 a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass upon
21 objections to the nominations of candidates for county
22 offices, ~~for congressional, legislative~~ and judicial
23 offices of a district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous
24 with or less than a county, for any school district
25 offices, for the office of multi-township assessor where
26 candidates for such office are nominated in accordance with

1 this Code, and for all special district offices, shall be
2 composed of the county clerk, or an assistant designated by
3 the county clerk, the State's attorney of the county or an
4 Assistant State's Attorney designated by the State's
5 Attorney, and the clerk of the circuit court, or an
6 assistant designated by the clerk of the circuit court, of
7 the county, of whom the county clerk or his designee shall
8 be the chairman, except that in any county which has
9 established a county board of election commissioners that
10 board shall constitute the county officers electoral board
11 ex-officio. If a school district is located in 2 or more
12 counties, the county officers electoral board of the county
13 in which the principal office of the school district is
14 located shall hear and pass upon objections to nominations
15 of candidates for school district office in that school
16 district.

17 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county
18 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass
19 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county
20 offices, candidates for congressional and legislative
21 offices if any portion of the district lies within the
22 county unless the district is wholly within the
23 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
24 commissioners, and judicial offices of a district,
25 subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less than a
26 county, for any school district offices, for the office of

1 multi-township assessor where candidates for such office
2 are nominated in accordance with this Code, and for all
3 special district offices, shall be composed of the county
4 clerk, or an assistant designated by the county clerk, the
5 State's attorney of the county or an Assistant State's
6 Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk
7 of the circuit court, or an assistant designated by the
8 clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom the
9 county clerk or his designee shall be the chairman, except
10 that in any county which has established a county board of
11 election commissioners that board shall constitute the
12 county officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school
13 district is located in 2 or more counties, the county
14 officers electoral board of the county in which the
15 principal office of the school district is located shall
16 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates
17 for school district office in that school district.

18 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and
19 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
20 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor
21 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village
22 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated
23 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of
24 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to
25 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest
26 number of years as a member of the city council or board of

1 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of
2 trustees shall be the chairman.

3 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon
4 objections to the nominations of township officers shall be
5 composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk, and
6 that eligible town trustee elected in the township who has
7 had the longest term of continuous service as town trustee,
8 of whom the township supervisor shall be the chairman.

9 5. The education officers electoral board to hear and
10 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
11 offices in community college districts shall be composed of
12 the presiding officer of the community college district
13 board, who shall be the chairman, the secretary of the
14 community college district board and the eligible elected
15 community college board member who has the longest term of
16 continuous service as a board member.

17 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,
18 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or
19 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal
20 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all
21 cases where the school district or special district is
22 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of
23 election commissioners and in all cases where the
24 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the
25 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
26 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall

1 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

2 For special districts situated in more than one county, the
3 county officers electoral board of the county in which the
4 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction to
5 hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this Section,
6 "special districts" means all political subdivisions other
7 than counties, municipalities, townships and school and
8 community college districts.

9 In the event that any member of the appropriate board is a
10 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
11 petition is filed, he shall not be eligible to serve on that
12 board and shall not act as a member of the board and his place
13 shall be filled as follows:

14 a. In the county officers electoral board by the county
15 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the
16 sheriff of the county.

17 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the
18 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member
19 who has served the second greatest number of years as a
20 city council or board of trustees member.

21 c. In the township officers electoral board by the
22 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second
23 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

24 d. In the education officers electoral board by the
25 eligible elected community college district board member
26 who has had the second longest term of continuous service

1 as a board member.

2 In the event that the chairman of the electoral board is
3 ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she is a
4 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
5 petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under the
6 provisions of this Section shall be the chairman; In this case,
7 the officer or board with whom the objector's petition is
8 filed, shall transmit the certificate of nomination or
9 nomination papers as the case may be, and the objector's
10 petition to the substitute chairman of the electoral board.

11 When 2 or more eligible individuals, by reason of their
12 terms of service on a city council or board of trustees,
13 township board of trustees, or community college district
14 board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one to serve
15 shall be chosen by lot.

16 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled
17 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members
18 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the
19 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon
20 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief
21 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board
22 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was
23 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by
24 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the
25 chairman of an electoral board shall be designated by the Chief
26 Judge.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)

3 Sec. 11-4.1. (a) In appointing polling places under this
4 Article, the county board or board of election commissioners
5 shall, insofar as they are convenient and available, use
6 schools and other public buildings as polling places.

7 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
8 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
9 school districts and units of local government) shall make a
10 public building under its control available for use as a
11 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably necessary
12 time before and after election day, without charge. If the
13 county board or board of election commissioners chooses a
14 school to be a polling place, then the school district must
15 make the school available for use as a polling place. However,
16 for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to
17 (i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that
18 day with students not in attendance.

19 (c) A government agency which makes a public building under
20 its control available for use as a polling place shall (i)
21 ensure the portion of the building to be used as the polling
22 place is accessible to handicapped and elderly voters and (ii)
23 allow the election authority to administer the election as
24 authorized under this Code.

25 (d) If a qualified elector's precinct polling place is a

1 school and the elector will be unable to enter that polling
2 place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
3 2012 because the elector is a child sex offender as defined in
4 Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that elector may
5 vote by a vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in accordance with
6 Article 19 of this Code or may vote early in accordance with
7 Article 19A of this Code.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-773, eff. 7-18-14.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/11-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-7)

10 Sec. 11-7. For the purpose of the conduct of any
11 consolidated election, consolidated primary election, special
12 municipal primary election or emergency referendum, an
13 election authority may cluster up to four contiguous precincts
14 as provided in this Section, which shall constitute a clustered
15 voting zone. The common polling place for the clustered voting
16 zone shall be located within the territory comprising the
17 clustered precincts. Unless the election authority specifies a
18 larger number, only one election judge shall be appointed for
19 each of the precincts in each clustered voting zone.

20 The judges so appointed may not all be affiliated with the
21 same political party.

22 The conduct of an election in a clustered voting zone shall
23 be under the general supervision of all the judges of election
24 designated to serve in the clustered voting zone. The
25 designated judges may perform the duties of election judges for

1 the entire clustered voting zone. However, the requirements of
2 Section 17-14 shall apply to voter assistance, the requirements
3 of Section 24-10 shall apply to voter instruction, the
4 requirement of Section 24A-10 shall apply to examination of
5 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots, and any disputes as to
6 entitlement to vote, challenges, counting of ballots or other
7 matters pertaining directly to voting shall be decided by those
8 designated judges appointed for the precinct in which the
9 affected voter resides or the disputed vote is to be counted.

10 This Section does not apply to any elections in
11 municipalities with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

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

14 Sec. 12-1. At least 60 days prior to each general and
15 consolidated election, the election authority shall provide
16 public notice, calculated to reach elderly and handicapped
17 voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids
18 under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
19 Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking
20 the ballot, procedures for voting by vote by mail ~~absentee~~
21 ballot, and procedures for voting early by personal appearance.

22 At least 30 days before any general election, and at least
23 20 days before any special congressional election, the county
24 clerk shall publish a notice of the election in 2 or more
25 newspapers published in the county, city, village,

1 incorporated town or town, as the case may be, or if there is
2 no such newspaper, then in any 2 or more newspapers published
3 in the county and having a general circulation throughout the
4 community. The notice may be substantially as follows:

5 Notice is hereby given that on (give date), at (give the
6 place of holding the election and the name of the precinct or
7 district) in the county of (name county), an election will be
8 held for (give the title of the several offices to be filled),
9 which election will be open at 6:00 a.m. and continued open
10 until 7:00 p.m. of that day.

11 Dated at on (insert date).

12 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

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

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

1 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
2 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
3 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
4 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board
5 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in
6 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this
7 Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
8 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
9 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
10 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
11 nominate candidates for such purpose. The tally judges shall
12 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the
13 same manner and with the same division between political
14 parties as is provided for judges of election.

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

26 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as

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

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

20 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

22 Sec. 13-2. Appointment of election judges in counties
23 having a population of less than 3,000,000. In counties under
24 the township organization the county board shall at its meeting
25 in July in each even-numbered year except in counties

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

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

1 nominate candidates for such purpose.

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

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

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

1 furnished for certain election precincts), the county board
2 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
3 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided,
4 further, that in any case where a township has been or shall be
5 redistricted, in whole or in part, subsequent to one general
6 election for Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of
7 election to be selected for all new or altered precincts shall
8 be selected in that one of the methods above detailed, which
9 shall be applicable according to the facts and circumstances of
10 the particular case, but the majority of such judges for each
11 such precinct shall be selected from the first leading
12 political party, and the minority judges from the second
13 leading political party. ~~Provided, further, that in counties~~
14 ~~having a population of 1,000,000 inhabitants or over the~~
15 ~~selection of judges of election shall be made in the same~~
16 ~~manner in all respects as in other counties, except that the~~
17 ~~provisions relating to tally judges are inapplicable to such~~
18 ~~counties and except that the county board shall meet during the~~
19 ~~month of January for the purpose of making such selection and~~
20 ~~the chairman of each county central committee shall notify the~~
21 ~~county board by the preceding October 1 whether or not the~~
22 ~~certified list will be filed.~~ Such judges of election shall
23 hold their office for 2 years from their appointment and until
24 their successors are duly appointed in the manner provided in
25 this Act. The county board shall fill all vacancies in the
26 office of judges of elections at any time in the manner herein

1 provided.

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

4 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/13-3.5 new)

6 Sec. 13-3.5. Appointment of election judges in counties
7 having a population of more than 3,000,000. In counties under
8 the township organization the county board shall at its meeting
9 in January in each even-numbered year with a population of
10 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are
11 appointed by election commissioners, select in each election
12 precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be
13 judges of election who shall possess the qualifications
14 required by this Act for such judges. Where neither voting
15 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems
16 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
17 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable
18 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general
19 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered
20 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team
21 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election
22 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
23 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
24 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
25 vote after the closing of the polls. The tally judges shall

1 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the
2 same manner and with the same division between political
3 parties as is provided for judges of election.

4 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election
5 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required
6 by this Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
7 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
8 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
9 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
10 nominate candidates for such purpose.

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

22 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
23 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
24 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various
25 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The
26 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges

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

1 list, if filed, shall be filed with the county clerk not less
2 than 20 days before the annual meeting of the county board. The
3 county board shall acknowledge in writing to each township
4 committeeperson the names of all persons submitted on such
5 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
6 If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete (that is, no
7 names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for
8 certain election precincts), the county board shall make or
9 complete such list from the names contained in the supplemental
10 list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in
11 any case where a township has been or shall be redistricted, in
12 whole or in part, subsequent to one general election for
13 Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of election to be
14 selected for all new or altered precincts shall be selected in
15 that one of the methods above detailed, which shall be
16 applicable according to the facts and circumstances of the
17 particular case, but the majority of such judges for each such
18 precinct shall be selected from the first leading political
19 party, and the minority judges from the second leading
20 political party. Such judges of election shall hold their
21 office for 2 years from their appointment and until their
22 successors are duly appointed in the manner provided in this
23 Act. The county board shall fill all vacancies in the office of
24 judges of elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

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

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

2 Sec. 13-10. The compensation of the judges of all primaries
3 and all elections, except judges supervising vote by mail
4 ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided in Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in
5 counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants shall be fixed by the
6 respective county boards or boards of election commissioners in
7 all counties and municipalities, but in no case shall such
8 compensation be less than \$35 per day. The compensation of
9 judges of all primaries and all elections not under the
10 jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges supervising
11 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ balloting as provided in Section 19-12.2
12 of this Act, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or
13 more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The compensation of
14 judges of all primaries and all elections under the
15 jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges supervising
16 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ balloting as provided in Section 19-12.2
17 of this Act, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or
18 more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The compensation of
19 judges of all primaries and all elections, except judges
20 supervising vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided in
21 Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
22 at least 600,000 but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants shall be
23 not less than \$45 per day as fixed by the county board of
24 election commissioners of each such county. In addition to
25 their per day compensation and notwithstanding the limitations

1 thereon stated herein, the judges of election, in all counties
2 with a population of less than 600,000, shall be paid \$3 each
3 for each 100 voters or portion thereof, in excess of 200 voters
4 voting for candidates in the election district or precinct
5 wherein the judge is serving, whether a primary or an election
6 is being held. However, no such extra compensation shall be
7 paid to the judges of election in any precinct in which no
8 paper ballots are counted by such judges of election. The 2
9 judges of election in counties having a population of less than
10 600,000 who deliver the returns to the county clerk shall each
11 be allowed and paid a sum to be determined by the election
12 authority for such services and an additional sum per mile to
13 be determined by the election authority for every mile
14 necessarily travelled in going to and returning from the office
15 or place to which they deliver the returns. The compensation
16 for mileage shall be consistent with current rates paid for
17 mileage to employees of the county.

18 However, all judges who have been certified by the County
19 Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners as having
20 satisfactorily completed, within the 2 years preceding the day
21 of election, the training course for judges of election, as
22 provided in Sections 13-2.1, 13-2.2 and 14-4.1 of this Act,
23 shall receive additional compensation of not less than \$10 per
24 day in counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants, the
25 additional compensation of not less than \$10 per day in
26 counties having a population of at least 600,000 but less than

1 2,000,000 inhabitants as fixed by the county board of election
2 commissioners of each such county, and additional compensation
3 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
4 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections not under the
5 jurisdiction of the county clerk, and additional compensation
6 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
7 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections under the
8 jurisdiction of the county clerk.

9 In precincts in which there are tally judges, the
10 compensation of the tally judges shall be 2/3 of that of the
11 judges of election and each holdover judge shall be paid the
12 compensation of a judge of election plus that of a tally judge.

13 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
14 1998, the portion of an election judge's daily compensation
15 reimbursed by the State Board of Elections is increased by \$15.
16 The increase provided by this amendatory Act of 1998 must be
17 used to increase each judge's compensation and may not be used
18 by the county to reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

19 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
20 the 95th General Assembly, the portion of an election judge's
21 daily compensation reimbursement by the State Board of
22 Elections is increased by an additional \$20. The increase
23 provided by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly
24 must be used to increase each judge's compensation and may not
25 be used by the election authority or election jurisdiction to
26 reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.1)

3 Sec. 14-3.1. Boards of election commissioners in election
4 jurisdictions other than municipalities with a population of
5 more than 500,000. The board of election commissioners shall,
6 during the month of July of each even-numbered year, select for
7 each election precinct within the jurisdiction of the board 5
8 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the
9 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. The
10 selection shall be made by a county board of election
11 commissioners in the following manner: the county board of
12 election commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as
13 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified
14 list furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
15 of the first leading political party in that precinct; the
16 county board of election commissioners also shall select and
17 approve 2 persons as judges of election in each election
18 precinct from a certified list furnished by the chairman of the
19 county central committee of the second leading political party
20 in that precinct. The selection by a municipal board of
21 election commissioners shall be made in the following manner:
22 for each precinct, 3 judges shall be selected from one of the 2
23 leading political parties and the other 2 judges shall be
24 selected from the other leading political party; the parties
25 entitled to 3 and 2 judges, respectively, in the several

1 precincts shall be determined as provided in Section 14-4.
2 However, a Board of Election Commissioners may appoint three
3 judges of election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election
4 otherwise required by this Section to serve in any emergency
5 referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any
6 special primary or special election called for the purpose of
7 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the United
8 States Congress or to nominate candidates for such purpose.

9 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election
10 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party
11 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and
12 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
13 which political party is entitled to one judge of election
14 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county
15 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges
16 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of
17 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each
18 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such
19 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall
20 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
21 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
22 and with the same division between political parties as is
23 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
24 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of
25 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
26 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in

1 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail or early
2 ~~absentee~~ ballots voted at recent elections or any combination
3 of such factors. A municipal board of election commissioners
4 shall make the selections of persons qualified under Section
5 14-1 from certified lists furnished by the chairman of the
6 respective county central committees of the 2 leading political
7 parties. Lists furnished by chairmen of county central
8 committees under this Section shall be arranged according to
9 precincts. The chairman of each county central committee shall,
10 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the
11 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,
12 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside
13 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the
14 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit
15 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each
16 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit
17 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each
18 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The board of
19 election commissioners shall no later than March 1 of each
20 even-numbered year notify the chairmen of the respective county
21 central committees of their responsibility to furnish such
22 lists, and each such chairman shall furnish the board of
23 election commissioners with the list for his party on or before
24 May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of election
25 commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each county
26 chairman the names of all persons submitted on such certified

1 list and the total number of persons listed thereon. If no such
2 list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient number of
3 names are furnished for certain precincts, the board of
4 election commissioners shall make or complete such list from
5 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in
6 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for
7 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are
8 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of
9 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of
10 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
11 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

12 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
13 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.1A new)

16 Sec. 14-3.1A. Boards of election commissioners in
17 municipalities with a population of more than 500,000. The
18 board of election commissioners shall, during the month of July
19 of each even-numbered year, select for each election precinct
20 within the jurisdiction of the board 5 persons to be judges of
21 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this
22 Act for such judges. The selection shall be made by a county
23 board of election commissioners in the following manner: the
24 county board of election commissioners shall select and approve
25 3 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from

1 a certified list furnished by the ward committeeperson for each
2 ward in the municipality of the first leading political party
3 in that precinct; the county board of election commissioners
4 also shall select and approve 2 persons as judges of election
5 in each election precinct from a certified list furnished by
6 the ward committeeperson for each ward in the municipality of
7 the second leading political party in that precinct. The
8 selection by a municipal board of election commissioners shall
9 be made in the following manner: for each precinct, 3 judges
10 shall be selected from one of the 2 leading political parties
11 and the other 2 judges shall be selected from the other leading
12 political party; the parties entitled to 3 and 2 judges,
13 respectively, in the several precincts shall be determined as
14 provided in Section 14-4. However, a Board of Election
15 Commissioners may appoint three judges of election to serve in
16 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this
17 Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
18 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
19 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
20 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
21 nominate candidates for such purpose.

22 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election
23 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party
24 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and
25 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
26 which political party is entitled to one judge of election

1 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county
2 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges
3 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of
4 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each
5 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such
6 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall
7 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
8 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
9 and with the same division between political parties as is
10 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
11 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of
12 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
13 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
14 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail or early ballots
15 voted at recent elections or any combination of such factors. A
16 municipal board of election commissioners shall make the
17 selections of persons qualified under Section 14-1 from
18 certified lists furnished by the ward committeeperson of the
19 respective ward, or the ward committeeperson in a municipality
20 with more than 500,000 inhabitants, of the 2 leading political
21 parties. Lists furnished by ward committeepersons under this
22 Section shall be arranged according to precincts. The ward
23 committeepersons shall, insofar as possible, list persons who
24 reside within the precinct in which they are to serve as
25 judges. However, he or she may, in his or her sole discretion,
26 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct but

1 within the county embracing the precinct in which they are to
2 serve. He or she must, however, submit the names of at least 2
3 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
4 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one
5 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
6 is to have 2 judges. The board of election commissioners shall
7 no later than March 1 of each even-numbered year notify the
8 ward committeepersons of their responsibility to furnish such
9 lists, and each such ward committeeperson shall furnish the
10 board of election commissioners with the list for his party on
11 or before May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of
12 election commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
13 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such
14 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
15 If no such list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient
16 number of names are furnished for certain precincts, the board
17 of election commissioners shall make or complete such list from
18 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in
19 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for
20 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are
21 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of
22 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of
23 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
24 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

25 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
26 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

1 (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-5.01)

2 Sec. 16-5.01. (a) The election authority shall, at least 46
3 days prior to the date of any election at which federal
4 officers are elected and 45 days prior to any other regular
5 election, have a sufficient number of ballots printed so that
6 such ballots will be available for mailing 45 days prior to the
7 date of the election to persons who have filed application for
8 a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Act.

9 (b) If at any election at which federal offices are elected
10 or nominated the election authority is unable to comply with
11 the provisions of subsection (a), the election authority shall
12 mail to each such person, in lieu of the ballot, a Special
13 Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot. The
14 Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot
15 shall be used at all elections at which federal officers are
16 elected or nominated and shall be prepared by the election
17 authority in substantially the following form:

18 Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot

19 (To vote for a person, write the title of the office and
20 his or her name on the lines provided. Place to the left of and
21 opposite the title of office a square and place a cross (X) in
22 the square.)

23 Title of Office Name of Candidate

24 ()

25 ()

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5 The election authority shall send with the Special Write-in
6 Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot a list of all
7 referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote and all
8 candidates for whom nomination papers have been filed and for
9 whom the voter is qualified to vote. The voter shall be
10 entitled to write in the name of any candidate seeking election
11 and any referenda for which he or she is entitled to vote.

12 On the back or outside of the ballot, so as to appear when
13 folded, shall be printed the words "Official Ballot", the date
14 of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the
15 election authority who has caused the ballot to be printed.

16 The provisions of Article 20, insofar as they may be
17 applicable to the Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~
18 Voter's Blank Ballot, shall be applicable herein.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code or other law
20 to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality may
21 adopt, upon submission of a written statement by the
22 municipality's election authority attesting to the
23 administrative ability of the election authority to administer
24 an election using a ranked ballot to the municipality's
25 governing body, an ordinance requiring, and that
26 municipality's election authority shall prepare, a ranked vote

1 by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot for municipal and township office
2 candidates to be voted on in the consolidated election. This
3 ranked ballot shall be for use only by a qualified voter who
4 either is a member of the United States military or will be
5 outside of the United States on the consolidated primary
6 election day and the consolidated election day. The ranked
7 ballot shall contain a list of the titles of all municipal and
8 township offices potentially contested at both the
9 consolidated primary election and the consolidated election
10 and the candidates for each office and shall permit the elector
11 to vote in the consolidated election by indicating his or her
12 order of preference for each candidate for each office. To
13 indicate his or her order of preference for each candidate for
14 each office, the voter shall put the number one next to the
15 name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the
16 number 2 for his or her second choice, and so forth so that, in
17 consecutive numerical order, a number indicating the voter's
18 preference is written by the voter next to each candidate's
19 name on the ranked ballot. The voter shall not be required to
20 indicate his or her preference for more than one candidate on
21 the ranked ballot. The voter may not cast a write-in vote using
22 the ranked ballot for the consolidated election. The election
23 authority shall, if using the ranked vote by mail ~~absentee~~
24 ballot authorized by this subsection, also prepare
25 instructions for use of the ranked ballot. The ranked ballot
26 for the consolidated election shall be mailed to the voter at

1 the same time that the ballot for the consolidated primary
2 election is mailed to the voter and the election authority
3 shall accept the completed ranked ballot for the consolidated
4 election when the authority accepts the completed ballot for
5 the consolidated primary election.

6 The voter shall also be sent a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
7 ballot for the consolidated election for those races that are
8 not related to the results of the consolidated primary election
9 as soon as the consolidated election ballot is certified.

10 The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules for election
11 authorities for the implementation of this subsection,
12 including but not limited to the application for and counting
13 of ranked ballots.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/17-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-8)

16 Sec. 17-8. The county clerk shall provide in each polling
17 place, so designated or provided a sufficient number of booths,
18 which shall be provided with such supplies and conveniences,
19 including shelves, pens, penholders, ink, blotters and
20 pencils, as will enable the voter to prepare his ballot for
21 voting, and in which voters may prepare their ballots screened
22 from all observation as to the manner in which they do so. They
23 shall be within plain view of election officers, and both they
24 and the ballot boxes shall be within plain view of those within
25 the proximity of the voting booths. Each of said booths shall

1 have 3 sides enclosed, one side in front, to be closed with a
2 curtain. Each side of each booth shall be 6 feet 4 inches and
3 the curtain shall extend within 2 feet of the floor, which
4 shall be closed while the voter is preparing his ballot. Each
5 booth shall be at least 32 inches square and shall contain a
6 shelf at least one foot wide, at a convenient height for
7 writing. No person other than the election officers and the
8 challengers allowed by law, and those admitted for the purpose
9 of voting as herein provided, shall be permitted within the
10 proximity of the voting booths, (i) except by authority of the
11 election officers to keep order and enforce the law and (ii)
12 except that one or more children under the age of 18 may
13 accompany their parent or guardian into the voting booth as
14 long as a request to do so is made to the election officers
15 and, in the sole discretion of the election officers, the child
16 or children are not likely to disrupt or interfere with the
17 voting process or influence the casting of a vote. The number
18 of such voting booths shall not be less than one to every 75
19 voters or fraction thereof who voted at the last preceding
20 election in the precinct. The expense of providing booths and
21 other things required in this Act shall be paid in the same
22 manner as other election expenses.

23 Where electronic voting systems are used, a booth with a
24 self-contained electronic voting device may be used. Each such
25 booth shall have 3 sides enclosed and shall be equipped with a
26 curtain for closing the front of the booth. The curtain must

1 extend to within 2 feet of the floor. Each side shall be of
2 such a height, in no event less than 5 feet, one inch, as to
3 insure the secrecy of the voter. Each booth shall be at least
4 32 inches square, provided, however, that where a booth is no
5 more than 23 inches wide and the sides of such booth extend
6 from a point below the device to a height of 5 feet, one inch,
7 at the front of the booth, and such booth insures that voters
8 may prepare their ballots in secrecy, such booth may be used.
9 If an election authority provides each polling place with
10 stickers or emblems to be given to voters indicating that the
11 person has voted, no person who has voted shall be denied such
12 sticker or emblem.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-288, eff. 1-1-06.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/17-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-9)

15 Sec. 17-9. Any person desiring to vote shall give his name
16 and, if required to do so, his residence to the judges of
17 election, one of whom shall thereupon announce the same in a
18 loud and distinct tone of voice, clear, and audible; the judges
19 of elections shall check each application for ballot against
20 the list of voters registered in that precinct to whom grace
21 period, vote by mail ~~absentee~~, or early ballots have been
22 issued for that election, which shall be provided by the
23 election authority and which list shall be available for
24 inspection by pollwatchers. A voter applying to vote in the
25 precinct on election day whose name appears on the list as

1 having been issued a grace period, vote by mail ~~absentee~~, or
2 early ballot shall not be permitted to vote in the precinct,
3 except that a voter to whom a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot
4 was issued may vote in the precinct if the voter submits to the
5 election judges that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot for
6 cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the vote by mail
7 ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit
8 to the election judges (i) a portion of the vote by mail
9 ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot was torn or
10 mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the election
11 judges specifying that (A) the voter never received a vote by
12 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned
13 a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and was informed that the
14 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ~~absentee~~
15 ballot. All applicable provisions of Articles 4, 5 or 6 shall
16 be complied with and if such name is found on the register of
17 voters by the officer having charge thereof, he shall likewise
18 repeat said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter
19 within the proximity of the voting booths, as above provided.
20 One of the judges shall give the voter one, and only one of
21 each ballot to be voted at the election, on the back of which
22 ballots such judge shall indorse his initials in such manner
23 that they may be seen when each such ballot is properly folded,
24 and the voter's name shall be immediately checked on the
25 register list. In those election jurisdictions where
26 perforated ballot cards are utilized of the type on which

1 write-in votes can be cast above the perforation, the election
2 authority shall provide a space both above and below the
3 perforation for the judge's initials, and the judge shall
4 endorse his or her initials in both spaces. Whenever a proposal
5 for a constitutional amendment or for the calling of a
6 constitutional convention is to be voted upon at the election,
7 the separate blue ballot or ballots pertaining thereto shall,
8 when being handed to the voter, be placed on top of the other
9 ballots to be voted at the election in such manner that the
10 legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed in Section
11 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the voter. At all
12 elections, when a registry may be required, if the name of any
13 person so desiring to vote at such election is not found on the
14 register of voters, he or she shall not receive a ballot until
15 he or she shall have complied with the law prescribing the
16 manner and conditions of voting by unregistered voters. If any
17 person desiring to vote at any election shall be challenged, he
18 or she shall not receive a ballot until he or she shall have
19 established his right to vote in the manner provided
20 hereinafter; and if he or she shall be challenged after he has
21 received his ballot, he shall not be permitted to vote until he
22 or she has fully complied with such requirements of the law
23 upon being challenged. Besides the election officer, not more
24 than 2 voters in excess of the whole number of voting booths
25 provided shall be allowed within the proximity of the voting
26 booths at one time. The provisions of this Act, so far as they

1 require the registration of voters as a condition to their
 2 being allowed to vote shall not apply to persons otherwise
 3 entitled to vote, who are, at the time of the election, or at
 4 any time within 60 days prior to such election have been
 5 engaged in the military or naval service of the United States,
 6 and who appear personally at the polling place on election day
 7 and produce to the judges of election satisfactory evidence
 8 thereof, but such persons, if otherwise qualified to vote,
 9 shall be permitted to vote at such election without previous
 10 registration.

11 All such persons shall also make an affidavit which shall
 12 be in substantially the following form:

13 State of Illinois,)

14) ss.

15 County of)

16 Precinct Ward

17 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen
 18 of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, and that
 19 within the past 60 days prior to the date of this election at
 20 which I am applying to vote, I have been engaged in the
 21 (military or naval) service of the United States; and I am
 22 qualified to vote under and by virtue of the Constitution and
 23 laws of the State of Illinois, and that I am a legally
 24 qualified voter of this precinct and ward except that I have,
 25 because of such service, been unable to register as a voter;
 26 that I now reside at (insert street and number, if any) in

1 this precinct and ward; that I have maintained a legal
2 residence in this precinct and ward for 30 days and in this
3 State 30 days next preceding this election.

4

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

6

7 Judge of Election.

8 The affidavit of any such person shall be supported by the
9 affidavit of a resident and qualified voter of any such
10 precinct and ward, which affidavit shall be in substantially
11 the following form:

12 State of Illinois,)

13) ss.

14 County of)

15 Precinct Ward

16 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I am a
17 resident of this precinct and ward and entitled to vote at this
18 election; that I am acquainted with (name of the
19 applicant); that I verily believe him to be an actual bona fide
20 resident of this precinct and ward and that I verily believe
21 that he or she has maintained a legal residence therein 30 days
22 and in this State 30 days next preceding this election.

23

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

25

1 Judge of Election.

2 All affidavits made under the provisions of this Section
3 shall be enclosed in a separate envelope securely sealed, and
4 shall be transmitted with the returns of the elections to the
5 county clerk or to the board of election commissioners, who
6 shall preserve the said affidavits for the period of 6 months,
7 during which period such affidavits shall be deemed public
8 records and shall be freely open to examination as such.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/17-18.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-18.1)

11 Sec. 17-18.1. Wherever the judicial retention ballot to be
12 used in any general election contains the names of more than 15
13 judges on a separate paper ballot, the County Clerk or Board of
14 Election Commissioners as the case may be, shall designate
15 special judges of election for the purpose of tallying and
16 canvassing the votes cast for and against the propositions for
17 the retention of judges in office in such places and at such
18 times as the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners
19 determine. Special judges of election shall be designated from
20 certified lists submitted by the respective chairmen of the
21 county central committees of the two leading political parties.
22 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
23 Commissioners as the case may be, decides that the counting of
24 the retention ballots shall be performed in the precinct where

1 such ballots are cast, 2 special judges of election shall be
2 designated to tally and canvass the vote of each precinct with
3 one being named from each of the 2 leading political parties.

4 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
5 Commissioners decides that the judicial retention ballots from
6 several precincts shall be tallied and canvassed in a central
7 or common location, then each major political party shall be
8 entitled to an equal number of special election judges in each
9 such central or common location. The County Clerk or Board of
10 Election Commissioners, as the case may be, shall inform, no
11 later than 75 days prior to such election, the respective
12 chairmen of the county central committees of the location or
13 locations where the counting of retention ballots will be done,
14 the number of names to be included on the certified lists, and
15 the number of special election judges to be selected from those
16 lists. If the certified list for either party is not submitted
17 within thirty days after the chairmen have been so informed,
18 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall
19 designate special judges of election for that party in whatever
20 manner it determines.

21 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall
22 apply to the Circuit Court for the confirmation of the special
23 judges of election designated under this Section. The court
24 shall confirm or refuse to confirm such designations as the
25 interest of the public may require. Those confirmed shall be
26 officers of the court and subject to its disciplinary powers.

1 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall,
2 in the exercise of sound discretion, prescribe the forms,
3 materials and supplies together with the procedures for
4 completion and return thereof for use in such election by
5 special judges of election. The special judges of election
6 designated under this Section shall have full responsibility
7 and authority for tallying and canvassing the votes pertaining
8 to the retention of judges and the return of ballots and
9 supplies.

10 If the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners
11 decides that the counting of the retention ballots shall be
12 performed in the precinct where such ballots were cast, at
13 least 2 ballot boxes shall be provided for paper retention
14 ballots, one of which shall be used from the opening of the
15 polls until 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. and
16 the second of which shall be used from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00
17 noon and from 3:00 p.m. until the closing of the polls;
18 provided that if additional ballot boxes are provided, the
19 additional boxes shall be used instead of reusing boxes used
20 earlier. At the close of each such period of use, a ballot box
21 used for retention ballots shall be immediately unsealed and
22 opened and the ballots therein counted and tallied by the
23 special judges of election. After counting and tallying the
24 retention ballots, the special judges of election shall place
25 the counted ballots in a container provided for that purpose by
26 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners and clearly

1 marked with the appropriate printing and shall thereupon seal
2 such container. One such container shall be provided for each
3 of the four time periods and clearly designated as the
4 container for the respective period. The tally shall be
5 recorded on sheets provided by the County Clerk or Board of
6 Election Commissioners and designated as tally sheets for the
7 respective time periods. Before a ballot box may be reused, it
8 shall in the presence of all of the judges of election be
9 verified to be empty, whereupon it shall be resealed. After the
10 close of the polls, and after the tally of votes cast by vote
11 by mail and early ~~absentee~~ voters, the special judges of
12 election shall add together the tallies of all the ballot boxes
13 used throughout the day, and complete the canvass of votes for
14 retention of judges in the manner established by this Act. All
15 of these procedures shall be carried out within the clear view
16 of the other judges of election. The sealed containers of used
17 retention ballots shall be returned with other voted ballots to
18 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners in the
19 manner provided by this Act.

20 The compensation of a special judge of election may not
21 exceed \$30 per judge per precinct or district canvassed.

22 This Section does not affect any other office or the
23 conduct of any other election held at the same time as the
24 election for the retention of judges in office.

25 (Source: P.A. 81-850; 81-1149.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/17-19.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-19.2)

2 Sec. 17-19.2. Where a vacancy in nomination is filled
3 pursuant to Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, the vote by mail and
4 early absentee votes cast for the original candidate on the
5 first ballot shall not be counted. For this purpose, in those
6 jurisdictions where electronic voting systems are used, the
7 election authority shall determine a method by which the first
8 ballots containing the name of the original candidate may be
9 segregated from the revised ballots containing the name of the
10 successor candidate and separately counted.

11 Where a vacancy in nomination is not filled pursuant to
12 Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, all votes cast for the original
13 candidate shall be counted for such candidate.

14 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/17-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-21)

16 Sec. 17-21. When the votes shall have been examined and
17 counted, the judges shall set down on a sheet or return form to
18 be supplied to them, the name of every person voted for,
19 written or printed at full length, the office for which such
20 person received such votes, and the number he did receive and
21 such additional information as is necessary to complete, as
22 nearly as circumstances will admit, the following form, to-wit:

23 TALLY SHEET AND CERTIFICATE OF

24 RESULTS

25 We do hereby certify that at the election held in the

1 precinct hereinafter (general or special) specified on (insert
2 date), a total of voters requested and received ballots
3 and we do further certify:

4 Number of blank ballots delivered to us

5 Number of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots delivered to us
6

7 Total number of ballots delivered to us

8 Number of blank and spoiled ballots returned.

9 (1) Total number of ballots cast (in box)....

10 Defective and Objected To ballots sealed in envelope

11 (2) Total number of ballots cast (in box)

12 Line (2) equals line (1)

13 We further certify that each of the candidates for
14 representative in the General Assembly received the number of
15 votes ascribed to him on the separate tally sheet.

16 We further certify that each candidate received the number
17 of votes set forth opposite his name or in the box containing
18 his name on the tally sheet contained in the page or pages
19 immediately following our signatures.

20 The undersigned actually served as judges and counted the
21 ballots at the election on the day of in the
22 precinct of the (1) *township of, or (2) *City of, or
23 (3) *.... ward in the city of and the polls were opened at
24 6:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. Certified by us.

25 *Fill in either (1), (2) or (3)

26 A B,(Address)

- 1 C D,(Address)
- 2 E F,(Address)
- 3 G H,(Address)
- 4 I J,(Address)

5 Each tally sheet shall be in substantially one of the
 6 following forms:

7 -----

		Candidate's				
Name of	Candidates	Total				
office	Names	Vote	5	10	15	20
8 -----						
12	United	John Smith	77		11	
13	States					
14	Senator					
15 -----						
16 -----						

17 Names of candidates

Name of	and total vote					
office	for each		5	10	15	20
18 -----						
21	For United	John Smith				
22	States					
23	Senator					
24 -----						
		Total Vote.....				
25 -----						

1 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

3 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be
4 authorized in the following manner:

5 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to
6 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must
7 be affiliated with the political party for which they are
8 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be
9 registered to vote in Illinois.

10 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
11 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers
12 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

13 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
14 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
15 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
16 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
17 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
18 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall
19 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all
20 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in
21 Illinois.

22 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
23 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
24 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
25 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic

1 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
2 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
3 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
4 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The
5 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the
6 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic
7 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated
8 association, or organization that:

9 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
10 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
11 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
12 information and education, the protection of individual
13 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
14 elections;

15 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities
16 within the State of Illinois; and

17 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
18 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
19 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
20 without a current listed telephone number is not
21 sufficient).

22 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for
23 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
24 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
25 resident of Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a
26 pollwatcher in any poll located within such municipality,

1 provided that such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the
2 respective requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this
3 Section and is a registered voter in Illinois.

4 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
5 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
6 address of its organization or committee and the name and
7 address of its chairman with the proper election authority at
8 least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to appoint
9 one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
10 registered to vote in Illinois.

11 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
12 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
13 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
14 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of
15 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the
16 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2
17 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be
18 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or
19 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
20 of the civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or
21 opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the election
22 authority nor the State Board of Elections may require any such
23 party official or the candidate or the presiding officer of the
24 civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or opponent
25 group to submit the names or other information concerning
26 pollwatchers before making credentials available to such

1 persons or organizations.

2 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
3 following form:

4 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

5 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

6 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the
7 undersigned hereby appoints (name of pollwatcher)
8 who resides at (address) in the county of
9, (township or municipality) of
10 (name), State of Illinois and who is duly
11 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher
12 in the precinct of the ward (if
13 applicable) of the (township or municipality) of
14 at the election to be held on (insert
15 date).

16 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
17 TITLE (party official, candidate,
18 civic organization president,
19 proponent or opponent group chairman)

20 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
21 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
22 that he or she resides at (address) in the
23 county of, (township or municipality)
24 of (name), State of Illinois, and is duly

1 registered to vote in Illinois.
 2
 3 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 4 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

5 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
 6 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
 7 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
 8 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
 9 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
 10 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
 11 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
 12 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
 13 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
 14 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
 15 the course of the day, but established political parties,
 16 candidates and qualified civic organizations can have only as
 17 many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this
 18 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the
 19 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election
 20 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to
 21 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have
 22 closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the
 23 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only
 24 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
 25 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

1 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
2 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and
3 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
4 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
5 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
6 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and
7 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
8 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
9 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority
10 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed
11 forthwith from such polling place.

12 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
13 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
14 polling places on election day in such district or municipality
15 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials
16 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by
17 and under the facsimile signature of the State Board of
18 Elections or the election authority of the election
19 jurisdiction where the polling place in which the candidate
20 seeks admittance is located, and shall be available for
21 distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
22 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

23 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
24 following form:

25 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

1 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

2 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I
3 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate
4 for (name of office) and seek admittance to
5 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
6 (township or municipality) of at the election
7 to be held on (insert date).

8

9 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH
CANDIDATE SEEKS
NOMINATION OR
ELECTION

13 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
14 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
15 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
16 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
17 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
18 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
19 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
20 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in
21 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
22 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
23 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
24 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
25 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of

1 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
2 violations of this Code.

3 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
4 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
5 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
6 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
7 number, except that each established or new political party
8 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

9 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an
10 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,
11 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a
12 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney
13 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in
14 the performance of their official election duties, shall be
15 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling
16 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives
17 shall display their official credentials or other
18 identification to the judges of election.

19 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty
20 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of election.

21 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
22 supervised casting of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided
23 in Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/17-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-29)

1 Sec. 17-29. (a) No judge of election, pollwatcher, or other
2 person shall, at any primary or election, do any electioneering
3 or soliciting of votes or engage in any political discussion
4 within any polling place, within 100 feet of any polling place,
5 or, at the option of a church or private school, on any of the
6 property of that church or private school that is a polling
7 place; no person shall interrupt, hinder or oppose any voter
8 while approaching within those areas for the purpose of voting.
9 Judges of election shall enforce the provisions of this
10 Section.

11 (b) Election officers shall place 2 or more cones, small
12 United States national flags, or some other marker a distance
13 of 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the room used by
14 voters to engage in voting, which shall be known as the polling
15 room. If the polling room is located within a building that is
16 a private business, a public or private school, or a church or
17 other organization founded for the purpose of religious worship
18 and the distance of 100 horizontal feet ends within the
19 interior of the building, then the markers shall be placed
20 outside of the building at each entrance used by voters to
21 enter that building on the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfare
22 or walkway. If the polling room is located within a public or
23 private building with 2 or more floors and the polling room is
24 located on the ground floor, then the markers shall be placed
25 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the polling room used
26 by voters to engage in voting. If the polling room is located

1 in a public or private building with 2 or more floors and the
2 polling room is located on a floor above or below the ground
3 floor, then the markers shall be placed a distance of 100 feet
4 from the nearest elevator or staircase used by voters on the
5 ground floor to access the floor where the polling room is
6 located. The area within where the markers are placed shall be
7 known as a campaign free zone, and electioneering is prohibited
8 pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of this Section, a church or private school may
10 choose to apply the campaign free zone to its entire property,
11 and, if so, the markers shall be placed near the boundaries on
12 the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfares or walkways leading
13 to the entrances used by the voters. If an election authority
14 maintains a website, 72 hours before the polls open on election
15 day, the election authority shall post the names and addresses
16 of each church or private school that has chosen to apply a
17 campaign free zone to its entire property. If an election
18 authority does not maintain a website, it shall make the same
19 information available by request 72 hours before the polls open
20 on election day.

21 The area on polling place property beyond the campaign free
22 zone, whether publicly or privately owned, is a public forum
23 for the time that the polls are open on an election day. At the
24 request of election officers any publicly owned building must
25 be made available for use as a polling place. A person shall
26 have the right to congregate and engage in electioneering on

1 any polling place property while the polls are open beyond the
2 campaign free zone, including but not limited to, the placement
3 of temporary signs. This subsection shall be construed
4 liberally in favor of persons engaging in electioneering on all
5 polling place property beyond the campaign free zone for the
6 time that the polls are open on an election day. At or near the
7 door of each polling place, the election judges shall place
8 signage indicating the proper entrance to the polling place. In
9 addition, the election judges shall ensure that a sign
10 identifying the location of the polling place is placed on a
11 nearby public roadway. The State Board of Elections shall
12 establish guidelines for the placement of polling place
13 signage.

14 (c) The regulation of electioneering on polling place
15 property on an election day, including but not limited to the
16 placement of temporary signs, is an exclusive power and
17 function of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate
18 electioneering and any ordinance or local law contrary to
19 subsection (c) is declared void. This is a denial and
20 limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection
21 (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/18-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-5)

24 Sec. 18-5. Any person desiring to vote and whose name is
25 found upon the register of voters by the person having charge

1 thereof, shall then be questioned by one of the judges as to
2 his nativity, his term of residence at present address,
3 precinct, State and United States, his age, whether naturalized
4 and if so the date of naturalization papers and court from
5 which secured, and he shall be asked to state his residence
6 when last previously registered and the date of the election
7 for which he then registered. The judges of elections shall
8 check each application for ballot against the list of voters
9 registered in that precinct to whom grace period, vote by mail
10 ~~absentee~~, and early ballots have been issued for that election,
11 which shall be provided by the election authority and which
12 list shall be available for inspection by pollwatchers. A voter
13 applying to vote in the precinct on election day whose name
14 appears on the list as having been issued a grace period, vote
15 by mail ~~absentee~~, or early ballot shall not be permitted to
16 vote in the precinct, except that a voter to whom a vote by
17 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot was issued may vote in the precinct if
18 the voter submits to the election judges that vote by mail
19 ~~absentee~~ ballot for cancellation. If the voter is unable to
20 submit the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient
21 for the voter to submit to the election judges (i) a portion of
22 the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
23 ballot was torn or mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed
24 before the election judges specifying that (A) the voter never
25 received a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter
26 completed and returned a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and

1 was informed that the election authority did not receive that
2 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot. If such person so registered
3 shall be challenged as disqualified, the party challenging
4 shall assign his reasons therefor, and thereupon one of the
5 judges shall administer to him an oath to answer questions, and
6 if he shall take the oath he shall then be questioned by the
7 judge or judges touching such cause of challenge, and touching
8 any other cause of disqualification. And he may also be
9 questioned by the person challenging him in regard to his
10 qualifications and identity. But if a majority of the judges
11 are of the opinion that he is the person so registered and a
12 qualified voter, his vote shall then be received accordingly.
13 But if his vote be rejected by such judges, such person may
14 afterward produce and deliver an affidavit to such judges,
15 subscribed and sworn to by him before one of the judges, in
16 which it shall be stated how long he has resided in such
17 precinct, and state; that he is a citizen of the United States,
18 and is a duly qualified voter in such precinct, and that he is
19 the identical person so registered. In addition to such an
20 affidavit, the person so challenged shall provide to the judges
21 of election proof of residence by producing 2 forms of
22 identification showing the person's current residence address,
23 provided that such identification may include a lease or
24 contract for a residence and not more than one piece of mail
25 addressed to the person at his current residence address and
26 postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of the

1 election, or the person shall procure a witness personally
2 known to the judges of election, and resident in the precinct
3 (or district), or who shall be proved by some legal voter of
4 such precinct or district, known to the judges to be such, who
5 shall take the oath following, viz:

6 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of
7 this election precinct (or district), and entitled to vote at
8 this election, and that I have been a resident of this State
9 for 30 days last past, and am well acquainted with the person
10 whose vote is now offered; that he is an actual and bona fide
11 resident of this election precinct (or district), and has
12 resided herein 30 days, and as I verily believe, in this State,
13 30 days next preceding this election.

14 The oath in each case may be administered by one of the
15 judges of election, or by any officer, resident in the precinct
16 or district, authorized by law to administer oaths. Also
17 supported by an affidavit by a registered voter residing in
18 such precinct, stating his own residence, and that he knows
19 such person; and that he does reside at the place mentioned and
20 has resided in such precinct and state for the length of time
21 as stated by such person, which shall be subscribed and sworn
22 to in the same way. For purposes of this Section, the
23 submission of a photo identification issued by a college or
24 university, accompanied by either (i) a copy of the applicant's
25 contract or lease for a residence or (ii) one piece of mail
26 addressed to the person at his or her current residence address

1 and postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of
2 the election, shall be sufficient to establish proof of
3 residence. Whereupon the vote of such person shall be received,
4 and entered as other votes. But such judges, having charge of
5 such registers, shall state in their respective books the facts
6 in such case, and the affidavits, so delivered to the judges,
7 shall be preserved and returned to the office of the
8 commissioners of election. Blank affidavits of the character
9 aforesaid shall be sent out to the judges of all the precincts,
10 and the judges of election shall furnish the same on demand and
11 administer the oaths without criticism. Such oaths, if
12 administered by any other officer than such judge of election,
13 shall not be received. Whenever a proposal for a constitutional
14 amendment or for the calling of a constitutional convention is
15 to be voted upon at the election, the separate blue ballot or
16 ballots pertaining thereto shall be placed on top of the other
17 ballots to be voted at the election in such manner that the
18 legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed in Section
19 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the voter, and in
20 this fashion the ballots shall be handed to the voter by the
21 judge.

22 Immediately after voting, the voter shall be instructed
23 whether the voting equipment, if used, accepted or rejected the
24 ballot or identified the ballot as under-voted. A voter whose
25 ballot is identified as under-voted for a statewide
26 constitutional office may return to the voting booth and

1 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose ballot is not
2 accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the
3 ballot, request and vote another ballot. The voter's
4 surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the election judge and
5 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing that
6 voting equipment.

7 The voter shall, upon quitting the voting booth, deliver to
8 one of the judges of election all of the ballots, properly
9 folded, which he received. The judge of election to whom the
10 voter delivers his ballots shall not accept the same unless all
11 of the ballots given to the voter are returned by him. If a
12 voter delivers less than all of the ballots given to him, the
13 judge to whom the same are offered shall advise him in a voice
14 clearly audible to the other judges of election that the voter
15 must return the remainder of the ballots. The statement of the
16 judge to the voter shall clearly express the fact that the
17 voter is not required to vote such remaining ballots but that
18 whether or not he votes them he must fold and deliver them to
19 the judge. In making such statement the judge of election shall
20 not indicate by word, gesture or intonation of voice that the
21 unreturned ballots shall be voted in any particular manner. No
22 new voter shall be permitted to enter the voting booth of a
23 voter who has failed to deliver the total number of ballots
24 received by him until such voter has returned to the voting
25 booth pursuant to the judge's request and again quit the booth
26 with all of the ballots required to be returned by him. Upon

1 receipt of all such ballots the judges of election shall enter
2 the name of the voter, and his number, as above provided in
3 this Section, and the judge to whom the ballots are delivered
4 shall immediately put the ballots into the ballot box. If any
5 voter who has failed to deliver all the ballots received by him
6 refuses to return to the voting booth after being advised by
7 the judge of election as herein provided, the judge shall
8 inform the other judges of such refusal, and thereupon the
9 ballot or ballots returned to the judge shall be deposited in
10 the ballot box, the voter shall be permitted to depart from the
11 polling place, and a new voter shall be permitted to enter the
12 voting booth.

13 The judge of election who receives the ballot or ballots
14 from the voter shall announce the residence and name of such
15 voter in a loud voice. The judge shall put the ballot or
16 ballots received from the voter into the ballot box in the
17 presence of the voter and the judges of election, and in plain
18 view of the public. The judges having charge of such registers
19 shall then, in a column prepared thereon, in the same line of,
20 the name of the voter, mark "Voted" or the letter "V".

21 No judge of election shall accept from any voter less than
22 the full number of ballots received by such voter without first
23 advising the voter in the manner above provided of the
24 necessity of returning all of the ballots, nor shall any such
25 judge advise such voter in a manner contrary to that which is
26 herein permitted, or in any other manner violate the provisions

1 of this Section; provided, that the acceptance by a judge of
2 election of less than the full number of ballots delivered to a
3 voter who refuses to return to the voting booth after being
4 properly advised by such judge shall not be a violation of this
5 Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/18-9.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-9.2)

8 Sec. 18-9.2. Where a vacancy in nomination is filled
9 pursuant to Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, the vote by mail and
10 early absentee votes cast for the original candidate on the
11 first ballot shall not be counted. For this purpose, in those
12 jurisdictions where electronic voting systems are used, the
13 election authority shall determine a method by which the first
14 ballots containing the name of the original candidate may be
15 segregated from the revised ballots containing the name of the
16 successor candidate and separately counted.

17 Where a vacancy in nomination is not filled pursuant to
18 Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, all votes cast for the original
19 candidate shall be counted for such candidate.

20 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/18A-5)

22 Sec. 18A-5. Provisional voting; general provisions.

23 (a) A person who claims to be a registered voter is
24 entitled to cast a provisional ballot under the following

1 circumstances:

2 (1) The person's name does not appear on the official
3 list of eligible voters for the precinct in which the
4 person seeks to vote. The official list is the centralized
5 statewide voter registration list established and
6 maintained in accordance with Section 1A-25;

7 (2) The person's voting status has been challenged by
8 an election judge, a pollwatcher, or any legal voter and
9 that challenge has been sustained by a majority of the
10 election judges;

11 (3) A federal or State court order extends the time for
12 closing the polls beyond the time period established by
13 State law and the person votes during the extended time
14 period;

15 (4) The voter registered to vote by mail and is
16 required by law to present identification when voting
17 either in person or by early voting ~~absentee~~ ballot, but
18 fails to do so;

19 (5) The voter's name appears on the list of voters who
20 voted during the early voting period, but the voter claims
21 not to have voted during the early voting period; or

22 (6) The voter received a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
23 ballot but did not return the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
24 to the election authority; or

25 (7) The voter attempted to register to vote on election
26 day, but failed to provide the necessary documentation

1 ~~registered to vote during the grace period on the day~~
2 ~~before election day or on election day during the 2014~~
3 ~~general election.~~

4 (b) The procedure for obtaining and casting a provisional
5 ballot at the polling place shall be as follows:

6 (1) After first verifying through an examination of the
7 precinct register that the person's address is within the
8 precinct boundaries, an election judge at the polling place
9 shall notify a person who is entitled to cast a provisional
10 ballot pursuant to subsection (a) that he or she may cast a
11 provisional ballot in that election. An election judge must
12 accept any information provided by a person who casts a
13 provisional ballot that the person believes supports his or
14 her claim that he or she is a duly registered voter and
15 qualified to vote in the election. However, if the person's
16 residence address is outside the precinct boundaries, the
17 election judge shall inform the person of that fact, give
18 the person the appropriate telephone number of the election
19 authority in order to locate the polling place assigned to
20 serve that address, and instruct the person to go to the
21 proper polling place to vote.

22 (2) The person shall execute a written form provided by
23 the election judge that shall state or contain all of the
24 following that is available:

25 (i) an affidavit stating the following:

26 State of Illinois, County of,

1 Township, Precinct, Ward
 2, I,, do solemnly
 3 swear (or affirm) that: I am a citizen of the
 4 United States; I am 18 years of age or older; I
 5 have resided in this State and in this precinct for
 6 30 days preceding this election; I have not voted
 7 in this election; I am a duly registered voter in
 8 every respect; and I am eligible to vote in this
 9 election. Signature Printed Name of Voter
 10 Printed Residence Address of Voter
 11 City State Zip Code Telephone
 12 Number Date of Birth and Illinois
 13 Driver's License Number or Last 4 digits of
 14 Social Security Number or State
 15 Identification Card Number issued to you by the
 16 Illinois Secretary of State.....

17 (ii) A box for the election judge to check one of
 18 the 6 reasons why the person was given a provisional
 19 ballot under subsection (a) of Section 18A-5.

20 (iii) An area for the election judge to affix his
 21 or her signature and to set forth any facts that
 22 support or oppose the allegation that the person is not
 23 qualified to vote in the precinct in which the person
 24 is seeking to vote.

25 The written affidavit form described in this
 26 subsection (b)(2) must be printed on a multi-part form

1 prescribed by the county clerk or board of election
2 commissioners, as the case may be.

3 (3) After the person executes the portion of the
4 written affidavit described in subsection (b)(2)(i) of
5 this Section, the election judge shall complete the portion
6 of the written affidavit described in subsection
7 (b)(2)(iii) and (b)(2)(iv).

8 (4) The election judge shall give a copy of the
9 completed written affidavit to the person. The election
10 judge shall place the original written affidavit in a
11 self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelope that
12 must be attached to a separate envelope marked as a
13 "provisional ballot envelope". The election judge shall
14 also place any information provided by the person who casts
15 a provisional ballot in the clear plastic packing list
16 envelope. Each county clerk or board of election
17 commissioners, as the case may be, must design, obtain or
18 procure self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelopes
19 and provisional ballot envelopes that are suitable for
20 implementing this subsection (b)(4) of this Section.

21 (5) The election judge shall provide the person with a
22 provisional ballot, written instructions for casting a
23 provisional ballot, and the provisional ballot envelope
24 with the clear plastic packing list envelope affixed to it,
25 which contains the person's original written affidavit
26 and, if any, information provided by the provisional voter

1 to support his or her claim that he or she is a duly
2 registered voter. An election judge must also give the
3 person written information that states that any person who
4 casts a provisional ballot shall be able to ascertain,
5 pursuant to guidelines established by the State Board of
6 Elections, whether the provisional vote was counted in the
7 official canvass of votes for that election and, if the
8 provisional vote was not counted, the reason that the vote
9 was not counted.

10 (6) After the person has completed marking his or her
11 provisional ballot, he or she shall place the marked ballot
12 inside of the provisional ballot envelope, close and seal
13 the envelope, and return the envelope to an election judge,
14 who shall then deposit the sealed provisional ballot
15 envelope into a securable container separately identified
16 and utilized for containing sealed provisional ballot
17 envelopes. Ballots that are provisional because they are
18 cast after 7:00 p.m. by court order shall be kept separate
19 from other provisional ballots. Upon the closing of the
20 polls, the securable container shall be sealed with
21 filament tape provided for that purpose, which shall be
22 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
23 twice each way, and each of the election judges shall sign
24 the seal.

25 (c) Instead of the affidavit form described in subsection
26 (b), the county clerk or board of election commissioners, as

1 the case may be, may design and use a multi-part affidavit form
2 that is imprinted upon or attached to the provisional ballot
3 envelope described in subsection (b). If a county clerk or
4 board of election commissioners elects to design and use its
5 own multi-part affidavit form, then the county clerk or board
6 of election commissioners shall establish a mechanism for
7 accepting any information the provisional voter has supplied to
8 the election judge to support his or her claim that he or she
9 is a duly registered voter. In all other respects, a county
10 clerk or board of election commissioners shall establish
11 procedures consistent with subsection (b).

12 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
13 the case may be, shall use the completed affidavit form
14 described in subsection (b) to update the person's voter
15 registration information in the State voter registration
16 database and voter registration database of the county clerk or
17 board of election commissioners, as the case may be. If a
18 person is later determined not to be a registered voter based
19 on Section 18A-15 of this Code, then the affidavit shall be
20 processed by the county clerk or board of election
21 commissioners, as the case may be, as a voter registration
22 application.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/18A-15)

25 Sec. 18A-15. Validating and counting provisional ballots.

1 (a) The county clerk or board of election commissioners
2 shall complete the validation and counting of provisional
3 ballots within 14 calendar days of the day of the election. The
4 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall have 7
5 calendar days from the completion of the validation and
6 counting of provisional ballots to conduct its final canvass.
7 The State Board of Elections shall complete within 31 calendar
8 days of the election or sooner if all the returns are received,
9 its final canvass of the vote for all public offices.

10 (b) If a county clerk or board of election commissioners
11 determines that all of the following apply, then a provisional
12 ballot is valid and shall be counted as a vote:

13 (1) the provisional voter cast the provisional ballot
14 in the correct precinct based on the address provided by
15 the provisional voter unless the provisional voter cast a
16 ballot pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of
17 Section 18A-5, in which case the provisional ballot must
18 have been cast in the correct election jurisdiction based
19 on the address provided. The provisional voter's affidavit
20 shall serve as a change of address request by that voter
21 for registration purposes for the next ensuing election if
22 it bears an address different from that in the records of
23 the election authority. Votes for federal and statewide
24 offices on a provisional ballot cast in the incorrect
25 precinct that meet the other requirements of this
26 subsection shall be valid and counted in accordance with

1 rules adopted by the State Board of Elections. As used in
2 this item, "federal office" is defined as provided in
3 Section 20-1 and "statewide office" means the Governor,
4 Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and
5 Treasurer. Votes for General Assembly, countywide,
6 citywide, or township office on a provisional ballot cast
7 in the incorrect precinct but in the correct legislative
8 district, representative district, county, municipality,
9 or township, as the case may be, shall be valid and counted
10 in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of
11 Elections. As used in this item, "citywide office" means an
12 office elected by the electors of an entire municipality.
13 As used in this item, "township office" means an office
14 elected by the electors of an entire township;

15 (2) the affidavit executed by the provisional voter
16 pursuant to subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5 contains, at
17 a minimum, the provisional voter's first and last name,
18 house number and street name, and signature or mark;

19 (3) except as permitted by item (5) of subsection (b)
20 of this Section, the provisional voter is a registered
21 voter based on information available to the county clerk or
22 board of election commissioners provided by or obtained
23 from any of the following:

- 24 i. the provisional voter;
25 ii. an election judge;
26 iii. the statewide voter registration database

1 maintained by the State Board of Elections;

2 iv. the records of the county clerk or board of
3 election commissioners' database; or

4 v. the records of the Secretary of State; and

5 (4) for a provisional ballot cast under item (6) of
6 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter did not vote by
7 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in the election at which the
8 provisional ballot was cast; or -

9 (5) for a provisional ballot cast under item (7) of
10 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter provides the
11 election authority with the required documentation within
12 7 days of election day.

13 (c) With respect to subsection (b) (3) of this Section, the
14 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
15 investigate and record whether or not the specified information
16 is available from each of the 5 identified sources. If the
17 information is available from one or more of the identified
18 sources, then the county clerk or board of election
19 commissioners shall seek to obtain the information from each of
20 those sources until satisfied, with information from at least
21 one of those sources, that the provisional voter is registered
22 and entitled to vote. The county clerk or board of election
23 commissioners shall use any information it obtains as the basis
24 for determining the voter registration status of the
25 provisional voter. If a conflict exists among the information
26 available to the county clerk or board of election

1 commissioners as to the registration status of the provisional
2 voter, then the county clerk or board of election commissioners
3 shall make a determination based on the totality of the
4 circumstances. In a case where the above information equally
5 supports or opposes the registration status of the voter, the
6 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall decide in
7 favor of the provisional voter as being duly registered to
8 vote. If the statewide voter registration database maintained
9 by the State Board of Elections indicates that the provisional
10 voter is registered to vote, but the county clerk's or board of
11 election commissioners' voter registration database indicates
12 that the provisional voter is not registered to vote, then the
13 information found in the statewide voter registration database
14 shall control the matter and the provisional voter shall be
15 deemed to be registered to vote. If the records of the county
16 clerk or board of election commissioners indicates that the
17 provisional voter is registered to vote, but the statewide
18 voter registration database maintained by the State Board of
19 Elections indicates that the provisional voter is not
20 registered to vote, then the information found in the records
21 of the county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
22 control the matter and the provisional voter shall be deemed to
23 be registered to vote. If the provisional voter's signature on
24 his or her provisional ballot request varies from the signature
25 on an otherwise valid registration application solely because
26 of the substitution of initials for the first or middle name,

1 the election authority may not reject the provisional ballot.

2 (d) In validating the registration status of a person
3 casting a provisional ballot, the county clerk or board of
4 election commissioners shall not require a provisional voter to
5 complete any form other than the affidavit executed by the
6 provisional voter under subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5. In
7 addition, the county clerk or board of election commissioners
8 shall not require all provisional voters or any particular
9 class or group of provisional voters to appear personally
10 before the county clerk or board of election commissioners or
11 as a matter of policy require provisional voters to submit
12 additional information to verify or otherwise support the
13 information already submitted by the provisional voter. Within
14 2 calendar days after the election, the election authority
15 shall transmit by electronic means pursuant to a process
16 established by the State Board of Elections the name, street
17 address, e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and
18 district numbers, as the case may be, of each person casting a
19 provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections, which shall
20 maintain those names and that information in an electronic
21 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
22 State and local political committees. The provisional voter
23 may, within 7 calendar days after the election, submit
24 additional information to the county clerk or board of election
25 commissioners. This information must be received by the county
26 clerk or board of election commissioners within the

1 7-calendar-day period.

2 (e) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
3 determines that subsection (b) (1), (b) (2), or (b) (3) does not
4 apply, then the provisional ballot is not valid and may not be
5 counted. The provisional ballot envelope containing the ballot
6 cast by the provisional voter may not be opened. The county
7 clerk or board of election commissioners shall write on the
8 provisional ballot envelope the following: "Provisional ballot
9 determined invalid."

10 (f) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
11 determines that a provisional ballot is valid under this
12 Section, then the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened.
13 The outside of each provisional ballot envelope shall also be
14 marked to identify the precinct and the date of the election.

15 (g) Provisional ballots determined to be valid shall be
16 counted at the election authority's central ballot counting
17 location and shall not be counted in precincts. The provisional
18 ballots determined to be valid shall be added to the vote
19 totals for the precincts from which they were cast in the order
20 in which the ballots were opened. The validation and counting
21 of provisional ballots shall be subject to the provisions of
22 this Code that apply to pollwatchers. If the provisional
23 ballots are a ballot of a punch card voting system, then the
24 provisional ballot shall be counted in a manner consistent with
25 Article 24A. If the provisional ballots are a ballot of optical
26 scan or other type of approved electronic voting system, then

1 the provisional ballots shall be counted in a manner consistent
2 with Article 24B.

3 (h) As soon as the ballots have been counted, the election
4 judges or election officials shall, in the presence of the
5 county clerk or board of election commissioners, place each of
6 the following items in a separate envelope or bag: (1) all
7 provisional ballots, voted or spoiled; (2) all provisional
8 ballot envelopes of provisional ballots voted or spoiled; and
9 (3) all executed affidavits of the provisional ballots voted or
10 spoiled. All provisional ballot envelopes for provisional
11 voters who have been determined not to be registered to vote
12 shall remain sealed. The county clerk or board of election
13 commissioners shall treat the provisional ballot envelope
14 containing the written affidavit as a voter registration
15 application for that person for the next election and process
16 that application. The election judges or election officials
17 shall then securely seal each envelope or bag, initial the
18 envelope or bag, and plainly mark on the outside of the
19 envelope or bag in ink the precinct in which the provisional
20 ballots were cast. The election judges or election officials
21 shall then place each sealed envelope or bag into a box, secure
22 and seal it in the same manner as described in item (6) of
23 subsection (b) of Section 18A-5. Each election judge or
24 election official shall take and subscribe an oath before the
25 county clerk or board of election commissioners that the
26 election judge or election official securely kept the ballots

1 and papers in the box, did not permit any person to open the
2 box or otherwise touch or tamper with the ballots and papers in
3 the box, and has no knowledge of any other person opening the
4 box. For purposes of this Section, the term "election official"
5 means the county clerk, a member of the board of election
6 commissioners, as the case may be, and their respective
7 employees.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
9 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218 new)

11 Sec. 18A-218. Interpretation of Article 18A. The Sections
12 of this Article following this Section shall be supplemental to
13 all other provisions of this Article and are intended to
14 provide procedural requirements for the implementation of the
15 provisions of this Article. In the case of a conflict between
16 the Sections following this Section and the Sections preceding
17 this Section, the Sections preceding this Section shall
18 prevail.

19 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.10 new)

20 Sec. 18A-218.10. Definitions relating to provisional
21 ballots.

22 (a) As used in this Article:

23 "Citywide or village-wide office" means an office
24 elected by the electors of an entire municipality.

1 "Correct precinct" means the precinct containing the
2 addresses at which the provisional voter resides and at
3 which he or she is registered to vote.

4 "Countywide office" means the offices of Clerk,
5 Sheriff, State's Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk, Recorder,
6 Auditor, County Board President, County Board Member or
7 County Commissioner in those counties that elect those
8 officers countywide, Coroner, Regional Superintendent of
9 Schools, Sanitary District Commissioners or Trustees,
10 Assessor, Board of Review Members in those counties that
11 elect those officers countywide, and Treasurer.

12 "Election authority" means either the County Clerk,
13 County Board of Election Commissioners, or Municipal Board
14 of Election Commissioners, as the case may be.

15 "Election jurisdiction" means an entire county, in the
16 case of a county in which no city board of election
17 commissioners is located or that is under the jurisdiction
18 of a county board of election commissioners; the
19 territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election
20 commissioners; and the territory in a county outside of the
21 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners.
22 Election jurisdictions shall be determined according to
23 which election authority maintains the permanent
24 registration records of qualified electors.

25 "Incorrect precinct" means the precinct in which the
26 voter cast a provisional ballot, but is not the precinct

1 containing the address at which he or she is registered to
2 vote. In order for a provisional ballot to be eligible for
3 counting when cast in an incorrect precinct, that precinct
4 must be located within either the county or municipality in
5 which the voter is registered.

6 "Leading established political party" means one of the
7 two political parties whose candidates for Governor at the
8 most recent 3 gubernatorial elections received either the
9 highest or second highest average number of votes. The
10 first leading political party is the party whose candidate
11 for Governor received the highest average number of votes
12 in the 3 most recent gubernatorial elections and the second
13 leading political party is the party whose candidate for
14 Governor received the second highest average number of
15 votes in the 3 most recent gubernatorial elections.

16 "Legislative district" means the district in which an
17 Illinois State Senator is elected to serve the residents.

18 "Persons entitled to vote provisionally" or
19 "provisional voter" means a person claiming to be a
20 registered voter who is entitled by Section 18A-5 of this
21 Code to vote a provisional ballot under the following
22 circumstances:

23 (1) The person's name does not appear on the
24 official list of eligible voters for the precinct in
25 which the person seeks to vote.

26 (2) The person's voting status has been

1 successfully challenged by an election judge, a
2 pollwatcher or any legal voter.

3 (3) A federal or State court order extends the time
4 for closing the polls beyond the time period
5 established by State law and the person votes during
6 the extended time period.

7 (4) The voter registered to vote by mail and is
8 required by law to present identification when voting
9 either in person or by vote by mail ballot, but fails
10 to do so.

11 (5) The voter's name appears on the list of voters
12 who voted during the early voting period, but the voter
13 claims not to have voted during the early voting
14 period.

15 (6) The voter received a vote by mail ballot but
16 did not return the vote by mail ballot to the election
17 authority, and failed to surrender it to the election
18 judges.

19 (7) The voter attempted to register to vote on
20 election day, but failed to provide the necessary
21 documentation.

22 "Representative district" means the district from
23 which an Illinois State Representative is elected to serve
24 the residents.

25 "Statewide office" means the Constitutional offices of
26 Governor and Lt. Governor running jointly, Secretary of

1 State, Attorney General, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

2 "Township office" means an office elected by the
3 electors of an entire township.

4 (b) Procedures for Voting Provisionally in the Polling
5 Place.

6 (1) If any of the 7 reasons cited in the definition of
7 provisional voter in subsection (a) for casting a
8 provisional ballot exists, an election judge must accept
9 any information provided by a person who casts a
10 provisional ballot that the person believes supports his or
11 her claim that he or she is a duly registered voter and
12 qualified to vote in the election. However, if the person's
13 residence address is outside the precinct boundaries, the
14 election judge shall inform the person of that fact, give
15 the person the appropriate telephone number of the election
16 authority in order to locate the polling place assigned to
17 serve that address (or consult any alternative tools
18 provided by the election authority for determining a
19 voter's correct precinct polling place) and instruct the
20 person to go to the proper polling place to vote.

21 (2) Once it has been determined by the election judges
22 that the person is entitled to receive a provisional
23 ballot, and the voter has completed the provisional voter
24 affidavit, the voter shall be given a provisional ballot
25 and shall proceed to vote that ballot. Upon receipt of the
26 ballot by the election judges, the ballot shall be

1 transmitted to the election authority in accordance with
2 subsection (a) of Section 18A-10 of this Code.

3 (3) In the event that a provisional ballot is
4 mistakenly cast in a precinct other than the precinct that
5 contains the voter's address of registration (if the voter
6 believed he or she registered in the precinct in which he
7 or she voted provisionally, and the election judges should
8 have, but did not direct the voter to vote in the correct
9 precinct), Section 218.20 shall apply.

10 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.20 new)

11 Sec. 18A-218.20. Counting procedures for provisional
12 ballots cast in an incorrect precinct within the same election
13 authority's jurisdiction.

14 (a) The election authority shall:

15 (1) transmit to the State Board of Elections the
16 provisional voter's identifying information and voting
17 jurisdiction within 2 calendar days. Following that, and
18 subject to paragraph (2) below, if the election authority
19 having jurisdiction over the provisional voter determines
20 that the voter has cast a provisional ballot in an
21 incorrect precinct, the ballot shall still be counted using
22 the procedures established in subsection (b) of this
23 Section or Section 18A-218.30 if applicable. Jurisdictions
24 that use election machines authorized pursuant to Article
25 24C of this Code for casting provisional ballots may vary

1 procedures of this Section and Section 18A-218.30 as
2 appropriate for the counting of provisional ballots cast on
3 those machines.

4 (2) determine whether the voter was entitled to cast a
5 provisional ballot. The voter is entitled to cast a
6 provisional ballot if:

7 (A) the affidavit executed by the voter contains,
8 at a minimum, the provisional voter's first and last
9 name, house number and street name, and signature or
10 mark;

11 (B) the provisional voter is a registered voter
12 based on information available to the county clerk or
13 board of election commissioners provided by or
14 obtained from the provisional voter, an election
15 judge, the Statewide voter registration database
16 maintained by the State Board of Elections, the records
17 of the county clerk or board of election commissioners'
18 database, or the records of the Secretary of State or
19 the voter is attempting to register but lacks the
20 necessary documentation; and

21 (C) the provisional voter did not vote using the
22 vote by mail ballot and did not vote during the period
23 for early voting.

24 (b) Once it has been determined by the election authority
25 that the voter was entitled to vote a provisional ballot, even
26 though it had been cast in an incorrect precinct, the election

1 authority shall select a team or teams of 2 duly commissioned
2 election judges, one from each of the two leading established
3 political parties in Illinois to count the votes that are
4 eligible to be cast on the provisional ballot. In those
5 jurisdictions that use election officials as defined in
6 subsection (h) of Section 18A-15 of this Code, these duties may
7 be performed by those election officials.

8 (1) Votes cast for Statewide offices, the Office of
9 President of the United States (including votes cast in the
10 Presidential Preference Primary), and United States Senate
11 shall be counted on all provisional ballots cast in the
12 incorrect precinct.

13 (2) Votes cast for Representative in Congress,
14 delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating
15 convention, State Senator, State Representative, or
16 countywide, citywide, villagewide, or township office
17 shall be counted if it is determined by the election judges
18 or officials that the voter would have been entitled to
19 vote for one or more of these offices had the voter voted
20 in the precinct in which he or she is registered to vote
21 (the correct precinct) and had the voter voted a ballot of
22 the correct ballot style containing all the offices and
23 candidates for which the voter was entitled to cast a
24 ballot (the correct ballot style). This determination
25 shall be made by comparing a sample ballot of the correct
26 ballot style with the actual provisional ballot cast by the

1 voter. If the same office (including the same district
2 number for a Congressional, Legislative or Representative
3 district) appears on both the correct ballot style sample
4 ballot and the provisional ballot cast by the voter, votes
5 for that office shall be counted. All votes cast for any
6 remaining offices (offices for which the voter would not
7 have been entitled to vote had he or she voted in the
8 correct precinct) shall not be counted.

9 (3) No votes shall be counted for an office when the
10 voter voted for more candidates than he or she was allowed.

11 (4) Once it has been determined which offices are to be
12 counted and the provisional ballot contains no other votes,
13 the provisional ballot shall be counted pursuant to the
14 procedures set forth in this subsection (b).

15 (5) If a provisional ballot does not contain any valid
16 votes, the provisional ballot shall be marked invalid and
17 shall not be counted.

18 (6) Any provisional voting verification system
19 established by an election authority shall inform the
20 provisional voter that his or her provisional ballot was
21 partially counted because it was cast in an incorrect
22 precinct.

23 (7) If a provisional ballot only contains votes cast
24 for eligible offices, and does not contain any votes cast
25 for ineligible offices, the ballot may be tabulated without
26 having to be remade.

1 (8) If a provisional ballot contains both valid votes
2 that must be counted and invalid votes that cannot be
3 counted:

4 (A) the election judges, consisting in each case of
5 at least one of each of the 2 leading political
6 parties, shall, if the provisional ballot was cast on a
7 paper ballot sheet, proceed to remake the voted ballot
8 onto a blank ballot that includes all of the offices
9 for which valid votes were cast, transferring only
10 valid votes. The original provisional ballot shall be
11 marked "Original Provisional Ballot" with a serial
12 number commencing at "1" and continuing consecutively
13 for ballots of that kind in the precinct. The duplicate
14 provisional ballot shall be marked "Duplicate
15 Provisional Ballot" and be given the same serial number
16 as the original ballot from which it was duplicated.
17 The duplicate provisional ballot shall then be treated
18 in the same manner as other provisional ballots.

19 (B) if the provisional ballot was cast on a direct
20 recording electronic voting device, the election
21 judges shall mark the original provisional ballot as a
22 partially counted defective electronic provisional
23 ballot because it was cast in the incorrect precinct
24 (or bear some similar notation) and proceed to either:

25 (i) remake the voted ballot by transferring
26 all valid votes to a duplicate paper ballot sheet

1 of the correct ballot style, marking the duplicate
2 ballot "Duplicate Electronic Provisional Ballot"
3 and then counting the duplicate provisional ballot
4 in the same manner as the other provisional ballots
5 marked on paper ballot sheets; or

6 (ii) transfer, or cause to be transferred, all
7 valid votes electronically to the correct
8 precinct, which shall be counted and added to the
9 vote totals for the correct precinct, excluding
10 any votes that cannot be counted. If this method is
11 used, a permanent paper record must be generated
12 for both the defective provisional ballot and the
13 duplicate electronic provisional ballot.

14 (c) For provisional ballots cast at a partisan primary
15 election, the judges shall use a duplicate ballot of the
16 correct ballot style for the same political party as the ballot
17 chosen by the voter.

18 (d) At least one qualified pollwatcher for each candidate,
19 political party, and civic organization, as authorized by
20 Section 17-23 of this Code, shall be permitted to observe the
21 ballot remaking process.

22 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.30 new)

23 Sec. 18A-218.30. Counting procedures for provisional
24 ballots cast in an incorrect precinct within a different
25 election authority's jurisdiction.

1 (a) The election authority having possession of the
2 provisional ballot shall first notify the election authority
3 having jurisdiction over the provisional voter that the voter
4 cast a provisional ballot in its jurisdiction and provide
5 whatever information is needed for the election authority to
6 comply with the notification requirements set forth in
7 subsection (d) of Section 18A-15 of this Code. For purpose of
8 determining which election authority has jurisdiction over the
9 provisional voter, the election authority having possession of
10 the provisional ballot shall use the address listed on the
11 provisional ballot affidavit that was provided by the voter. If
12 that address is different from the address at which the voter
13 is registered the ballot shall be rejected; however, the
14 affidavit shall serve as a request to register at that address.
15 If a voter cast a provisional ballot in an incorrect precinct
16 located in the jurisdiction of an election authority other than
17 the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
18 correct precinct, but where the precinct is located within the
19 same county as the 2 election authorities (e.g., a voter is
20 registered in the City of Chicago, but casts a provisional
21 ballot in suburban Cook County), the election authority in
22 whose territory the provisional ballot was cast shall, after
23 receipt of the provisional ballot, transmit it, along with the
24 provisional voter's affidavit and any other documentation
25 provided to the election judges, to the office of the election
26 authority having jurisdiction over the voter's correct

1 precinct. The ballot shall be sealed in a secure envelope or
2 other suitable container and transmitted within 8 business days
3 after the election at which it was cast. If the locations of
4 the election authorities' offices are such that it is feasible
5 to hand deliver the ballot, the ballot shall be sealed in a
6 secure envelope and transmitted in that manner by 2 election
7 judges (or election officials), one from each of the 2 leading
8 political parties. If the locations of the 2 election
9 authorities are such that it is not feasible to hand deliver
10 the ballot, the election authority having jurisdiction over the
11 incorrect precinct shall cause the ballot to be sealed in a
12 secure envelope and transmitted via express mail within 8
13 business days after the election at which the ballot was cast,
14 with a delivery date no later than the second business day
15 following the mailing date. Upon receipt of the ballot by the
16 election authority having jurisdiction over the correct
17 precinct, the election authority shall proceed to remake, and
18 count the votes on, the provisional ballot in accordance with
19 the procedures described in Section 18A-218.20, including the
20 determination of eligibility to cast a provisional ballot. Any
21 information provided to the election authority within the 7 day
22 period provided for in Section 18A-15 of this Code shall be
23 sealed in a secure envelope and transmitted to the office of
24 the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
25 correct precinct, along with the provisional ballot of that
26 voter.

1 (b) Incorrect precinct is located in a different county
2 from the county where the voter is registered, but is located
3 in the same municipality or legislative district as the one in
4 which the voter is registered:

5 (1) The election authority having possession of the
6 provisional ballot shall first notify the election
7 authority having jurisdiction over the provisional voter
8 that the voter cast a provisional ballot in its
9 jurisdiction and provide whatever information is needed
10 for the election authority to comply with the notification
11 requirements set forth in subsection (d) of Section 18A-15
12 of this Code. For purposes of determining which election
13 authority has jurisdiction over the provisional voter, the
14 election authority having possession of the provisional
15 ballot shall use the address listed on the provisional
16 ballot affidavit that was provided by the voter. If that
17 address is different from the address at which the voter is
18 registered, the ballot shall be rejected; however, the
19 affidavit shall serve as a request to register at that
20 address. The election authority shall then cause the
21 ballot, along with the provisional voter's affidavit and
22 any other documentation provided to the election judges, to
23 be transmitted via express mail within 8 business days
24 after the election at which the ballot was cast, with a
25 delivery date no later than the second business day
26 following the mailing date. Upon receipt of the ballot by

1 the election authority having jurisdiction over the
2 correct precinct, that election authority shall proceed to
3 remake and count the votes on the provisional ballot in
4 accordance with the procedures described in Section
5 18A-218.20, including the determination of eligibility to
6 cast a provisional ballot. Any information provided to the
7 election authority within the 7 day period provided for in
8 Section 18A-15 of this Code shall be transmitted to the
9 office of the election authority having jurisdiction over
10 the voter's correct precinct, along with the provisional
11 ballot of that voter.

12 (2) If a voter casts a provisional ballot in a precinct
13 outside of the county in which he or she is registered and
14 outside of the municipality, representative district, or
15 legislative district in which he or she is registered (if
16 applicable), the ballot shall not be counted. It shall,
17 however, be transmitted via the U.S. Postal Service to the
18 election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
19 correct precinct within 14 days after the election and
20 shall be kept for 2 months, the same length of time as is
21 required for other voted ballots.

22 For purposes of determining which election authority has
23 jurisdiction over the provisional voter, the election
24 authority having possession of the provisional ballot shall use
25 the address listed on the provisional ballot affidavit that was
26 provided by the voter. If such address is different from the

1 address at which the voter is registered, the ballot shall be
2 rejected, however the affidavit shall serve as a request to
3 register at such address.

4 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.40 new)

5 Sec. 18A-218.40. Follow-up procedures for provisional
6 ballots. The original provisional ballot cast by the voter
7 shall be stored separately from other ballots voted in the
8 election and shall be preserved in the same manner as original
9 ballots that had to be remade for other reasons, such as a
10 damaged ballot or as a result of a voter over-voting an office.

11 (10 ILCS 5/Art. 19 heading)

12 ARTICLE 19. VOTING BY MAIL ~~ABSENT ELECTORS~~

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

14 Sec. 19-2. Any elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by
15 mail or electronically on the website of the appropriate
16 election authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior
17 to the date of such election, or by personal delivery not more
18 than 90 nor less than one day prior to the date of such
19 election, make application to the county clerk or to the Board
20 of Election Commissioners for an official ballot for the
21 voter's precinct to be voted at such election. The URL address
22 at which voters may electronically request a vote by mail ~~an~~
23 ~~absentee~~ ballot shall be fixed no later than 90 calendar days

1 before an election and shall not be changed until after the
2 election. Such a ballot shall be delivered to the elector only
3 upon separate application by the elector for each election.

4 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691,
5 eff. 7-1-14.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

9 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL ~~ABSENTEE~~ BALLOT

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

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

21 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
22 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
23 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
24 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
25 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight

1 preceding election day, for counting no later than during the
2 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
3 is the 14th day following election day.

4 I understand that this application is made for an official
5 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot or ballots to be voted by me at
6 the election specified in this application and that I must
7 submit a separate application for an official vote by mail
8 ~~absentee~~ ballot or ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent
9 election.

10 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
11 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
12 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

13

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

15 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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17 However, if application is made for a primary election
18 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
19 designate the name of the political party with which the
20 applicant is affiliated.

21 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
22 mark the box associated with the above described statement
23 included as part of the online application certifying that the
24 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
25 and a signature is not required.

26 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to

1 an election authority the application for vote by mail ~~absentee~~
2 ballot. Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall
3 accept and promptly process any application for vote by mail
4 ~~absentee~~ ballot submitted in a form substantially similar to
5 that required by this Section, including any substantially
6 similar production or reproduction generated by the applicant.
7 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

9 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
10 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail
11 or electronic means, not more than 40 days nor less than 5 days
12 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than
13 40 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the
14 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such
15 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether
16 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
17 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
18 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
19 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to
20 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,
21 street address, ward and precinct number or township and
22 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on
23 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to
24 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a
25 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at

1 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in
2 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of
3 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting
4 the name and other information of an applicant for a vote by
5 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, the election authority shall transmit
6 by electronic means pursuant to a process established by the
7 State Board of Elections that name and other posted information
8 to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
9 names and other information in an electronic format on its
10 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
11 political committees. Within 2 business days after posting a
12 name and other information on the list within its office, the
13 election authority shall mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in
14 person in such office an official ballot or ballots if more
15 than one are to be voted at said election. Mail delivery of
16 Temporarily Absent Student ballot applications pursuant to
17 Section 19-12.3 shall be by nonforwardable mail. However, for
18 the consolidated election, vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots for
19 certain precincts may be delivered to applicants not less than
20 25 days before the election if so much time is required to have
21 prepared and printed the ballots containing the names of
22 persons nominated for offices at the consolidated primary. The
23 election authority shall enclose with each vote by mail
24 ~~absentee~~ ballot or application written instructions on how
25 voting assistance shall be provided pursuant to Section 17-14
26 and a document, written and approved by the State Board of

1 Elections, informing the vote by mail voter of the required
2 postage for returning the application and ballot, and
3 enumerating the circumstances under which a person is
4 authorized to vote by vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot pursuant to
5 this Article; such document shall also include a statement
6 informing the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is
7 solicited by another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast
8 a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, such applicant or other is
9 subject to penalties pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section
10 29-20 of the Election Code. Each election authority shall
11 maintain a list of the name, street address, ward and precinct,
12 or township and district number, as the case may be, of all
13 applicants who have returned vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots to
14 such authority, and the name of such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter
15 shall be added to such list within one business day from
16 receipt of such ballot. If the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
17 envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in casting the
18 ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall be included
19 on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be numbered
20 consecutively, shall be kept by each election authority in a
21 conspicuous, open, and public place accessible to the public at
22 the entrance of the office of the election authority and in a
23 manner that the list may be viewed without necessity of
24 requesting permission for viewing.

25 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
26 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail

1 ~~absentee~~ ballots. The list shall be maintained for each
2 precinct within the jurisdiction of the election authority.
3 Prior to the opening of the polls on election day, the election
4 authority shall deliver to the judges of election in each
5 precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom
6 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots have been issued by mail.

7 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
8 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent
9 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election
10 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.
11 Immediately after the close of the period during which
12 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by
13 mail ~~absentee~~ ballots, each election authority shall mail to
14 each other election authority within the State a certified list
15 of all such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction
16 of the other election authority.

17 In the event that the return address of an application for
18 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
19 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
20 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
21 the ID/DD Community Care Act, within the jurisdiction of the
22 election authority, and the applicant is a registered voter in
23 the precinct in which such facility is located, the ballots
24 shall be prepared and transmitted to a responsible judge of
25 election no later than 9 a.m. on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday
26 immediately preceding the election as designated by the

1 election authority under Section 19-12.2. Such judge shall
2 deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the
3 applicant on the premises of the facility from which
4 application was made. The election authority shall by mail
5 notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot will be
6 delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

7 All applications for vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots shall be
8 available at the office of the election authority for public
9 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by the
10 election authority until 30 days after the election, except
11 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the
12 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during
13 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges
14 of election.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
16 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
17 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

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

19 Sec. 19-5. It shall be the duty of the election authority
20 to fold the ballot or ballots in the manner specified by the
21 statute for folding ballots prior to their deposit in the
22 ballot box, and to enclose such ballot or ballots in an
23 envelope unsealed to be furnished by him, which envelope shall
24 bear upon the face thereof the name, official title and post
25 office address of the election authority, and upon the other

1 side a printed certification in substantially the following
2 form:

3 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
4 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
5 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
6 county of and State of Illinois, that I have lived at such
7 address for months last past; and that I am lawfully
8 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
9 held on

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

11 I further state that I personally marked the enclosed
12 ballot in secret.

13 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
14 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
15 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
16 and correct.

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18 If the ballot is to go to an elector who is physically
19 incapacitated and needs assistance marking the ballot, the
20 envelope shall bear upon the back thereof a certification in
21 substantially the following form:

22 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
23 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
24 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
25 county of and State of Illinois, that I have lived at such
26 address for months last past; that I am lawfully entitled

1 to vote in such precinct at the election to be held on
2; that I am physically incapable of personally marking the
3 ballot for such election.

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

5 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret
6 with the assistance of

7

8 (Individual rendering assistance)

9

10 (Residence Address)

11 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
12 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
13 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
14 and correct.

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16 In the case of a voter with a physical incapacity, marking
17 a ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the
18 assistance of another individual, other than a candidate whose
19 name appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
20 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
21 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
22 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
23 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

24 In the case of a physically incapacitated voter, marking a
25 ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the assistance
26 of another individual, other than a candidate whose name

1 appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
2 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
3 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
4 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
5 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

6 Provided, that if the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a
7 primary election, the certification shall designate the name of
8 the political party with which the voter is affiliated.

9 In addition to the above, the election authority shall
10 provide printed slips giving full instructions regarding the
11 manner of marking and returning the ballot in order that the
12 same may be counted, and shall furnish one of such printed
13 slips to each of such applicants at the same time the ballot is
14 delivered to him. Such instructions shall include the following
15 statement: "In signing the certification on the vote by mail
16 ~~absentee~~ ballot envelope, you are attesting that you personally
17 marked this vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in secret. If you are
18 physically unable to mark the ballot, a friend or relative may
19 assist you after completing the enclosed affidavit. Federal and
20 State laws prohibit a candidate whose name appears on the
21 ballot (unless you are the spouse or a parent, child, brother,
22 or sister of the candidate), your employer, your employer's
23 agent or an officer or agent of your union from assisting
24 physically disabled voters."

25 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
26 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question

1 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
2 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
3 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
4 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
5 a notice of the public question, which shall include a
6 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
7 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same
8 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-440, eff. 8-27-07; 96-553, eff. 8-17-09.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/19-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-6)

11 Sec. 19-6. Such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter shall make and
12 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the application
13 and on the return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or
14 ballots shall be folded by such voter in the manner required to
15 be folded before depositing the same in the ballot box, and be
16 deposited in such envelope and the envelope securely sealed.
17 The voter shall then endorse his certificate upon the back of
18 the envelope and the envelope shall be mailed in person by such
19 voter, postage prepaid, to the election authority issuing the
20 ballot or, if more convenient, it may be delivered in person,
21 by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter ~~a~~
22 ~~spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of the voter,~~ or by a
23 company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the Illinois
24 Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial
25 Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making

1 deliveries. It shall be unlawful for any person not the voter
 2 or a person authorized by the voter, ~~his or her spouse, parent,~~
 3 ~~child, brother, or sister, or a representative of a company~~
 4 ~~engaged in the business of making deliveries to the election~~
 5 ~~authority~~ to take the ballot and ballot envelope of a voter for
 6 deposit into the mail unless the ballot has been issued
 7 pursuant to application by a physically incapacitated elector
 8 under Section 3-3 or a hospitalized voter under Section 19-13,
 9 in which case any employee or person under the direction of the
 10 facility in which the elector or voter is located may deposit
 11 the ballot and ballot envelope into the mail. ~~If an absentee~~
 12 ~~voter gives his ballot and ballot envelope to a spouse, parent,~~
 13 ~~child, brother or sister of the voter or to a company which is~~
 14 ~~engaged in the business of making deliveries for delivery to~~
 15 ~~the election authority, the voter shall give an authorization~~
 16 ~~form to the person making the delivery. The person making the~~
 17 ~~delivery shall present the authorization to the election~~
 18 ~~authority. The authorization shall be in substantially the~~
 19 ~~following form:~~

20 I (absentee voter) authorize
 21 to take my ballot to the office of the election authority.

22
 23 _____ Date _____ Signature of voter

24
 25 _____ Hour _____ Address

1
.....

2 _____ Date _____ Signature of Authorized

3 _____ Individual

4
.....

5 _____ Hour _____ Relationship (if any)

6 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

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

8 Sec. 19-7. (a) Upon receipt of such vote by mail ~~absent~~
9 voter's ballot, the election authority shall forthwith enclose
10 the same unopened, together with the application made by said
11 vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter in a large or carrier envelope which
12 shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the name and
13 official title of such officer and the words, "This envelope
14 contains a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter's ballot and must be
15 opened on election day," together with the number and
16 description of the precinct in which said ballot is to be
17 voted, and such officer shall thereafter safely keep the same
18 in his office until counted by him as provided in the next
19 section.

20 (b) Within one day after receipt of such vote by mail
21 ~~absent~~ voter's ballot, the election authority shall transmit,
22 by electronic means pursuant to a process established by the
23 State Board of Elections, the voter's name, street address,

1 e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and district
2 numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of Elections,
3 which shall maintain those names and that information in an
4 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
5 accessible to State and local political committees.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

8 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

9 (a) (Blank.)

10 (b) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot returned to an
11 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
12 and received by that election authority before the closing of
13 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
14 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
15 processed by the election authority beginning on the 7th day
16 before election day ~~shall be counted~~ in the central ballot
17 counting location of the election authority, but the results of
18 the processing may not be counted until ~~on~~ the day of the
19 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections (g)
20 and (g-5).

21 (c) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed
22 to an election authority and postmarked by 7:00 p.m. ~~the~~
23 ~~midnight preceding the opening of the polls~~ on election day,
24 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
25 close on election day and before the close of the period for

1 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
2 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
3 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
4 location of the election authority during the period for
5 counting provisional ballots.

6 Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed to
7 an election authority absent a postmark, but that is received
8 by the election authority after the polls close on election day
9 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
10 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
11 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
12 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
13 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
14 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
15 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
16 of the election authority during the period for counting
17 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
18 ballot shall not be counted.

19 (d) Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
20 ballots returned to an election authority, by any means
21 authorized by this Article, and received by the election
22 authority at any time before the closing of the polls on
23 election day shall be endorsed by the receiving election
24 authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted
25 at the central ballot counting location of the election
26 authority during the same period provided for counting vote by

1 ~~mail absent~~ voters' ballots under subsections (b), (g), and
2 (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
3 ballots that are mailed to an election authority and postmarked
4 by 7:00 p.m. ~~the midnight preceding the opening of the polls~~ on
5 election day, but that are received by the election authority
6 after the polls close on election day and before the closing of
7 the period for counting provisional ballots cast at that
8 election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority with the
9 day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central
10 ballot counting location of the election authority during the
11 same periods provided for counting vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters'
12 ballots under subsection (c).

13 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
14 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail
15 ~~absentee~~ voter's blank ballots received by the election
16 authority after the closing of the polls on an election day
17 shall be endorsed by the election authority receiving them with
18 the day and hour of receipt and shall be safely kept unopened
19 by the election authority for the period of time required for
20 the preservation of ballots used at the election, and shall
21 then, without being opened, be destroyed in like manner as the
22 used ballots of that election.

23 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
24 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
25 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
26 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by

1 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail ~~absent~~
2 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~
3 voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election day
4 have been counted.

5 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
6 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
7 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
8 ballot, ~~other than an in person absentee ballot,~~ is received,
9 but in all cases before the close of the period for counting
10 provisional ballots, the election judge or official shall
11 compare the voter's signature on the certification envelope of
12 that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot with the signature of the
13 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
14 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
15 match, and that the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter is otherwise
16 qualified to cast a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, the
17 election authority shall cast and count the ballot on election
18 day or the day the ballot is determined to be valid, whichever
19 is later, adding the results to the precinct in which the voter
20 is registered. If the election judge or official determines
21 that the signatures do not match, or that the vote by mail
22 ~~absentee~~ voter is not qualified to cast a vote by mail ~~an~~
23 ~~absentee~~ ballot, then without opening the certification
24 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
25 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
26 cast or count the ballot.

1 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote
2 by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot may be rejected by the election
3 judge or official:

4 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
5 and resealed;

6 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
7 period ballot;

8 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
9 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

10 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

11 If the election judge or official determines that any of
12 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
13 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
14 shall not cast or count the ballot.

15 (g-5) If a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, ~~other than an~~
16 ~~in person absentee ballot,~~ is rejected by the election judge or
17 official for any reason, the election authority shall, within 2
18 days after the rejection but in all cases before the close of
19 the period for counting provisional ballots, notify the vote by
20 mail ~~absentee~~ voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The
21 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
22 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
23 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
24 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
25 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
26 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot

1 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
2 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
3 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
4 evidence submitted by the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter. No more
5 than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the
6 same political party. The reviewing panel of election judges
7 shall make a final determination as to the validity of the
8 contested vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot. The judges'
9 determination shall not be reviewable either administratively
10 or judicially.

11 A vote by mail ~~An absentee~~ ballot subject to this
12 subsection that is determined to be valid shall be counted
13 before the close of the period for counting provisional
14 ballots.

15 (g-10) All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots determined to be
16 valid shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for
17 which they were cast in the order in which the ballots were
18 opened.

19 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
20 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
21 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
23 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/19-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-10)

25 Sec. 19-10. Pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early

1 ~~in-person absentee~~ voting procedures and view all reasonably
2 requested records relating to the conduct of the election,
3 provided the secrecy of the ballot is not impinged, at the
4 office of the election authority as well as at municipal,
5 township or road district clerks' offices where such early
6 ~~absentee~~ voting is conducted. Such pollwatchers shall qualify
7 and be appointed in the same manner as provided in Sections
8 7-34 and 17-23, except each candidate, political party or
9 organization of citizens may appoint only one pollwatcher for
10 each location where early ~~in-person absentee~~ voting is
11 conducted. Pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois
12 and possess valid pollwatcher credentials.

13 In the polling place on election day, pollwatchers shall be
14 permitted to be present during the casting of the vote by mail
15 ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and the vote of any vote by mail ~~absent~~
16 voter may be challenged for cause the same as if he were
17 present and voted in person, and the judges of the election or
18 a majority thereof shall have power and authority to hear and
19 determine the legality of such ballot; Provided, however, that
20 if a challenge to any vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's right to vote
21 is sustained, notice of the same must be given by the judges of
22 election by mail addressed to the voter's place of residence.

23 Where certain vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots are
24 counted on the day of the election in the office of the
25 election authority as provided in Section 19-8 of this Act,
26 each political party, candidate and qualified civic

1 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
2 for each panel of election judges therein assigned. Such
3 pollwatchers shall be subject to the same provisions as are
4 provided for pollwatchers in Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of this
5 Code, and shall be permitted to observe the election judges
6 making the signature comparison between that which is on the
7 ballot envelope and that which is on the permanent voter
8 registration record card taken from the master file.

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

10 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.1)

11 Sec. 19-12.1. Any qualified elector who has secured an
12 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card in
13 accordance with the Illinois Identification Card Act,
14 indicating that the person named thereon has a Class 1A or
15 Class 2 disability or any qualified voter who has a permanent
16 physical incapacity of such a nature as to make it improbable
17 that he will be able to be present at the polls at any future
18 election, or any voter who is a resident of (i) a federally
19 operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility located in
20 Illinois or (ii) a facility licensed or certified pursuant to
21 the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health
22 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care Act and
23 has a condition or disability of such a nature as to make it
24 improbable that he will be able to be present at the polls at
25 any future election, may secure a disabled voter's or nursing

1 home resident's identification card, which will enable him to
2 vote under this Article as a physically incapacitated or
3 nursing home voter. For the purposes of this Section,
4 "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility"
5 means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse Brown VA
6 Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward Hines, Jr.
7 VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain James A.
8 Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

9 Application for a disabled voter's or nursing home
10 resident's identification card shall be made either: (a) in
11 writing, with voter's sworn affidavit, to the county clerk or
12 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, and shall
13 be accompanied by the affidavit of the attending physician
14 specifically describing the nature of the physical incapacity
15 or the fact that the voter is a nursing home resident and is
16 physically unable to be present at the polls on election days;
17 or (b) by presenting, in writing or otherwise, to the county
18 clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case may be,
19 proof that the applicant has secured an Illinois Person with a
20 Disability Identification Card indicating that the person
21 named thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability. Upon the
22 receipt of either the sworn-to application and the physician's
23 affidavit or proof that the applicant has secured an Illinois
24 Person with a Disability Identification Card indicating that
25 the person named thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability,
26 the county clerk or board of election commissioners shall issue

1 a disabled voter's or nursing home resident's identification
2 card. Such identification cards shall be issued for a period of
3 5 years, upon the expiration of which time the voter may secure
4 a new card by making application in the same manner as is
5 prescribed for the issuance of an original card, accompanied by
6 a new affidavit of the attending physician. The date of
7 expiration of such five-year period shall be made known to any
8 interested person by the election authority upon the request of
9 such person. Applications for the renewal of the identification
10 cards shall be mailed to the voters holding such cards not less
11 than 3 months prior to the date of expiration of the cards.

12 Each disabled voter's or nursing home resident's
13 identification card shall bear an identification number, which
14 shall be clearly noted on the voter's original and duplicate
15 registration record cards. In the event the holder becomes
16 physically capable of resuming normal voting, he must surrender
17 his disabled voter's or nursing home resident's identification
18 card to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
19 before the next election.

20 The holder of a disabled voter's or nursing home resident's
21 identification card may make application by mail for an
22 official ballot within the time prescribed by Section 19-2.
23 Such application shall contain the same information as is
24 included in the form of application for ballot by a physically
25 incapacitated elector prescribed in Section 19-3 except that it
26 shall also include the applicant's disabled voter's

1 identification card number and except that it need not be sworn
2 to. If an examination of the records discloses that the
3 applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, he shall be mailed a
4 ballot as provided in Section 19-4. The ballot envelope shall
5 be the same as that prescribed in Section 19-5 for physically
6 disabled voters, and the manner of voting and returning the
7 ballot shall be the same as that provided in this Article for
8 other vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots, except that a statement to
9 be subscribed to by the voter but which need not be sworn to
10 shall be placed on the ballot envelope in lieu of the affidavit
11 prescribed by Section 19-5.

12 Any person who knowingly subscribes to a false statement in
13 connection with voting under this Section shall be guilty of a
14 Class A misdemeanor.

15 For the purposes of this Section, "nursing home resident"
16 includes a resident of (i) a federally operated veterans' home,
17 hospital, or facility located in Illinois or (ii) a facility
18 licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act or the Specialized
19 Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013. For the purposes of
20 this Section, "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or
21 facility" means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse
22 Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward
23 Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain
24 James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-275,
26 eff. 1-1-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13;

1 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.2)

3 Sec. 19-12.2. Voting by physically incapacitated electors
4 who have made proper application to the election authority not
5 later than 5 days before the regular primary and general
6 election of 1980 and before each election thereafter shall be
7 conducted on the premises of (i) federally operated veterans'
8 homes, hospitals, and facilities located in Illinois or (ii)
9 facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home
10 Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of
11 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care Act for the sole benefit of
12 residents of such homes, hospitals, and facilities. For the
13 purposes of this Section, "federally operated veterans' home,
14 hospital, or facility" means the long-term care facilities at
15 the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System,
16 Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and
17 Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Such voting
18 shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to
19 allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of
20 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. either on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or
21 Monday immediately preceding the regular election. This vote by
22 mail ~~absentee~~ voting on one of said days designated by the
23 election authority shall be supervised by two election judges
24 who must be selected by the election authority in the following
25 order of priority: (1) from the panel of judges appointed for

1 the precinct in which such home, hospital, or facility is
2 located, or from a panel of judges appointed for any other
3 precinct within the jurisdiction of the election authority in
4 the same ward or township, as the case may be, in which the
5 home, hospital, or facility is located or, only in the case
6 where a judge or judges from the precinct, township or ward are
7 unavailable to serve, (3) from a panel of judges appointed for
8 any other precinct within the jurisdiction of the election
9 authority. The two judges shall be from different political
10 parties. Not less than 30 days before each regular election,
11 the election authority shall have arranged with the chief
12 administrative officer of each home, hospital, or facility in
13 his or its election jurisdiction a mutually convenient time
14 period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately
15 preceding the election for such voting on the premises of the
16 home, hospital, or facility and shall post in a prominent place
17 in his or its office a notice of the agreed day and time period
18 for conducting such voting at each home, hospital, or facility;
19 provided that the election authority shall not later than noon
20 on the Thursday before the election also post the names and
21 addresses of those homes, hospitals, and facilities from which
22 no applications were received and in which no supervised vote
23 by mail ~~absentee~~ voting will be conducted. All provisions of
24 this Code applicable to pollwatchers shall be applicable
25 herein. To the maximum extent feasible, voting booths or
26 screens shall be provided to insure the privacy of the voter.

1 Voting procedures shall be as described in Article 17 of this
2 Code, except that ballots shall be treated as vote by mail
3 ~~absentee~~ ballots and shall not be counted until the close of
4 the polls on the following day. After the last voter has
5 concluded voting, the judges shall seal the ballots in an
6 envelope and affix their signatures across the flap of the
7 envelope. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the
8 sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who
9 shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central
10 ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on
11 the day of election. The judges of election shall also report
12 to the election authority the name of any applicant in the
13 home, hospital, or facility who, due to unforeseen circumstance
14 or condition or because of a religious holiday, was unable to
15 vote. In this event, the election authority may appoint a
16 qualified person from his or its staff to deliver the ballot to
17 such applicant on the day of election. This staff person shall
18 follow the same procedures prescribed for judges conducting
19 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting in such homes, hospitals, or
20 facilities and shall return the ballot to the central ballot
21 counting location before the polls close. However, if the home,
22 hospital, or facility from which the application was made is
23 also used as a regular precinct polling place for that voter,
24 voting procedures heretofore prescribed may be implemented by 2
25 of the election judges of opposite party affiliation assigned
26 to that polling place during the hours of voting on the day of

1 the election. Judges of election shall be compensated not less
2 than \$25.00 for conducting vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting in such
3 homes, hospitals, or facilities.

4 Not less than 120 days before each regular election, the
5 Department of Public Health shall certify to the State Board of
6 Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified
7 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
8 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
9 Act. The lists shall indicate the approved bed capacity and the
10 name of the chief administrative officer of each such home,
11 hospital, or facility, and the State Board of Elections shall
12 certify the same to the appropriate election authority within
13 20 days thereafter.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-275,
15 eff. 1-1-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/19-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-13)

17 Sec. 19-13. Any qualified voter who has been admitted to a
18 hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center due to an
19 illness or physical injury not more than 14 days before an
20 election shall be entitled to personal delivery of a vote by
21 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot in the hospital, nursing home, or
22 rehabilitation center subject to the following conditions:

23 (1) The voter completes the Application for Physically
24 Incapacitated Elector as provided in Section 19-3, stating as
25 reasons therein that he is a patient in (name

1 of hospital/home/center), located at,
 2 (address of hospital/home/center),
 3 (county, city/village), was admitted for
 4 (nature of illness or physical injury), on
 5 (date of admission), and does not expect to be
 6 released from the hospital/home/center on or before the day of
 7 election or, if released, is expected to be homebound on the
 8 day of the election and unable to travel to the polling place.

9 (2) The voter's physician completes a Certificate of
 10 Attending Physician in a form substantially as follows:

11 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

12 I state that I am a physician, duly licensed to practice in
 13 the State of; that is a patient in
 14 (name of hospital/home/center), located at
 15 (address of hospital/home/center),
 16 (county, city/village); that such individual
 17 was admitted for (nature of illness or physical
 18 injury), on (date of admission); and that I have
 19 examined such individual in the State in which I am licensed to
 20 practice medicine and do not expect such individual to be
 21 released from the hospital/home/center on or before the day of
 22 election or, if released, to be able to travel to the polling
 23 place on election day.

24 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
 25 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 26 statements set forth in this certification are true and

1 correct.

2 (Signature)

3 (Date licensed)

4 (3) Any person who is registered to vote in the same
5 precinct as the admitted voter or any legal relative of the
6 admitted voter may present such voter's vote by mail ~~absentee~~
7 ballot application, completed as prescribed in paragraph 1,
8 accompanied by the physician's certificate, completed as
9 prescribed in paragraph 2, to the election authority. Such
10 precinct voter or relative shall execute and sign an affidavit
11 furnished by the election authority attesting that he is a
12 registered voter in the same precinct as the admitted voter or
13 that he is a legal relative of the admitted voter and stating
14 the nature of the relationship. Such precinct voter or relative
15 shall further attest that he has been authorized by the
16 admitted voter to obtain his or her vote by mail ~~absentee~~
17 ballot from the election authority and deliver such ballot to
18 him in the hospital, home, or center.

19 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's application,
20 physician's certificate, and the affidavit of the precinct
21 voter or the relative, the election authority shall examine the
22 registration records to determine if the applicant is qualified
23 to vote and, if found to be qualified, shall provide the
24 precinct voter or the relative the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
25 for delivery to the applicant.

26 Upon receipt of the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot, the

1 admitted voter shall mark the ballot in secret and subscribe to
2 the certifications on the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot return
3 envelope. After depositing the ballot in the return envelope
4 and securely sealing the envelope, such voter shall give the
5 envelope to the precinct voter or the relative who shall
6 deliver it to the election authority in sufficient time for the
7 ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the
8 election authority's central ballot counting location before 7
9 p.m. on election day.

10 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's vote by mail ~~absentee~~
11 ballot, the ballot shall be counted in the manner prescribed in
12 this Article.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-18, eff. 6-14-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
14 95-878, eff. 1-1-09.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/19-15)

16 Sec. 19-15. Precinct tabulation optical scan technology
17 voting equipment. If the election authority has adopted the use
18 of Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
19 equipment pursuant to Article 24B of this Code, and the
20 provisions of the Article are in conflict with the provisions
21 of this Article 19, the provisions of Article 24B shall govern
22 the procedures followed by the election authority, its judges
23 of elections, and all employees and agents, provided that vote
24 by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots are counted at the election
25 authority's central ballot counting location. In following the

1 provisions of Article 24B, the election authority is authorized
2 to develop and implement procedures to fully utilize Precinct
3 Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting equipment, at the
4 central ballot counting location, authorized by the State Board
5 of Elections as long as the procedure is not in conflict with
6 either Article 24B or the administrative rules of the State
7 Board of Elections.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/19-20)

10 Sec. 19-20. Report on vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots. This
11 Section applies to vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots ~~other than~~
12 ~~in-person absentee ballots.~~

13 On or before the 21st day after an election, each election
14 authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the
15 following information with respect to that election:

16 (1) The number, by precinct, of vote by mail ~~absentee~~
17 ballots requested, provided, and counted.

18 (2) The number of rejected vote by mail ~~absentee~~
19 ballots.

20 (3) The number of voters seeking review of rejected
21 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots pursuant to subsection (g-5)
22 of Section 19-8.

23 (4) The number of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots counted
24 following review pursuant to subsection (g-5) of Section
25 19-8.

1 On or before the 28th day after an election, the State Board of
2 Elections shall compile the information received under this
3 Section with respect to that election and make that information
4 available to the public.

5 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/19A-10)

7 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

8 (a) An election authority may establish permanent polling
9 places for early voting by personal appearance at locations
10 throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including
11 but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township
12 clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or
13 local public agency office. Except as otherwise provided in
14 subsection (b), any person entitled to vote early by personal
15 appearance may do so at any polling place established for early
16 voting.

17 (b) If it is impractical for the election authority to
18 provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in
19 every form required in the election authority's jurisdiction,
20 the election authority may:

21 (1) provide appropriate forms of ballots to the office
22 of the municipal clerk in a municipality not having a board
23 of election commissioners; the township clerk; or in
24 counties not under township organization, the road
25 district clerk; and

1 (2) limit voting at that polling place to registered
2 voters in that municipality, ward or group of wards,
3 township, or road district.

4 If the early voting polling place does not have the correct
5 ballot form for a person seeking to vote early, the election
6 judge or election official conducting early voting at that
7 polling place shall inform the person of that fact, give the
8 person the appropriate telephone number of the election
9 authority in order to locate an early voting polling place with
10 the correct ballot form for use in that person's assigned
11 precinct, and instruct the person to go to the proper early
12 voting polling place to vote early.

13 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
14 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
15 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for early
16 voting by personal appearance at a location within each of the
17 3 largest municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the
18 3 largest municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority
19 shall establish at least 2 permanent polling places within the
20 municipality. All population figures shall be determined by the
21 federal census.

22 (d) During each general primary and general election, each
23 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of
24 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
25 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 permanent
26 polling places for early voting by personal appearance. All

1 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

2 (e) During each general primary and general election, each
3 election authority in a county with a population of over
4 100,000 but under 250,000 persons shall establish at least one
5 permanent polling place for early voting by personal
6 appearance. The location for early voting may be the election
7 authority's main office or another location designated by the
8 election authority. The election authority may designate
9 additional sites for early voting by personal appearance. All
10 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

11 (f) No permanent polling place required by this Section
12 shall be located within 1,500 feet from another permanent
13 polling place required by this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

16 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

17 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
18 begins the 40th ~~15th~~ day preceding a general primary,
19 consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election and
20 extends through the end of the ~~3rd~~ day before election day,
21 ~~except that for the 2014 general election the period for early~~
22 ~~voting by personal appearance shall extend through the 2nd day~~
23 ~~before election day.~~

24 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
25 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open

1 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
2 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
3 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
4 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place
5 for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.
6 to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00
7 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. ~~12:00~~
8 ~~p.m. to 3:00 p.m.~~ on Sundays; except that, in addition to the
9 hours required by this subsection, a permanent ~~early voting~~
10 polling place designated by an election authority under
11 subsections ~~subsection~~ (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must
12 remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday
13 during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours
14 on the final weekend during the early voting period. ~~For the~~
15 ~~2014 general election, a permanent polling place for early~~
16 ~~voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30~~
17 ~~p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, except that~~
18 ~~beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place~~
19 ~~for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.~~
20 ~~to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. For the 2014 general~~
21 ~~election, a permanent polling place for early voting shall~~
22 ~~remain open during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on~~
23 ~~Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays; except that,~~
24 ~~in addition to the hours required by this subsection (b), a~~
25 ~~permanent early voting place designated by an election~~
26 ~~authority under subsection (c) of Section 19A-10 must remain~~

1 ~~open for a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend~~
2 ~~during the early voting period.~~

3 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election
4 authority may close an early voting polling place if the
5 building in which the polling place is located has been closed
6 by the State or unit of local government in response to a
7 severe weather emergency or other force majeure. ~~In the event~~
8 ~~of a closure, the election authority shall conduct early voting~~
9 ~~on the 2nd day before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.~~
10 ~~or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.~~ The election authority shall notify
11 the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall make
12 reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an
13 alternative location for early voting ~~the extended early voting~~
14 ~~period.~~

15 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), in 2013 only,
16 an election authority may close an early voting place on Good
17 Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the
18 early voting place remains open 2 hours later on April 3, 4,
19 and 5 of 2013. The election authority shall notify the State
20 Board of Elections of any closure and shall provide notice to
21 the public of the closure and the extended hours during the
22 final week.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
24 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

1 Sec. 19A-25. Schedule of locations and times for early
2 voting.

3 (a) The election authority shall publish during the week
4 before the period for early voting and at least once each week
5 during the period for early voting in a newspaper of general
6 circulation in the election authority's jurisdiction a
7 schedule stating:

8 (1) the location of each permanent and temporary
9 polling place for early voting and the precincts served by
10 each location; and

11 (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be
12 conducted at each location.

13 (b) The election authority shall post a copy of the
14 schedule at any office or other location that is to be used as
15 a polling place for early voting. The schedule must be posted
16 continuously for a period beginning not later than the 5th day
17 before the first day of the period for early voting by personal
18 appearance and ending on the last day of that period.

19 (c) The election authority must make copies of the schedule
20 available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge
21 during the period of posting.

22 (d) If the election authority maintains a website, it shall
23 make the schedule available on its website.

24 (e) No additional polling places for early voting may be
25 established after the schedule is published under this Section.

26 (f) At least 10 business days before the period for early

1 voting begins, each election authority shall provide the State
2 Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and
3 the hours each site will be open.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/19A-35)

6 Sec. 19A-35. Procedure for voting.

7 (a) Not more than 23 days before the start of the election,
8 the county clerk shall make available to the election official
9 conducting early voting by personal appearance a sufficient
10 number of early ballots, envelopes, and printed voting
11 instruction slips for the use of early voters. The election
12 official shall receipt for all ballots received and shall
13 return unused or spoiled ballots at the close of the early
14 voting period to the county clerk and must strictly account for
15 all ballots received. The ballots delivered to the election
16 official must include early ballots for each precinct in the
17 election authority's jurisdiction and must include separate
18 ballots for each political subdivision conducting an election
19 of officers or a referendum at that election.

20 (b) In conducting early voting under this Article, the
21 election judge or official is required to verify the signature
22 of the early voter by comparison with the signature on the
23 official registration card, and the judge or official must
24 verify (i) ~~(i) the identity of the applicant,~~ ~~(ii)~~ that the
25 applicant is a registered voter, (ii) ~~(iii)~~ the precinct in

1 which the applicant is registered, and (iii) ~~(iv)~~ the proper
2 ballots of the political subdivision in which the applicant
3 resides and is entitled to vote before providing an early
4 ballot to the applicant. ~~Except for during the 2014 general~~
5 ~~election, the applicant's identity must be verified by the~~
6 ~~applicant's presentation of an Illinois driver's license, a~~
7 ~~non driver identification card issued by the Illinois~~
8 ~~Secretary of State, a photo identification card issued by a~~
9 ~~university or college, or another government issued~~
10 ~~identification document containing the applicant's photograph.~~
11 The election judge or official must verify the applicant's
12 registration from the most recent poll list provided by the
13 election authority, and if the applicant is not listed on that
14 poll list, by telephoning the office of the election authority.

15 (b-5) A person requesting an early voting ballot to whom a
16 vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot was issued may vote early if
17 the person submits that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot to the
18 judges of election or official conducting early voting for
19 cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the vote by mail
20 ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit
21 to the judges or official (i) a portion of the vote by mail
22 ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot was torn or
23 mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the judges or
24 official specifying that (A) the voter never received a vote by
25 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned
26 a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and was informed that the

1 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ~~absentee~~
2 ballot.

3 (b-10) Within one day after a voter casts an early voting
4 ballot, the election authority shall transmit the voter's name,
5 street address, and precinct, ward, township, and district
6 numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of Elections,
7 which shall maintain those names and that information in an
8 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
9 accessible to State and local political committees.

10 (b-15) Immediately after voting an early ballot, the voter
11 shall be instructed whether the voting equipment accepted or
12 rejected the ballot or identified that ballot as under-voted
13 for a statewide constitutional office. A voter whose ballot is
14 identified as under-voted may return to the voting booth and
15 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose early voting
16 ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon
17 surrendering the ballot, request and vote another early voting
18 ballot. The voter's surrendered ballot shall be initialed by
19 the election judge or official conducting the early voting and
20 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing the
21 voting equipment used.

22 (c) The sealed early ballots in their carrier envelope
23 shall be delivered by the election authority to the central
24 ballot counting location before the close of the polls on the
25 day of the election.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19A-75)

2 Sec. 19A-75. Early voting in jurisdictions using Direct
3 Recording Electronic Voting Systems under Article 24C.
4 Election authorities that have adopted for use Direct Recording
5 Electronic Voting Systems under Article 24C may either use
6 those voting systems to conduct early voting or, so long as at
7 least one Direct Recording Electronic Voting System device is
8 available at each early voting polling place, use whatever
9 method the election authority uses for vote by mail ~~absentee~~
10 balloting ~~conducted by mail~~; provided that no early ballots are
11 counted before the polls close on election day.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/20-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-1)

14 Sec. 20-1. The following words and phrases contained in
15 this Article shall be construed as follows:

16 1. "Territorial limits of the United States" means each of
17 the several States of the United States and includes the
18 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and
19 the Virgin Islands; but does not include American Samoa, the
20 Canal Zone, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or any
21 other territory or possession of the United States.

22 2. "Member of the United States Service" means (a) members
23 of the Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and
24 dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying

1 them, (b) members of the Merchant Marine of the United States
2 and their spouses and dependents when residing with or
3 accompanying them and (c) United States government employees
4 serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

5 3. "Citizens of the United States temporarily residing
6 outside the territorial limits of the United States" means
7 civilian citizens of the United States and their spouses and
8 dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying
9 them, who maintain a precinct residence in a county in this
10 State and whose intent to return may be ascertained.

11 4. "Non-Resident Civilian Citizens" means civilian
12 citizens of the United States (a) who reside outside the
13 territorial limits of the United States, (b) who had maintained
14 a precinct residence in a county in this State immediately
15 prior to their departure from the United States, (c) who do not
16 maintain a residence and are not registered to vote in any
17 other State, and (d) whose intent to return to this State may
18 be uncertain.

19 5. "Official postcard" means the postcard application for
20 registration to vote or for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot
21 in the form provided in Section 204(c) of the Federal Voting
22 Rights Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1973cc-14(c)).

23 6. "Federal office" means the offices of President and
24 Vice-President of the United States, United States Senator,
25 Representative in Congress, delegates and alternate delegates
26 to the national nominating conventions and candidates for the

1 Presidential Preference Primary.

2 7. "Federal election" means any general, primary or special
3 election at which candidates are nominated or elected to
4 Federal office.

5 8. "Dependent", for purposes of this Article, shall mean a
6 father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter.

7 9. "Electronic transmission" includes, but is not limited
8 to, transmission by electronic mail or the Internet.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

11 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
12 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
13 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
14 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by
15 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to the election authority having
16 jurisdiction over his precinct of residence on the official
17 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
18 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10
19 days before the election. A request pursuant to this Section
20 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
21 ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original
22 application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the
23 election authority for one year as authorization to send a
24 ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that
25 calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot

1 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
2 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
3 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
4 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote
5 pursuant to this Section.

6 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
7 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
8 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
9 must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding
10 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
11 counting location of the election authority during the period
12 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
13 14th day following election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

16 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
17 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
18 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who
19 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
20 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
21 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
22 simultaneous application to the election authority having
23 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for ~~an absentee~~
24 registration by mail and vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot not less
25 than 30 days before the election. Such application may be made

1 on the official postcard or on a form furnished by the election
2 authority as prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by
3 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to
4 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ~~an~~
5 ~~absentee~~ ballot for every election in one calendar year. The
6 original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of
7 the election authority for one year as authorization to send a
8 ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that
9 calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot
10 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
11 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
12 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
13 ballot.

14 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
15 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
16 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days
17 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a
18 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
19 that election shall be waived.

20 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
21 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
22 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
23 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
24 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

25 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
26 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and

1 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
2 of the election authority during the period for counting
3 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
4 following election day.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

7 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
8 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
9 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
10 residence for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot containing the
11 Federal offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal
12 election. Such application may be made on the official postcard
13 or by facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant
14 to this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail
15 ~~an absentee~~ ballot for every election in one calendar year at
16 which Federal offices are filled. The original application for
17 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
18 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
19 each election to be held within that calendar year at which
20 Federal offices are filled. A certified copy of such
21 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the
22 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot to the election authority's
23 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the
24 original application for ballot. No registration shall be
25 required in order to vote pursuant to this Section. Ballots

1 under this Section shall be delivered by the election authority
2 in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article in
3 person, by mail, or, if requested by the applicant and the
4 election authority has the capability, by facsimile
5 transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots voted
6 under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than
7 midnight preceding election day and received for counting at
8 the central ballot counting location of the election authority
9 during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last
10 day of which is the 14th day following election day.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

13 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
14 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
15 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
16 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
17 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
18 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
19 other method of making application for vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
20 ballot under this Article, may make application for a vote by
21 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to the election authority having
22 jurisdiction over his or her precinct of residence by a
23 facsimile machine or electronic transmission not less than 10
24 days before the election.

25 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the

1 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
2 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
3 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
4 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
5 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
6 than midnight preceding election day and received for counting
7 at the central ballot counting location of the election
8 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
9 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-512, eff. 1-1-10;
11 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

13 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
14 following applications for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail or
15 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot which shall be considered a method
16 of application in lieu of the official postcard.

17 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the
18 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
19 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
20 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic
21 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
22 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
23 application shall be substantially in the following form:

24 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

25 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in

1 which is located my residence at....., in the
2 city/village/township of(insert home address)
3 County of..... and State of Illinois.

4 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
5 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
6 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
7 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
8 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
9 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

10 1. () a member of the United States Service,
11 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
12 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
13 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
14 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
15 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

16 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
17 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

18 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
19 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
20 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
21 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later
22 than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later
23 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
24 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or
25 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

26 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously

1 registered)

2 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
3 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
4 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
5 before the election.

6 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
7 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
8 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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10 Post office address or service address to which
11 registration materials or ballot should be mailed

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15"

16 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
17 application shall designate the name of the political party
18 with which the applicant is affiliated.

19 Such applications may be obtained from the election
20 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of
21 residence.

22 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
23 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
24 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
25 the office of the election authority within the periods
26 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the

1 following form:

2 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
3 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
4 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
5 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
6 County of..... and State of Illinois.

7 I certify that the following named person.....
8 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
9 Service.

10 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
11 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
12 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
13 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
14 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
15 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
16 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
17 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
18 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
19 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
20 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

21 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
22 to be voted by said person at such election and said person
23 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
24 election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding
25 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
26 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th

1 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or
2 ballots.

3 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
4 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
5 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
6 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

7 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
8 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
9 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

10 Name of applicant

11 Residence address

12 City/village/township.....

13 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
14
15
16
17"

18 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
19 application shall designate the name of the political party
20 with which the person for whom application is made is
21 affiliated.

22 Such applications may be obtained from the election
23 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
24 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-4)

2 Sec. 20-4. Immediately upon the receipt of the official
3 postcard or an application as provided in Section 20-3 within
4 the times heretofore prescribed, the election authority shall
5 ascertain whether or not such applicant is legally entitled to
6 vote as requested, including verification of the applicant's
7 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
8 registration record card, if any. If the election authority
9 ascertains that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, it
10 shall enter the name, street address, ward and precinct number
11 of such applicant on a list to be posted in his or its office in
12 a place accessible to the public. Within one day after posting
13 the name and other information of an applicant for a ballot,
14 the election authority shall transmit that name and posted
15 information to the State Board of Elections, which shall
16 maintain the names and other information in an electronic
17 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
18 State and local political committees. As soon as the official
19 ballot is prepared the election authority shall immediately
20 deliver the same to the applicant in person, by mail, by
21 facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission as
22 provided in this Article.

23 If any such election authority receives a second or
24 additional application which it believes is from the same
25 person, he or it shall submit it to the chief judge of the
26 circuit court or any judge of that court designated by the

1 chief judge. If the chief judge or his designate determines
2 that the application submitted to him is a second or additional
3 one, he shall so notify the election authority who shall
4 disregard the second or additional application.

5 The election authority shall maintain a list for each
6 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
7 ~~absentee~~ ballots. The list shall be maintained for each
8 precinct within the jurisdiction of the election authority.
9 Prior to the opening of the polls on election day, the election
10 authority shall deliver to the judges of election in each
11 precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom
12 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots have been issued.

13 Election authorities may transmit by facsimile or other
14 electronic means a ballot simultaneously with transmitting an
15 application for vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot; however, no such
16 ballot shall be counted unless an application has been
17 completed by the voter and the election authority ascertains
18 that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as provided in
19 this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/20-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-5)

22 Sec. 20-5. The election authority shall fold the ballot or
23 ballots in the manner specified by the statute for folding
24 ballots prior to their deposit in the ballot box and shall
25 enclose such ballot in an envelope unsealed to be furnished by

1 it, which envelope shall bear upon the face thereof the name,
2 official title and post office address of the election
3 authority, and upon the other side of such envelope there shall
4 be printed a certification in substantially the following form:

5 "CERTIFICATION

6 I state that I am a resident/former resident of the
7 precinct of the city/village/township of,
8 (Designation to be made by Election Authority) or of the
9 ward in the city of (Designation to be made by
10 Election Authority) residing at in said
11 city/village/township in the county of and State of
12 Illinois; that I am a

13 1. () member of the United States Service

14 2. () citizen of the United States temporarily residing
15 outside the territorial limits of the United States

16 3. () nonresident civilian citizen

17 and desire to cast the enclosed ballot pursuant to Article 20
18 of The Election Code; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in
19 such precinct at the election to be held on
20

21 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in
22 secret.

23 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
24 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
25 statements set forth in this certification are true and
26 correct.

1 (Name)
 2
 3 (Service Address)"
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 6

7 If the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a primary
 8 election, the certification shall designate the name of the
 9 political party with which the voter is affiliated.

10 In addition to the above, the election authority shall
 11 provide printed slips giving full instructions regarding the
 12 manner of completing the forms and affidavits for ~~absentee~~
 13 registration by mail or the manner of marking and returning the
 14 ballot in order that the same may be counted, and shall furnish
 15 one of the printed slips to each of the applicants at the same
 16 time the registration materials or ballot is delivered to him.

17 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
 18 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question
 19 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
 20 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
 21 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
 22 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
 23 a notice of the public question, which shall include a
 24 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
 25 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same
 26 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

1 The envelope in which such registration or such ballot is
2 mailed to the voter as well as the envelope in which the
3 registration materials or the ballot is returned by the voter
4 shall have printed across the face thereof two parallel
5 horizontal red bars, each one-quarter inch wide, extending from
6 one side of the envelope to the other side, with an intervening
7 space of one-quarter inch, the top bar to be one and
8 one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope, and with the
9 words "Official Election Balloting Material-VIA AIR MAIL"
10 between the bars. In the upper right corner of such envelope in
11 a box, there shall be printed the words: "U.S. Postage Paid 42
12 USC 1973". All printing on the face of such envelopes shall be
13 in red, including an appropriate inscription or blank in the
14 upper left corner of return address of sender.

15 The envelope in which the ballot is returned to the
16 election authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage paid,
17 (ii) in person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or
18 sister of the voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the
19 business of making deliveries of property and licensed as a
20 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission
21 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

22 Election authorities transmitting ballots by facsimile or
23 electronic transmission shall, to the extent possible, provide
24 those applicants with the same instructions, certification,
25 and other materials required when sending by mail.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-512, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-6)

2 Sec. 20-6. Such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter shall make and
3 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the application
4 and on the return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or
5 ballots shall then be folded by such voter in the manner
6 required to be folded before depositing the same in the ballot
7 box, and be deposited in such envelope and the envelope
8 securely sealed. The envelope in which the ballot is returned
9 to the election authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage
10 paid, (ii) in person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or
11 sister of the voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the
12 business of making deliveries of property and licensed as a
13 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission
14 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-512, eff. 1-1-10.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-7)

17 Sec. 20-7. Upon receipt of such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's
18 ballot, the officer or officers above described shall forthwith
19 enclose the same unopened, together with the application made
20 by said vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter in a large or carrier
21 envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the
22 name and official title of such officer and the words, "This
23 envelope contains a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter's ballot and
24 must be opened on election day," together with the number and

1 description of the precinct in which said ballot is to be
2 voted, and such officer shall thereafter safely keep the same
3 in his office until counted by him as provided in the next
4 section.

5 (Source: P.A. 81-155.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

7 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

8 (a) (Blank.)

9 (b) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot returned to an
10 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
11 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
12 election authority beginning on the 7th day before election day
13 ~~before the closing of the polls on election day shall be~~
14 ~~endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and~~
15 ~~hour of receipt and shall be counted~~ in the central ballot
16 counting location of the election authority, but the results of
17 the processing may not be counted until ~~on~~ the day of the
18 election after 7:00 p.m. on election day, except as provided in
19 subsections (g) and (g-5).

20 (c) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed
21 to an election authority and postmarked by the midnight
22 preceding the opening of the polls on election day, but that is
23 received by the election authority after the polls close on
24 election day and before the close of the period for counting
25 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by

1 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and
2 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
3 election authority during the period for counting provisional
4 ballots.

5 Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed to
6 an election authority absent a postmark, but that is received
7 by the election authority after the polls close on election day
8 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
9 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
10 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
11 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
12 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
13 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
14 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
15 of the election authority during the period for counting
16 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
17 ballot shall not be counted.

18 (d) Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
19 ballots returned to an election authority, by any means
20 authorized by this Article, and received by the election
21 authority at any time before the closing of the polls on
22 election day shall be endorsed by the receiving election
23 authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted
24 at the central ballot counting location of the election
25 authority during the same period provided for counting vote by
26 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots under subsections (b), (g), and

1 (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
2 ballot that are mailed to an election authority and postmarked
3 by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day,
4 but that are received by the election authority after the polls
5 close on election day and before the closing of the period for
6 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
7 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
8 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
9 location of the election authority during the same periods
10 provided for counting vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots under
11 subsection (c).

12 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
13 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail
14 ~~absentee~~ voter's blank ballots received by the election
15 authority after the closing of the polls on the day of election
16 shall be endorsed by the person receiving the ballots with the
17 day and hour of receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by
18 the election authority for the period of time required for the
19 preservation of ballots used at the election, and shall then,
20 without being opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used
21 ballots of that election.

22 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
23 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
24 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
25 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
26 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail ~~absent~~

1 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~
2 voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election day
3 have been counted.

4 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
5 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
6 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
7 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
8 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
9 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
10 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
11 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
12 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
13 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
14 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
15 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
16 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
17 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
18 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
19 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
20 under this Article, then without opening the certification
21 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
22 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
23 cast or count the ballot.

24 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
25 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
26 judge or official:

1 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
2 and resealed;

3 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
4 period ballot;

5 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
6 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

7 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

8 If the election judge or official determines that any of
9 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
10 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
11 shall not cast or count the ballot.

12 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
13 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
14 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
15 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
16 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
17 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
18 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
19 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
20 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
21 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
22 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
23 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
24 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
25 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
26 evidence submitted by the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter. No more

1 than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the
2 same political party. The reviewing panel of election judges
3 shall make a final determination as to the validity of the
4 contested ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
5 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

6 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
7 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
8 counting provisional ballots.

9 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
10 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
11 the order in which the ballots were opened.

12 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
13 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
14 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
16 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/20-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-10)

18 Sec. 20-10. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to be present
19 during the casting of the vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots
20 and the vote of any vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter may be challenged
21 for cause the same as if he were present and voted in person,
22 and the judges of the election or a majority thereof shall have
23 power and authority to hear and determine the legality of such
24 ballot; Provided, however, that if a challenge to any vote by
25 mail ~~absent~~ voter's right to vote is sustained, notice of the

1 same must be given by the judges of election by mail addressed
2 to the voter's mailing address as stated in the certification
3 and application for ballot.

4 (Source: P.A. 80-1090.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/20-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-13)

6 Sec. 20-13. If otherwise qualified to vote, any person not
7 covered by Sections 20-2, 20-2.1 or 20-2.2 of this Article who
8 is not registered to vote and who is temporarily absent from
9 his county of residence, may make special application to the
10 election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of
11 permanent residence, not less than 5 days before a presidential
12 election, for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to vote for the
13 president and vice-president only. Such application shall be
14 furnished by the election authority and shall be in
15 substantially the following form:

16 SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL ~~ABSENTEE~~ BALLOT APPLICATION (For use
17 by non-registered Illinois residents temporarily absent from
18 the county to vote for the president and vice-president only)

19 AFFIDAVIT

20 1. I hereby request a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to
21 vote for the president and vice-president only

22 (insert date of general election)

23 2. I am a citizen of the United States and a permanent
24 resident of Illinois.

25 3. I have maintained, and still maintain, a permanent abode

1 in Illinois for the past years at:
 2 (House) (Number) (Street)
 3 (City) (Village) (Town)

4 4. I will not be able to regularly register in person as a
 5 voter because (Give reason for temporary
 6 absence such as "Student", "Temporary job transfer", etc.)

7 5. I was born (Month) (Day)
 8 (Year) in (State or County);

9 6. To be filled in only by a person who is foreign-born (If
 10 answer is "yes" in either a. or b. below, fill in appropriate
 11 information in c.):

12 a. One or both of my parents were United States citizens at
 13 the time of my birth?

14 () YES () NO

15 b. My United States citizenship was derived through an act
 16 of the Congress of the United States?

17 () YES () NO

18 c. The name of the court issuing papers and the date
 19 thereof upon which my United States citizenship was derived is
 20 located in (City)
 21 (State) on (Month) (Day)
 22 (Year)

23 (For persons who derived citizenship through papers issued
 24 through a parent or spouse, fill in the following)

25 (1) My parents or spouse's name is:
 26 (First) (Middle) (Last)

1 20-2.1 or 20-2.2 of this Article who is registered to vote but
 2 who is disqualified from voting because he moved outside his
 3 election precinct during the 30 days preceding a presidential
 4 election may make special application to the election authority
 5 having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence by
 6 mail, not more than 30 nor less than 5 days before a Federal
 7 election, or in person in the office of the election authority,
 8 not more than 30 nor less than 1 day before a Federal election,
 9 for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to vote for the president
 10 and vice-president only. Such application shall be furnished by
 11 the election authority and shall be in substantially the
 12 following form:

SPECIAL VOTER APPLICATION

13
 14 (For use by registered Illinois voters disqualified for
 15 having moved outside their precinct on or after the 30th day
 16 preceding the election, to vote for president and
 17 vice-president only.)

18 1. I hereby request a ballot to vote for president and
 19 vice-president only on (insert date of general
 20 election).

21 2. I am a citizen of the United States and my present
 22 address is: (Residence Number)
 23 (Street) (City/Village/Township)
 24 (County) (State).

25 3. As of (Month), (Day),
 26 (Year) I was a registered voter at (Residence

1 Number) (Street)
2 (City/Village/Township).

3 4. I moved to my present address on (Month)
4 (Day) (Year).

5 5. I have not registered to vote from nor have I requested
6 a ballot in any other election jurisdiction in this State or in
7 another State.

8 6. (If vote by mail ~~absentee~~ request), I request that you
9 mail the ballot to the following address:

10 Print name and complete mailing address.
11
12
13

14 Under the penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article
15 29 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
16 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

17
18 (Signature of Applicant)

19 7. Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Month)
20 (Day) (Year)

21
22 (Signature of Official
23 Administering Oath)

24 The procedures set forth in Sections 20-4 through 20-12 of
25 this Article, insofar as they may be made applicable, shall be
26 applicable to vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting under this Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/20-25)

3 Sec. 20-25. Extraordinary procedures. In the event of a
4 deployment of the United States Armed Forces or the declaration
5 of an emergency by the President of the United States or the
6 Governor of Illinois, The Governor or the executive director of
7 the State Board of Elections may modify the registration and
8 voting procedures established by this Article or by rules
9 adopted pursuant to this Article for the duration of the
10 deployment or emergency in order to facilitate vote by mail
11 ~~absentee~~ voting under this Article. The Governor or executive
12 director, as the case may be, then promptly shall notify each
13 election authority of the changes in procedures. Each election
14 authority shall publicize the modifications and shall provide
15 notice of the modifications to each person under its
16 jurisdiction subject to this Article for whom the election
17 authority has contact information.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/24-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-15)

20 Sec. 24-15. As soon as the polls are closed, the voting
21 machine or machines shall be locked in order to prevent further
22 voting and each machine shall be sealed against voting and
23 tampering, with a numbered metal seal, and the number of such
24 metal seal shall be recorded at once on the certificate

1 provided for that purpose, and the number on the protective
2 counter of each voting machine shall also be recorded on the
3 certificate in the space provided for that purpose, and the
4 number on the public counter shall be recorded in the space
5 provided for that purpose. The counting compartment shall then
6 be opened in the presence of all the precinct election
7 officials and all watchers and other persons who may be
8 lawfully within the room, giving full view of the numbers
9 announcing the votes cast for each candidate, and the vote for
10 and against each of the questions or other propositions.
11 Provided, however, when a machine is equipped with a device
12 which will automatically record the number on the registering
13 columns for each candidate, question or proposition on the back
14 of the machine to a paper recording sheet then the recording
15 sheet shall be removed and the vote cast shall be announced
16 from the recording sheet for each candidate and the vote for
17 and against each question or proposition. When voting machines
18 are used in an election precinct, the watchers provided by law
19 to be present in the polling place on election day shall be
20 permitted to make a record of the number on the metal seal with
21 which each voting machine is sealed, and to also record the
22 number shown on the protective counter of each voting machine,
23 and such watchers shall also be permitted to examine the
24 counters of the voting machines as the totals are being
25 announced for transcription to the return sheets or from the
26 recording sheets and also to examine the return sheets or the

1 recording sheets as the totals are being recorded or checked
2 thereon. In voting machine precincts where the voting machine
3 is not equipped with the automatic recording sheet the officer,
4 officers board or boards charged by law to furnish the ballot
5 labels for the voting machines shall also furnish for each
6 election precinct in which a voting machine is to be used, at
7 least two duplicate return sheets which shall be used by the
8 precinct election board of such election precinct for recording
9 the results of the election. Such return sheets shall be
10 printed in the form of a diagram exactly corresponding, in
11 arrangement, with the face of the voting machine, and such
12 return sheets shall also correspond, in as far as arrangement
13 is concerned, with the sample ballots, and each return sheet
14 shall provide printed instructions for the exact procedure
15 which the precinct election board shall follow when making the
16 canvass of the results of the election, and such return sheets
17 shall also provide the office titles, party names, candidates'
18 names and code letters and number, arranged in the same manner
19 as on the ballot labels, and there shall be provided a space
20 for inserting the serial number of each voting machine, so that
21 the totals recorded from each voting machine may be identified
22 as being from a certain voting machine, and there shall be
23 provided a space for recording such separate total for each
24 candidate and constitutional amendment, or other question or
25 proposition, from each separate voting machine, and a space for
26 recording the total of the vote by mail and early ~~mail and~~

1 ~~absentee~~ vote in the same manner, so that the final total for
2 each candidate, constitutional amendment, question or other
3 proposition, may be totaled by adding all the figures in a
4 column. Totals on the return sheets shall be recorded in
5 figures only, in ink. The same authorities shall also furnish
6 to each such election precinct suitable printed forms for use
7 by the precinct election board, in making out the certificates
8 provided for in this Article. Such certificates shall be made a
9 part of the return sheets if practicable, or may be on separate
10 sheets.

11 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2492.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/24-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-16)

13 Sec. 24-16. The precinct election officers shall then
14 ascertain the number of votes which the candidates received
15 both on the machine or machines, and by the voting of irregular
16 ballots, if any. Except when the machine is equipped with a
17 device which will automatically record the registering column
18 on the back of the machine to sheets of paper giving the
19 accurate vote cast for each candidate. Two precinct election
20 officials, not members of the same political party, shall write
21 the totals in figures, in ink, for such candidate on the
22 duplicate return sheets provided for that purpose, while one
23 election officer announces in a distinct voice the total vote
24 cast for each candidate thus ascertained in the order of the
25 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot label, and

1 the remaining precinct election official or officials, if any,
2 shall be stationed at the counter compartment of the voting
3 machine being canvassed and shall watch each total as it is
4 being called out from the registering counters. Each precinct
5 election official who is recording the totals on the return
6 sheets shall distinctly repeat each total as it is announced
7 from the counter of the voting machine. The totals of each
8 machine for each candidate shall be recorded on the return
9 sheets in such a manner that they may be identified by the
10 serial number of the voting machine. The vote both for and
11 against each question or other proposition shall also be
12 announced and recorded in the same manner as the vote for the
13 candidates. When the machine is equipped with a device which
14 will automatically record the registering column on the back of
15 the machine to recording sheets of paper giving the accurate
16 vote cast for each candidate then the totals cast for each
17 candidate or each question or proposition shall be called out
18 the same as if they were being read from the Counter
19 Compartment of the voting machine, provided however the paper
20 recording sheet shall constitute the return sheet for the
21 precinct or consolidated area and no return sheets shall be
22 required. When more than one voting machine is used in the same
23 election precinct, the canvass of the first machine shall be
24 completed before the second and so on. When the canvass of all
25 totals shall have been completed, the precinct election board
26 shall canvass all vote by mail and early absentee ballots in

1 the same manner provided by law for canvassing paper ballots.
2 The totals of the vote by mail and early ~~absentee~~ votes for
3 each candidate and for each question or other proposition shall
4 be recorded on the return sheets under the totals from the
5 voting machines and the final total of the votes received by
6 each candidate, and each constitutional amendment, question or
7 other proposition, shall be ascertained and recorded in the
8 space provided for that purpose on the return sheets. Upon the
9 completion of the canvass as hereinbefore provided, one of the
10 precinct election officials shall, in a loud and distinct voice
11 announce the total votes received by each candidate, and the
12 total votes cast both for and against each constitutional
13 amendment, question or other proposition, and such
14 proclamation shall be made slowly enough so as to enable anyone
15 desiring to do so, to record each such result as it is
16 announced. Except where a voting machine is equipped with an
17 automatic recording sheet when the proclamation is completed,
18 the election official who announced the totals from the
19 counters of the machine or machines, shall take his place at
20 one of the return sheets and one of the election officials of
21 the opposite party who has completed the recording of the
22 returns on the return sheets shall take his place at the
23 counter compartment of the voting machine first canvassed, and
24 he shall then proceed to announce each total on each
25 registering counter in the same manner as it was done for the
26 first canvass. Before the recheck of the voting machine is

1 begun, the two precinct election officials who are to recheck
2 the totals on the return sheets shall exchange return sheets
3 and each election official shall then, as the canvass proceeds,
4 check each total as it is announced from the registering
5 counters of the voting machine or machines for the second time.
6 As each total is announced each precinct election official who
7 is checking the totals on the return sheets shall repeat in a
8 loud and distinct voice each total as it is announced. If any
9 errors in the original canvass are discovered they shall be
10 corrected at once in the presence of all the precinct election
11 officials and a certificate shall be prepared and signed by
12 each such election official, setting forth which errors were
13 discovered and what corrections were made, and such certificate
14 shall be made in duplicate and one filed with each return
15 sheet. During the process of rechecking each total on the
16 machines, the precinct election official or officials, if any,
17 who at the original canvass acted as watcher or watchers at the
18 registering counters of the machines, shall in the same manner
19 verify the accuracy of each total as it is announced from the
20 machine or machines and is repeated by the two precinct
21 election officials who are rechecking the totals as written on
22 the return sheets. When this recheck is completed the entire
23 precinct election board shall take one of the return sheets and
24 fold it in accordion pleats approximately ten inches wide with
25 the face of the return sheet out, in such a manner that each
26 pleat can easily be turned as the final recheck proceeds. The

1 entire precinct election board shall then begin at the voting
2 machine first canvassed and each such election official shall,
3 simultaneously with the other such election officials, and in
4 the presence of each other, examine each registering counter on
5 the voting machine, and immediately examine the corresponding
6 record for that counter, as it is written on the return sheet,
7 and shall satisfy himself that both numbers are the same. Each
8 total on each voting machine shall be as examined and when such
9 examination has been completed, the entire precinct election
10 board shall then compare each total on such return sheet with
11 the corresponding total on the duplicate return sheet and each
12 precinct election official shall satisfy himself that all
13 totals are the same on both return sheets. Each precinct
14 election official shall sign a certificate stating that each
15 step in the canvass of the voting machines, as provided herein,
16 has been carefully and faithfully carried out in every detail.
17 If any errors are discovered during the final recheck of the
18 registering counters and comparison of the duplicate return
19 sheets, such errors shall be corrected at once, and each
20 precinct election official shall sign a certificate stating
21 which errors were found and what corrections were made and such
22 corrections shall be made in the presence of all the precinct
23 election officials. The precinct election board shall then
24 canvass the irregular ballot in substantially the same manner
25 as the law provides for canvassing the returns for paper
26 ballots, and shall record the results thereof on the return

1 sheets in the space provided for that purpose. Before leaving
2 the room and before closing and locking the counting
3 compartment, each precinct election official shall make and
4 sign the certificate and written statements and the return
5 sheets of such election as provided by law. In precincts where
6 the voting machines are equipped with the automatic recording
7 sheet and two or more machines the total vote cast for each
8 candidate, question or proposition from each machine shall be
9 recorded separately on the statement of votes as provided for
10 in Section 18-14, and the grand total of all votes appearing on
11 the recording sheets shall be recorded on the statement of
12 votes and proclaimed by the judges in the same manner as is
13 herein provided for proclamation of votes from the return
14 sheets. All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots and irregular ballots
15 of each voting machine shall be returned to the proper officer
16 together with the return sheets and certificates and supplies
17 and such vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots and irregular machine
18 ballots shall be preserved and finally destroyed as is now
19 provided by law when paper ballots are used. The written
20 statements or returns so made, after having been properly
21 signed, shall be distinctly and clearly read in the hearing of
22 all persons present in the polling place, and ample opportunity
23 shall be given to compare the results so certified with the
24 counter dials of the machine. After such comparison and
25 correction, if any is made, the precinct election officials
26 shall then close the counting compartment and lock the same.

1 Thereafter the voting machine shall remain locked and sealed
2 against voting for a period of at least 30 days, after the
3 results of the election have been declared, unless otherwise
4 ordered by the circuit court: provided, however, upon
5 application to the circuit court, the circuit judge may order
6 the said machines opened prior to the thirty day period herein
7 required to be closed. The circuit court in its order shall
8 specify the manner in which the count recorded on the machines
9 shall be taken and preserved: provided, however, when the
10 machines are equipped with any recording or photographic device
11 on which votes registered on the mechanical counters will be
12 separately recorded or photographed, as provided in Section
13 24-18 hereof, and it is necessary to use said machines at an
14 election occurring within said 30 days, then after the machines
15 have remained locked for a period of 48 hours they may be
16 prepared for such subsequent election as herein provided.
17 Whenever it is necessary to reset the machines for another
18 election prior to the time limit for the filing of election
19 contests, it shall be the duty of the proper officials to make
20 a photographic record of the machines involved to be used in
21 case of an election contest, whereupon the machines may be set
22 back to zero and arranged for the next election.

23 (Source: P.A. 80-704.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/24A-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-6)

25 Sec. 24A-6. The ballot information, whether placed on the

1 ballot or on the marking device, shall, as far as practicable,
2 be in the order of arrangement provided for paper ballots,
3 except that such information may be in vertical or horizontal
4 rows, or in a number of separate pages. Ballots for all
5 questions or propositions to be voted on must be provided in
6 the same manner and must be arranged on or in the marking
7 device or on the ballot sheet in the places provided for such
8 purposes.

9 When an electronic voting system utilizes a ballot label
10 booklet and ballot card, ballots for candidates, ballots
11 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional
12 amendment ballots, judicial retention ballots, public
13 measures, and all propositions to be voted upon may be placed
14 on the electronic voting device by providing in the ballot
15 booklet separate ballot label pages or series of pages
16 distinguished by differing colors as provided below. When an
17 electronic voting system utilizes a ballot sheet, ballots
18 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional
19 amendment ballots and judicial retention ballots shall be
20 placed on the ballot sheet by providing a separate portion of
21 the ballot sheet for each such kind of ballot which shall be
22 printed in ink of a color distinct from the color of ink used
23 in printing any other portion of the ballot sheet. Ballots for
24 candidates, public measures and all other propositions to be
25 voted upon shall be placed on the ballot sheet by providing a
26 separate portion of the ballot sheet for each such kind of

1 ballot. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of intent
2 to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections 17-16.1 and
3 18-9.1, a line on which the name of a candidate may be written
4 by the voter shall be printed below the name of the last
5 candidate nominated for such office, and immediately to the
6 left of such line an area shall be provided for marking a vote
7 for such write-in candidate. The number of write-in lines for
8 an office shall equal the number of persons who have filed
9 declarations of intent to be write-in candidates plus an
10 additional line or lines for write-in candidates who qualify to
11 file declarations to be write-in candidates under Sections
12 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot contains
13 the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of the
14 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may
15 vote. More than one amendment to the constitution may be placed
16 on the same ballot page or series of pages or on the same
17 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot label
18 pages for constitutional conventions or constitutional
19 amendments shall be on paper of blue color and shall precede
20 all other ballot label pages in the ballot label booklet. More
21 than one public measure or proposition may be placed on the
22 same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same
23 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. More than one
24 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on
25 the same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same
26 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot label

1 pages for candidates shall be on paper of white color, except
2 that in primary elections the ballot label page or pages for
3 the candidates of each respective political party shall be of
4 the color designated by the election official in charge of the
5 election for that political party's candidates; provided that
6 the ballot label pages or pages for candidates for use at the
7 nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be on paper of
8 different colors, except blue, whenever necessary or desirable
9 to facilitate distinguishing between the pages for different
10 political subdivisions. On each page of the candidate booklet,
11 where the election is made to list ballot information
12 vertically, the party affiliation of each candidate or the word
13 "independent" shall appear immediately to the left of the
14 candidate's name, and the name of candidates for the same
15 office shall be listed vertically under the title of that
16 office. If no candidate or candidates file for an office and if
17 no person or persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate
18 for that office, then below the title of that office the
19 election authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the
20 case of nonpartisan elections for officers of political
21 subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted
22 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires otherwise,
23 the listing of such nonpartisan candidates shall not include
24 any party or "independent" designation. Ballot label pages for
25 judicial retention ballots shall be on paper of green color,
26 and ballot label pages for all public measures and other

1 propositions shall be on paper of some other distinct and
2 different color. In primary elections, a separate ballot label
3 booklet, marking device and voting booth shall be used for each
4 political party holding a primary, with the ballot label
5 booklet arranged to include ballot label pages of the
6 candidates of the party and public measures and other
7 propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary
8 election. One ballot card may be used for recording the voter's
9 vote or choice on all such ballots, proposals, public measures
10 or propositions, and such ballot card shall be arranged so as
11 to record the voter's vote or choice in a separate column or
12 columns for each such kind of ballot, proposal, public measure
13 or proposition.

14 If the ballot label booklet includes both candidates for
15 office and public measures or propositions to be voted on, the
16 election official in charge of the election shall divide the
17 pages by protruding tabs identifying the division of the pages,
18 and printing on such tabs "Candidates" and "Propositions".

19 The ballot card and all of its columns and the ballot card
20 envelope shall be of the color prescribed for candidate's
21 ballots at the general or primary election, whichever is being
22 held. At an election where no candidates are being nominated or
23 elected, the ballot card, its columns, and the ballot card
24 envelope shall be of a color designated by the election
25 official in charge of the election.

26 The ballot cards, ballot card envelopes and ballot sheets

1 may, at the discretion of the election authority, be printed on
2 white paper and then striped with the appropriate colors.

3 When ballot sheets are used, the various portions thereof
4 shall be arranged to conform to the foregoing format.

5 Vote by mail and early ~~Absentee~~ ballots may consist of
6 ballot cards, envelopes, paper ballots or ballot sheets voted
7 in person in the office of the election official in charge of
8 the election or voted by mail. Where a ballot card is used for
9 voting by mail it must be accompanied by a punching tool or
10 other appropriate marking device, voter instructions and a
11 specimen ballot showing the proper positions to vote on the
12 ballot card or ballot sheet for each party, candidate,
13 proposal, public measure or proposition, and in the case of a
14 ballot card must be mounted on a suitable material to receive
15 the punched out chip.

16 Any voter who spoils his ballot or makes an error may
17 return the ballot to the judges of election and secure another.
18 However, the protruding identifying tab for proposals for a
19 constitutional convention or constitutional amendments shall
20 have printed thereon "Constitutional Ballot", and the ballot
21 label page or pages for such proposals shall precede the ballot
22 label pages for candidates in the ballot label booklet.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-862, eff. 8-19-08.)

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

25 Sec. 24A-10. (1) In an election jurisdiction which has

1 adopted an electronic voting system, the election official in
2 charge of the election shall select one of the 3 following
3 procedures for receiving, counting, tallying, and return of the
4 ballots:

5 (a) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
6 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes cast
7 on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot box is
8 for all votes cast on paper ballots, including any paper
9 ballots required to be voted other than on the electronic
10 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box shall
11 be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere provided in
12 "The Election Code," as amended, for the counting and handling
13 of paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
14 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
15 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the election.
16 Such slip shall be signed by all the judges of election and
17 shall be inserted by them in the first ballot box. The judges
18 of election shall thereupon immediately lock each ballot box;
19 provided, that if such box is not of a type which may be
20 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
21 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box
22 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way, and in such
23 manner that the seal completely covers the slot in the ballot
24 box, and each of the judges shall sign such seal. Thereupon two
25 of the judges of election, of different political parties,
26 shall forthwith and by the most direct route transport both

1 ballot boxes to the counting location designated by the county
2 clerk or board of election commissioners.

3 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the electronic
4 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened at
5 the central counting station by the two precinct transport
6 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, such team shall first count
7 the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are folded
8 together so as to appear to have been cast by the same person,
9 all of the ballots so folded together shall be marked and
10 returned with the other ballots in the same condition, as near
11 as may be, in which they were found when first opened, but
12 shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots are found to
13 exceed the number of persons voting in the precinct as shown by
14 the slip signed by the judges of election, the ballots shall be
15 replaced in the box, and the box closed and well shaken and
16 again opened and one of the precinct transport judges shall
17 publicly draw out so many ballots unopened as are equal to such
18 excess.

19 Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not Counted"
20 and signed by the two precinct transport judges and shall be
21 placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The
22 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section
23 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be
24 counted in the total of "defective" ballots.

25 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
26 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and

1 tabulate the write-in vote; or

2 (b) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
3 shall be used. All ballots which are not to be tabulated on the
4 electronic voting system shall be counted, tallied, and
5 returned as elsewhere provided in "The Election Code," as
6 amended, for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

7 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
8 electronic voting system shall be processed as follows:

9 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the precinct
10 judges of election then shall open the ballot box and canvass
11 the votes polled to determine that the number of ballots
12 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by the
13 applications for ballot or if the same do not agree the judges
14 of election shall make such ballots agree with the applications
15 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of "The
16 Election Code." The judges of election shall then examine all
17 ballot cards and ballot card envelopes which are in the ballot
18 box to determine whether the ballot cards and ballot card
19 envelopes bear the initials of a precinct judge of election. If
20 any ballot card or ballot card envelope is not initialed, it
21 shall be marked on the back "Defective," initialed as to such
22 label by all judges immediately under such word "Defective,"
23 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that
24 purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope."

25 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a
26 ballot card, before separating the ballot cards from their

1 respective covering envelopes, the judges of election shall
2 examine the ballot card envelopes for write-in votes. When the
3 voter has voted a write-in vote, the judges of election shall
4 compare the write-in vote with the votes on the ballot card to
5 determine whether such write-in results in an overvote for any
6 office. In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of
7 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
8 election of each of the two major political parties, shall make
9 a true duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card except
10 for the office which is overvoted, by using the ballot label
11 booklet of the precinct and one of the marking devices of the
12 precinct so as to transfer all votes of the voter except for
13 the office overvoted, to an official ballot card of that kind
14 used in the precinct at that election. The original ballot card
15 and envelope upon which there is an overvote shall be clearly
16 labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear the same serial
17 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of election,
18 commencing with number 1 and continuing consecutively for the
19 ballots of that kind in that precinct. The judges of election
20 shall initial the "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballot cards and
21 shall place them in the box for return of the ballots. The
22 "Overvoted Ballot" ballots and their envelopes shall be placed
23 in the "Duplicate Ballots" envelope. Envelopes bearing
24 write-in votes marked in the place designated therefor and
25 bearing the initials of a precinct judge of election and not
26 resulting in an overvote and otherwise complying with the

1 election laws as to marking shall be counted, tallied, and
2 their votes recorded on a tally sheet provided by the election
3 official in charge of the election. The ballot cards and ballot
4 card envelopes shall be separated and all except any defective
5 or overvoted shall be placed separately in the box for return
6 of the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
7 ballots and ballot cards to determine if any is damaged or
8 defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic
9 tabulating equipment. If any ballot or ballot card is damaged
10 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the
11 automatic tabulating equipment, the judges of election,
12 consisting in each case of at least one judge of election of
13 each of the two major political parties, shall make a true
14 duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card by using the
15 ballot label booklet of the precinct and one of the marking
16 devices of the precinct. The original ballot or ballot card and
17 envelope shall be clearly labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the
18 ballot or ballot card so produced "Duplicate Damaged Ballot,"
19 and each shall bear the same number which shall be placed
20 thereon by the judges of election, commencing with number 1 and
21 continuing consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the
22 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate
23 Damaged Ballot" ballot or ballot cards, and shall place them in
24 the box for return of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots
25 or ballot cards and their envelopes shall be placed in the
26 "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip indicating the number of

1 voters voting in person shall be made out, signed by all judges
2 of election, and inserted in the box for return of the ballots.
3 The tally sheets recording the write-in votes shall be placed
4 in this box. The judges of election thereupon immediately shall
5 securely lock the ballot box or other suitable box furnished
6 for return of the ballots by the election official in charge of
7 the election; provided that if such box is not of a type which
8 may be securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament
9 tape provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around
10 the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A
11 separate adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of
12 election of the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to
13 cover any slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct;
14 and if such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein
15 rather than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box
16 as provided herein, but in such manner that the separate
17 adhesive seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges
18 may not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
19 disturbing the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the
20 judges of election, of different major political parties,
21 forthwith shall by the most direct route transport the box for
22 return of the ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the
23 central counting location designated by the election official
24 in charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
25 adequate parking facilities at the central counting location or
26 for any other reason, it is impossible or impracticable for the

1 boxes from all the polling places to be delivered directly to
2 the central counting location, the election official in charge
3 of the election may designate some other location to which the
4 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at
5 such other location the boxes shall be in the care and custody
6 of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each
7 of the two major political parties, designated for such purpose
8 by the election official in charge of elections from
9 recommendations by the appropriate political party
10 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
11 transported from such other location to the central counting
12 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2
13 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated for such
14 purpose by the election official in charge of elections from
15 recommendations by the appropriate political party
16 organizations.

17 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated Ballots"
18 envelope each shall be securely sealed and the flap or end
19 thereof of each signed by the precinct judges of election and
20 returned to the central counting location with the box for
21 return of the ballots, enclosed ballots and returns.

22 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
23 designated by the election official in charge of the election
24 shall check the box returned containing the ballots to
25 determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open
26 the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number of

1 ballots so delivered against the total number of voters of the
2 precinct who voted, remove the ballots or ballot cards and
3 deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic
4 tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of
5 ballots and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
6 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges; or

7 (c) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
8 shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
9 precinct judges of election shall securely lock the ballot box;
10 provided that if such box is not of a type which may be
11 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
12 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box
13 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate
14 adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of election of
15 the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to cover any
16 slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if
17 such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein rather
18 than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
19 provided herein, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
20 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may not
21 be removed without breaking the filament tape and disturbing
22 the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the judges of
23 election, of different major political parties, shall
24 forthwith by the most direct route transport the box for return
25 of the ballots and enclosed vote by mail ~~absentee~~ and early
26 ballots and returns to the central counting location designated

1 by the election official in charge of the election. If however,
2 because of the lack of adequate parking facilities at the
3 central counting location or for some other reason, it is
4 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the polling
5 places to be delivered directly to the central counting
6 location, the election official in charge of the election may
7 designate some other location to which the boxes shall be
8 delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at such other
9 location the boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or
10 more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the
11 two major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
12 election official in charge of elections from recommendations
13 by the appropriate political party organizations. As soon as
14 possible, the boxes shall be transported from such other
15 location to the central counting location by one or more teams,
16 each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major
17 political parties, designated for such purpose by the election
18 official in charge of the election from recommendations by the
19 appropriate political party organizations.

20 At the central counting location there shall be one or more
21 teams of tally judges who possess the same qualifications as
22 tally judges in election jurisdictions using paper ballots. The
23 number of such teams shall be determined by the election
24 authority. Each team shall consist of 5 tally judges, 3
25 selected and approved by the county board from a certified list
26 furnished by the chairman of the county central committee of

1 the party with the majority of members on the county board and
2 selected and approved by the county board from a certified
3 list furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
4 of the party with the second largest number of members on the
5 county board. At the central counting location a team of tally
6 judges shall open the ballot box and canvass the votes polled
7 to determine that the number of ballot sheets therein agree
8 with the number of voters voting as shown by the applications
9 for ballot; and, if the same do not agree, the tally judges
10 shall make such ballots agree with the number of applications
11 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of the
12 Election Code. The tally judges shall then examine all ballot
13 sheets which are in the ballot box to determine whether they
14 bear the initials of the precinct judge of election. If any
15 ballot is not initialed, it shall be marked on the back
16 "Defective", initialed as to such label by all tally judges
17 immediately under such word "Defective", and not counted, but
18 placed in the envelope provided for that purpose labeled
19 "Defective Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one office shall
20 invalidate only the vote or count of that particular office.

21 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
22 designated by the election official in charge of the election
23 shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians operating
24 the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
25 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be noted
26 on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally

1 judges.

2 (2) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection
3 (1) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
4 to transport the ballots, properly signed and sealed as
5 provided herein, shall ensure that the ballots are delivered to
6 the central counting station no later than 12 hours after the
7 polls close. At the central counting station a team of tally
8 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
9 election shall examine the ballots so transported and shall not
10 accept ballots for tabulating which are not signed and sealed
11 as provided in subsection (1) of this Section until the judges
12 transporting the same make and sign the necessary corrections.
13 Upon acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
14 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
15 same shall take a receipt signed by the election official in
16 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
17 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
18 any ballots shall, in the event such ballots cannot be found
19 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
20 are to take as above provided.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/24A-15.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-15.1)

23 Sec. 24A-15.1. Except as herein provided, discovery
24 recounts and election contests shall be conducted as otherwise
25 provided for in "The Election Code", as amended. The automatic

1 tabulating equipment shall be tested prior to the discovery
2 recount or election contest as provided in Section 24A-9, and
3 then the official ballots or ballot cards shall be recounted on
4 the automatic tabulating equipment. In addition, (1) the ballot
5 or ballot cards shall be checked for the presence or absence of
6 judges' initials and other distinguishing marks, and (2) the
7 ballots marked "Rejected", "Defective", "Objected to", "Vote by
8 Mail Absentee Ballot", and "Early Ballot" shall be examined to
9 determine the propriety of the labels, and (3) the "Duplicate
10 Vote by Mail Absentee Ballots", "Duplicate Early Ballots",
11 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballots" and "Duplicate Damaged Ballots"
12 shall be compared with their respective originals to determine
13 the correctness of the duplicates.

14 Any person who has filed a petition for discovery recount
15 may request that a redundant count be conducted in those
16 precincts in which the discovery recount is being conducted.
17 The additional costs of such a redundant count shall be borne
18 by the requesting party.

19 The log of the computer operator and all materials retained
20 by the election authority in relation to vote tabulation and
21 canvass shall be made available for any discovery recount or
22 election contest.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/24B-6)

25 Sec. 24B-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Electronic

1 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology Voting System;
2 Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Ballots; Early Ballots; Spoiled Ballots.

3 The ballot information, shall, as far as practicable, be in the
4 order of arrangement provided for paper ballots, except that
5 the information may be in vertical or horizontal rows, or on a
6 number of separate pages or displays on the marking device.
7 Ballots for all questions or propositions to be voted on should
8 be provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on the
9 ballot sheet or marking device in the places provided for such
10 purposes. Ballots shall be of white paper unless provided
11 otherwise by administrative rule of the State Board of
12 Elections or otherwise specified.

13 All propositions, including but not limited to
14 propositions calling for a constitutional convention,
15 constitutional amendment, judicial retention, and public
16 measures to be voted upon shall be placed on separate portions
17 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
18 grey screens. Candidates shall be listed on a separate portion
19 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
20 grey screens. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of
21 intent to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections
22 17-16.1 and 18-9.1, a line or lines on which the voter may
23 select a write-in candidate shall be printed below the name of
24 the last candidate nominated for such office. Such line or
25 lines shall be proximate to an area provided for marking votes
26 for the write-in candidate or candidates. The number of

1 write-in lines for an office shall equal the number of persons
2 who have filed declarations of intent to be write-in candidates
3 plus an additional line or lines for write-in candidates who
4 qualify to file declarations to be write-in candidates under
5 Sections 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot
6 contains the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of that
7 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may
8 vote. In the case of write-in lines for the offices of Governor
9 and Lieutenant Governor, 2 lines shall be printed within a
10 bracket and a single square shall be printed in front of the
11 bracket. More than one amendment to the constitution may be
12 placed on the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking
13 device. Constitutional convention or constitutional amendment
14 propositions shall be printed or displayed on a separate
15 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device and designated by
16 borders or grey screens, unless otherwise provided by
17 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections. More than
18 one public measure or proposition may be placed on the same
19 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. More than one
20 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on
21 the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. Names
22 of candidates shall be printed in black. The party affiliation
23 of each candidate or the word "independent" shall appear near
24 or under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for
25 the same office shall be listed vertically under the title of
26 that office, on separate pages of the marking device, or as

1 otherwise approved by the State Board of Elections. If no
2 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or
3 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that
4 office, then below the title of that office the election
5 authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the case of
6 nonpartisan elections for officers of political subdivisions,
7 unless the statute or an ordinance adopted pursuant to Article
8 VII of the Constitution requires otherwise, the listing of
9 nonpartisan candidates shall not include any party or
10 "independent" designation. Judicial retention questions and
11 ballot questions for all public measures and other propositions
12 shall be designated by borders or grey screens on the ballot or
13 marking device. In primary elections, a separate ballot, or
14 displays on the marking device, shall be used for each
15 political party holding a primary, with the ballot or marking
16 device arranged to include names of the candidates of the party
17 and public measures and other propositions to be voted upon on
18 the day of the primary election.

19 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and
20 public measures or propositions to be voted on, the election
21 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot or
22 displays on the marking device in sections for "Candidates" and
23 "Propositions", or separate ballots may be used.

24 Vote by Mail or Early Ballots ~~Absentee ballots~~ may consist
25 of envelopes, paper ballots or ballot sheets voted in person in
26 the office of the election official in charge of the election

1 or voted by mail. Where a Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
2 Technology ballot is used for voting by mail it must be
3 accompanied by voter instructions.

4 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or
5 has a ballot returned by the automatic tabulating equipment may
6 return the ballot to the judges of election and get another
7 ballot.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-862, eff. 8-19-08;
9 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/24B-10)

11 Sec. 24B-10. Receiving, Counting, Tallying and Return of
12 Ballots; Acceptance of Ballots by Election Authority.

13 (a) In an election jurisdiction which has adopted an
14 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
15 system, the election official in charge of the election shall
16 select one of the 3 following procedures for receiving,
17 counting, tallying, and return of the ballots:

18 (1) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
19 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes
20 cast on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot
21 box is for all votes cast on other ballots, including any
22 paper ballots required to be voted other than on the
23 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology electronic
24 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box
25 shall be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere

1 provided in this Code for the counting and handling of
2 paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
3 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
4 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the
5 election. The slip shall be signed by all the judges of
6 election and shall be inserted by them in the first ballot
7 box. The judges of election shall thereupon immediately
8 lock each ballot box; provided, that if the box is not of a
9 type which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed
10 with filament tape provided for the purpose that shall be
11 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
12 twice each way, and in a manner that the seal completely
13 covers the slot in the ballot box, and each of the judges
14 shall sign the seal. Two of the judges of election, of
15 different political parties, shall by the most direct route
16 transport both ballot boxes to the counting location
17 designated by the county clerk or board of election
18 commissioners.

19 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the
20 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
21 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened
22 at the central counting station by the 2 precinct transport
23 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, the team shall first
24 count the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are
25 folded together to appear to have been cast by the same
26 person, all of the ballots folded together shall be marked

1 and returned with the other ballots in the same condition,
2 as near as may be, in which they were found when first
3 opened, but shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots
4 are found to exceed the number of persons voting in the
5 precinct as shown by the slip signed by the judges of
6 election, the ballots shall be replaced in the box, and the
7 box closed and well shaken and again opened and one of the
8 precinct transport judges shall publicly draw out so many
9 ballots unopened as are equal to the excess.

10 The excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not
11 Counted" and signed by the 2 precinct transport judges and
12 shall be placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots
13 Envelope". The number of excess ballots shall be noted in
14 the remarks section of the Certificate of Results. "Excess"
15 ballots shall not be counted in the total of "defective"
16 ballots.

17 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
18 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and
19 tabulate the write-in vote.

20 (2) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
21 cast, shall be used. All ballots which are not to be
22 tabulated on the electronic voting system shall be counted,
23 tallied, and returned as elsewhere provided in this Code
24 for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

25 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
26 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology

1 voting system shall be processed as follows:

2 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
3 precinct judges of election shall open the ballot box and
4 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of
5 ballots agree with the number of voters voting as shown by
6 the applications for ballot, or if the same do not agree
7 the judges of election shall make such ballots agree with
8 the applications for ballot in the manner provided by
9 Section 17-18 of this Code.

10 In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of
11 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
12 election of each of the 2 major political parties, shall
13 make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot
14 except for the office which is overvoted, by using the
15 ballot of the precinct and one of the marking devices, or
16 equivalent ballot, of the precinct to transfer all votes of
17 the voter except for the office overvoted, to an official
18 ballot of that kind used in the precinct at that election.
19 The original ballot upon which there is an overvote shall
20 be clearly labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear
21 the same serial number which shall be placed thereon by the
22 judges of election, beginning with number 1 and continuing
23 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in that
24 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the
25 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballots and shall place them
26 in the box for return of the ballots. The "Overvoted

1 Ballot" ballots shall be placed in the "Duplicate Ballots"
2 envelope. The ballots except any defective or overvoted
3 ballot shall be placed separately in the box for return of
4 the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
5 ballots to determine if any is damaged or defective so that
6 it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment.
7 If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot
8 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment,
9 the judges of election, consisting in each case of at least
10 one judge of election of each of the 2 major political
11 parties, shall make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on
12 such ballot by using the ballot of the precinct and one of
13 the marking devices, or equivalent ballot, of the precinct.
14 The original ballot and ballot envelope shall be clearly
15 labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the ballot so produced
16 "Duplicate Damaged Ballot", and each shall bear the same
17 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of
18 election, commencing with number 1 and continuing
19 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the precinct.
20 The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate Damaged
21 Ballot" ballot and shall place them in the box for return
22 of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots shall be
23 placed in the "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip
24 indicating the number of voters voting in person and the
25 total number of voters of the precinct who voted at the
26 election shall be made out, signed by all judges of

1 election, and inserted in the box for return of the
2 ballots. The tally sheets recording the write-in votes
3 shall be placed in this box. The judges of election
4 immediately shall securely lock the ballot box or other
5 suitable box furnished for return of the ballots by the
6 election official in charge of the election; provided that
7 if the box is not of a type which may be securely locked,
8 the box shall be sealed with filament tape provided for the
9 purpose which shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise
10 and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate adhesive
11 seal label signed by each of the judges of election of the
12 precinct shall be affixed to the box to cover any slot
13 therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if the
14 box is sealed with filament tape as provided rather than
15 locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
16 provided, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
17 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may
18 not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
19 disturbing the signature of the judges. Two of the judges
20 of election, of different major political parties, shall by
21 the most direct route transport the box for return of the
22 ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the central
23 counting location designated by the election official in
24 charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
25 adequate parking facilities at the central counting
26 location or for any other reason, it is impossible or

1 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to
2 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the
3 election official in charge of the election may designate
4 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered
5 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the
6 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more
7 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2
8 major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
9 election official in charge of elections from
10 recommendations by the appropriate political party
11 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
12 transported from the other location to the central counting
13 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4
14 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,
15 designated for the purpose by the election official in
16 charge of elections from recommendations by the
17 appropriate political party organizations.

18 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated
19 Ballots" envelope each shall be securely sealed and the
20 flap or end of each envelope signed by the precinct judges
21 of election and returned to the central counting location
22 with the box for return of the ballots, enclosed ballots
23 and returns.

24 At the central counting location, a team of tally
25 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
26 election shall check the box returned containing the

1 ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and shall
2 open the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number
3 of ballots so delivered against the total number of voters
4 of the precinct who voted, remove the ballots and deliver
5 them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating
6 equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots
7 and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
8 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges.

9 (3) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
10 cast, shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the
11 polls, the precinct judges of election shall securely lock
12 the ballot box; provided that if such box is not of a type
13 which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed with
14 filament tape provided for the purpose which shall be
15 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
16 twice each way. A separate adhesive seal label signed by
17 each of the judges of election of the precinct shall be
18 affixed to the box to cover any slot therein and to
19 identify the box of the precinct; and if the box is sealed
20 with filament tape as provided rather than locked, such
21 tape shall be wrapped around the box as provided, but in a
22 manner that the separate adhesive seal label affixed to the
23 box and signed by the judges may not be removed without
24 breaking the filament tape and disturbing the signature of
25 the judges. Two of the judges of election, of different
26 major political parties, shall by the most direct route

1 transport the box for return of the ballots and enclosed
2 vote by mail absentee and early ballots and returns to the
3 central counting location designated by the election
4 official in charge of the election. If however, because of
5 the lack of adequate parking facilities at the central
6 counting location or for some other reason, it is
7 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the
8 polling places to be delivered directly to the central
9 counting location, the election official in charge of the
10 election may designate some other location to which the
11 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at
12 the other location the boxes shall be in the care and
13 custody of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons,
14 2 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated
15 for the purpose by the election official in charge of
16 elections from recommendations by the appropriate
17 political party organizations. As soon as possible, the
18 boxes shall be transported from the other location to the
19 central counting location by one or more teams, each
20 consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major
21 political parties, designated for the purpose by the
22 election official in charge of the election from
23 recommendations by the appropriate political party
24 organizations.

25 At the central counting location there shall be one or
26 more teams of tally judges who possess the same

1 qualifications as tally judges in election jurisdictions
2 using paper ballots. The number of the teams shall be
3 determined by the election authority. Each team shall
4 consist of 5 tally judges, 3 selected and approved by the
5 county board from a certified list furnished by the
6 chairman of the county central committee of the party with
7 the majority of members on the county board and 2 selected
8 and approved by the county board from a certified list
9 furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
10 of the party with the second largest number of members on
11 the county board. At the central counting location a team
12 of tally judges shall open the ballot box and canvass the
13 votes polled to determine that the number of ballot sheets
14 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by
15 the applications for ballot and, if the same do not agree,
16 the tally judges shall make such ballots agree with the
17 number of applications for ballot in the manner provided by
18 Section 17-18 of this Code. The tally judges shall then
19 examine all ballot sheets that are in the ballot box to
20 determine whether they bear the initials of the precinct
21 judge of election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall
22 be marked on the back "Defective", initialed as to that
23 label by all tally judges immediately under the word
24 "Defective", and not counted, but placed in the envelope
25 provided for that purpose labeled "Defective Ballots
26 Envelope". An overvote for one office shall invalidate only

1 the vote or count for that particular office.

2 At the central counting location, a team of tally
3 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
4 election shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians
5 operating the automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
6 Technology tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
7 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be
8 noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by
9 the tally judges.

10 (b) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection
11 (a) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
12 to transport the ballots properly signed and sealed, shall
13 ensure that the ballots are delivered to the central counting
14 station no later than 12 hours after the polls close. At the
15 central counting station, a team of tally judges designated by
16 the election official in charge of the election shall examine
17 the ballots so transported and shall not accept ballots for
18 tabulating which are not signed and sealed as provided in
19 subsection (a) of this Section until the judges transporting
20 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon
21 acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
22 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
23 ballots shall take a receipt signed by the election official in
24 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
25 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
26 any ballots shall, in the event the ballots cannot be found

1 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
2 are to take as above provided.

3 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
4 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15.1)

6 Sec. 24B-15.1. Discovery recounts and election contests.
7 Except as provided, discovery recounts and election contests
8 shall be conducted as otherwise provided for in this Code. The
9 automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
10 tabulating equipment shall be tested prior to the discovery
11 recount or election contest as provided in Section 24B-9, and
12 then the official ballots shall be recounted on the automatic
13 tabulating equipment. In addition, (a) the ballots shall be
14 checked for the presence or absence of judges' initials and
15 other distinguishing marks, and (b) the ballots marked
16 "Rejected", "Defective", "Objected To", "Early Ballot", and
17 "Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Ballot" shall be examined to determine
18 the propriety of the labels, and (c) the "Duplicate Vote by
19 Mail ~~Absentee~~ Ballots", "Duplicate Overvoted Ballots",
20 "Duplicate Early Ballot", and "Duplicate Damaged Ballots"
21 shall be compared with their respective originals to determine
22 the correctness of the duplicates.

23 Any person who has filed a petition for discovery recount
24 may request that a redundant count be conducted in those
25 precincts in which the discovery recount is being conducted.

1 The additional costs of a redundant count shall be borne by the
2 requesting party.

3 The log of the computer operator and all materials retained
4 by the election authority in relation to vote tabulation and
5 canvass shall be made available for any discovery recount or
6 election contest.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/24C-1)

9 Sec. 24C-1. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to
10 authorize the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems
11 approved by the State Board of Elections. In a Direct Recording
12 Electronic Voting System, voters cast votes by means of a
13 ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-optical
14 devices that can be activated by the voters to mark their
15 choices for the candidates of their preference and for or
16 against public questions. Such voting devices shall be capable
17 of instantaneously recording such votes, storing such votes,
18 producing a permanent paper record and tabulating such votes at
19 the precinct or at one or more counting stations. This Article
20 authorizes the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting
21 Systems for in-precinct counting applications and for early
22 ~~in-person absentee~~ voting in the office of the election
23 authority and in the offices of local officials authorized by
24 the election authority to conduct such early ~~absentee~~ voting.
25 All other early ~~absentee~~ ballots must be counted at the office

1 of the election authority.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/24C-6)

4 Sec. 24C-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Direct
5 Recording Electronic Voting System; Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~
6 Ballots; Spoiled Ballots. The ballot information, shall, as far
7 as practicable, be in the order of arrangement provided for
8 paper ballots, except that the information may be in vertical
9 or horizontal rows, or on a number of separate pages or display
10 screens.

11 Ballots for all public questions to be voted on should be
12 provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on the ballot
13 in the places provided for such purposes. All public questions,
14 including but not limited to public questions calling for a
15 constitutional convention, constitutional amendment, or
16 judicial retention, shall be placed on the ballot separate and
17 apart from candidates. Ballots for all public questions shall
18 be clearly designated by borders or different color screens.
19 More than one amendment to the constitution may be placed on
20 the same portion of the ballot sheet. Constitutional convention
21 or constitutional amendment propositions shall be placed on a
22 separate portion of the ballot and designated by borders or
23 unique color screens, unless otherwise provided by
24 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections. More than
25 one public question may be placed on the same portion of the

1 ballot. More than one proposition for retention of judges in
2 office may be placed on the same portion of the ballot.

3 The party affiliation, if any, of each candidate or the
4 word "independent", where applicable, shall appear near or
5 under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for the
6 same office shall be listed vertically under the title of that
7 office. In the case of nonpartisan elections for officers of
8 political subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance
9 adopted pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires
10 otherwise, the listing of nonpartisan candidates shall not
11 include any party or "independent" designation. If no candidate
12 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons
13 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,
14 then below the title of that office the election authority
15 shall print "No Candidate". In primary elections, a separate
16 ballot shall be used for each political party holding a
17 primary, with the ballot arranged to include names of the
18 candidates of the party and public questions and other
19 propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary
20 election.

21 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and
22 public questions or propositions to be voted on, the election
23 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot in
24 sections for "Candidates" and "Public Questions", or separate
25 ballots may be used.

26 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or

1 has a ballot rejected by the automatic tabulating equipment
2 shall be provided a means of correcting the ballot or obtaining
3 a new ballot prior to casting his or her ballot.

4 Any election authority using a Direct Recording Electronic
5 Voting System may use voting systems approved for use under
6 Articles 24A or 24B of this Code in conducting early ~~absentee~~
7 voting in the office of the election authority or voted by
8 mail.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-862, eff. 8-19-08.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/24C-11)

11 Sec. 24C-11. Functional requirements. A Direct Recording
12 Electronic Voting System shall, in addition to satisfying the
13 other requirements of this Article, fulfill the following
14 functional requirements:

15 (a) Provide a voter in a primary election with the means of
16 casting a ballot containing votes for any and all candidates of
17 the party or parties of his or her choice, and for any and all
18 non-partisan candidates and public questions and preclude the
19 voter from voting for any candidate of any other political
20 party except when legally permitted. In a general election, the
21 system shall provide the voter with means of selecting the
22 appropriate number of candidates for any office, and of voting
23 on any public question on the ballot to which he or she is
24 entitled to vote.

25 (b) If a voter is not entitled to vote for particular

1 candidates or public questions appearing on the ballot, the
2 system shall prevent the selection of the prohibited votes.

3 (c) Once the proper ballot has been selected, the system
4 devices shall provide a means of enabling the recording of
5 votes and the casting of said ballot.

6 (d) System voting devices shall provide voting choices that
7 are clear to the voter and labels indicating the names of every
8 candidate and the text of every public question on the voter's
9 ballot. Each label shall identify the selection button or
10 switch, or the active area of the ballot associated with it.
11 The system shall be able to incorporate minimal, easy-to-follow
12 on-screen instruction for the voter on how to cast a ballot.

13 (e) Voting devices shall (i) enable the voter to vote for
14 any and all candidates and public questions appearing on the
15 ballot for which the voter is lawfully entitled to vote, in any
16 legal number and combination; (ii) detect and reject all votes
17 for an office or upon a public question when the voter has cast
18 more votes for the office or upon the public question than the
19 voter is entitled to cast; (iii) notify the voter if the
20 voter's choices as recorded on the ballot for an office or
21 public question are fewer than or exceed the number that the
22 voter is entitled to vote for on that office or public question
23 and the effect of casting more or fewer votes than legally
24 permitted; (iv) notify the voter if the voter has failed to
25 completely cast a vote for an office or public question
26 appearing on the ballot; and (v) permit the voter, in a private

1 and independent manner, to verify the votes selected by the
2 voter, to change the ballot or to correct any error on the
3 ballot before the ballot is completely cast and counted. A
4 means shall be provided to indicate each selection after it has
5 been made or canceled.

6 (f) System voting devices shall provide a means for the
7 voter to signify that the selection of candidates and public
8 questions has been completed. Upon activation, the system shall
9 record an image of the completed ballot, increment the proper
10 ballot position registers, and shall signify to the voter that
11 the ballot has been cast. The system shall then prevent any
12 further attempt to vote until it has been reset or re-enabled
13 by a judge of election.

14 (g) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a
15 public counter that can be set to zero prior to the opening of
16 the polling place, and that records the number of ballots cast
17 at a particular election. The counter shall be incremented only
18 by the casting of a ballot. The counter shall be designed to
19 prevent disabling or resetting by other than authorized persons
20 after the polls close. The counter shall be visible to all
21 judges of election so long as the device is installed at the
22 polling place.

23 (h) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a
24 protective counter that records all of the testing and election
25 ballots cast since the unit was built. This counter shall be
26 designed so that its reading cannot be changed by any cause

1 other than the casting of a ballot. The protective counter
2 shall be incapable of ever being reset and it shall be visible
3 at all times when the device is configured for testing,
4 maintenance, or election use.

5 (i) All system devices shall provide a means of preventing
6 further voting once the polling place has closed and after all
7 eligible voters have voted. Such means of control shall
8 incorporate a visible indication of system status. Each device
9 shall prevent any unauthorized use, prevent tampering with
10 ballot labels and preclude its re-opening once the poll closing
11 has been completed for that election.

12 (j) The system shall produce a printed summary report of
13 the votes cast upon each voting device. Until the proper
14 sequence of events associated with closing the polling place
15 has been completed, the system shall not allow the printing of
16 a report or the extraction of data. The printed report shall
17 also contain all system audit information to be required by the
18 election authority. Data shall not be altered or otherwise
19 destroyed by report generation and the system shall ensure the
20 integrity and security of data for a period of at least 6
21 months after the polls close.

22 (k) If more than one voting device is used in a polling
23 place, the system shall provide a means to manually or
24 electronically consolidate the data from all such units into a
25 single report even if different voting systems are used to
26 record early absentee ballots. The system shall also be capable

1 of merging the vote tabulation results produced by other vote
2 tabulation systems, if necessary.

3 (l) System functions shall be implemented such that
4 unauthorized access to them is prevented and the execution of
5 authorized functions in an improper sequence is precluded.
6 System functions shall be executable only in the intended
7 manner and order, and only under the intended conditions. If
8 the preconditions to a system function have not been met, the
9 function shall be precluded from executing by the system's
10 control logic.

11 (m) All system voting devices shall incorporate at least 3
12 memories in the machine itself and in its programmable memory
13 devices.

14 (n) The system shall include capabilities of recording and
15 reporting the date and time of normal and abnormal events and
16 of maintaining a permanent record of audit information that
17 cannot be turned off. Provisions shall be made to detect and
18 record significant events (e.g., casting a ballot, error
19 conditions that cannot be disposed of by the system itself,
20 time-dependent or programmed events that occur without the
21 intervention of the voter or a judge of election).

22 (o) The system and each system voting device must be
23 capable of creating, printing and maintaining a permanent paper
24 record and an electronic image of each ballot that is cast such
25 that records of individual ballots are maintained by a
26 subsystem independent and distinct from the main vote

1 detection, interpretation, processing and reporting path. The
2 electronic images of each ballot must protect the integrity of
3 the data and the anonymity of each voter, for example, by means
4 of storage location scrambling. The ballot image records may be
5 either machine-readable or manually transcribed, or both, at
6 the discretion of the election authority.

7 (p) The system shall include built-in test, measurement and
8 diagnostic software and hardware for detecting and reporting
9 the system's status and degree of operability.

10 (q) The system shall contain provisions for maintaining the
11 integrity of memory voting and audit data during an election
12 and for a period of at least 6 months thereafter and shall
13 provide the means for creating an audit trail.

14 (r) The system shall be fully accessible so as to permit
15 blind or visually impaired voters as well as physically
16 disabled voters to exercise their right to vote in private and
17 without assistance.

18 (s) The system shall provide alternative language
19 accessibility if required pursuant to Section 203 of the Voting
20 Rights Act of 1965.

21 (t) Each voting device shall enable a voter to vote for a
22 person whose name does not appear on the ballot.

23 (u) The system shall record and count accurately each vote
24 properly cast for or against any candidate and for or against
25 any public question, including the names of all candidates
26 whose names are written in by the voters.

1 (v) The system shall allow for accepting provisional
2 ballots and for separating such provisional ballots from
3 precinct totals until authorized by the election authority.

4 (w) The system shall provide an effective audit trail as
5 defined in Section 24C-2 in this Code.

6 (x) The system shall be suitably designed for the purpose
7 used, be durably constructed, and be designed for safety,
8 accuracy and efficiency.

9 (y) The system shall comply with all provisions of federal,
10 State and local election laws and regulations and any future
11 modifications to those laws and regulations.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/24C-13)

14 Sec. 24C-13. Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ ballots; Early voting
15 ballots; Proceedings at Location for Central Counting;
16 Employees; Approval of List.

17 (a) All jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic
18 Voting Systems shall use paper ballots or paper ballot sheets
19 approved for use under Articles 16, 24A or 24B of this Code
20 when conducting vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting ~~except that Direct~~
21 ~~Recording Electronic Voting Systems may be used for in-person~~
22 ~~absentee voting conducted pursuant to Section 19-2.1 of this~~
23 ~~Code.~~ All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots shall be counted at the
24 central ballot counting location of the election authority. The
25 provisions of Section 24A-9, 24B-9 and 24C-9 of this Code shall

1 apply to the testing and notice requirements for central count
2 tabulation equipment, including comparing the signature on the
3 ballot envelope with the signature of the voter on the
4 permanent voter registration record card taken from the master
5 file. Vote results shall be recorded by precinct and shall be
6 added to the vote results for the precinct in which the vote by
7 mail ~~absent~~ voter was eligible to vote prior to completion of
8 the official canvass.

9 (b) All proceedings at the location for central counting
10 shall be under the direction of the county clerk or board of
11 election commissioners. Except for any specially trained
12 technicians required for the operation of the Direct Recording
13 Electronic Voting System, the employees at the counting station
14 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading
15 political parties and all duties performed by the employees
16 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of
17 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county
18 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the
19 chairman of each political party, for his or her approval or
20 disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party proposed to
21 be employed. If a chairman fails to notify the election
22 authority of his or her disapproval of any proposed employee
23 within a period of 10 days thereafter the list shall be deemed
24 approved.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
26 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

2 Sec. 24C-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;
3 Audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording
4 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include
5 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate
6 and public question and shall constitute the official return of
7 each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the election
8 authority shall provide the number of applications for ballots
9 in each precinct, the total number of ballots and vote by mail
10 ~~absentee~~ ballots counted in each precinct for each political
11 subdivision and district and the number of registered voters in
12 each precinct. However, the election authority shall check the
13 totals shown by the precinct return and, if there is an obvious
14 discrepancy regarding the total number of votes cast in any
15 precinct, shall have the ballots for that precinct audited to
16 correct the return. The procedures for this audit shall apply
17 prior to and after the proclamation is completed; however,
18 after the proclamation of results, the election authority must
19 obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots or voting devices
20 except for election contests and discovery recounts. The
21 certificate of results, which has been prepared and signed by
22 the judges of election after the ballots have been tabulated,
23 shall be the document used for the canvass of votes for such
24 precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
25 votes between the unofficial results and the certificate of

1 results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
2 votes between the certificate of results and the set of totals
3 reflected on the certificate of results, the ballots for that
4 precinct shall be audited to correct the return.

5 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall
6 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts
7 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting
8 devices used in early voting. The precincts and the voting
9 devices to be tested shall be selected after election day on a
10 random basis by the State Board of Elections, so that every
11 precinct and every device used in early voting in the election
12 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being
13 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard
14 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and
15 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central
16 committee chairman of each established political party shall be
17 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random
18 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.

19 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked on
20 the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested
21 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each
22 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with
23 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by the
24 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test precinct.
25 The election authority shall test count these votes either by
26 hand or by using an automatic tabulating device other than a

1 Direct Recording Electronic voting device that has been
2 approved by the State Board of Elections for that purpose and
3 tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election authority
4 shall print the results of each test count. If any error is
5 detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected, and an
6 errorless count shall be made prior to the official canvass and
7 proclamation of election results. If an errorless count cannot
8 be conducted and there continues to be difference in vote
9 results between the certificate of results produced by the
10 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and the count of the
11 permanent paper records or if an error was detected and
12 corrected, the election authority shall immediately prepare
13 and forward to the appropriate canvassing board a written
14 report explaining the results of the test and any errors
15 encountered and the report shall be made available for public
16 inspection.

17 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
18 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county
19 chairman of each established political party and qualified
20 civic organizations shall be given prior written notice of the
21 time and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

22 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in
23 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
24 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/25-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-7)

2 Sec. 25-7. (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office
3 of representative in congress from this state more than 180
4 days before the next general election, the Governor shall issue
5 a writ of election within 5 days after the occurrence of that
6 vacancy to the county clerks of the several counties in the
7 district where the vacancy exists, appointing a day within 115
8 days of issuance of the writ to hold a special election to fill
9 such vacancy.

10 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section or any
11 other law to the contrary, a special election to fill a vacancy
12 in the office of representative in congress occurring less than
13 60 days following the 2012 general election shall be held as
14 provided in this subsection (b). A special primary election
15 shall be held on February 26, 2013, and a special election
16 shall be held on April 9, 2013.

17 Except as provided in this subsection (b), the provisions
18 of Article 7 of this Code are applicable to petitions for the
19 special primary election and special election. Petitions for
20 nomination in accordance with Article 7 shall be filed in the
21 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than
22 54 and not less than 50 days prior to the date of the special
23 primary election, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Petitions for
24 the nomination of independent candidates and candidates of new
25 political parties shall be filed in the principal office of the
26 State Board of Elections not more than 68 and not less than 64

1 days prior to the date of the special election, excluding
2 Saturday and Sunday.

3 Except as provided in this subsection, the State Board of
4 Elections shall have authority to establish, in conjunction
5 with the impacted election authorities, an election calendar
6 for the special election and special primary.

7 If an election authority is unable to have a sufficient
8 number of ballots printed so that ballots will be available for
9 mailing at least 46 days prior to the special primary election
10 or special election to persons who have filed an application
11 for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Code,
12 the election authority shall, no later than 45 days prior to
13 each election, mail to each of those persons a Special Write-in
14 Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot in accordance with
15 Section 16-5.01 of this Code. The election authority shall
16 advise those persons that the names of candidates to be
17 nominated or elected shall be available on the election
18 authority's website and shall provide a phone number the person
19 may call to request the names of the candidates for nomination
20 or election.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-1134, eff. 12-3-12.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/28-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-9)

23 Sec. 28-9. Petitions for proposed amendments to Article IV
24 of the Constitution pursuant to Section 3, Article XIV of the
25 Constitution shall be signed by a number of electors equal in

1 number to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates
2 for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election. Such
3 petition shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not
4 more than 24 months preceding the general election at which the
5 proposed amendment is to be submitted and shall be filed with
6 the Secretary of State at least 6 months before that general
7 election.

8 Upon receipt of a petition for a proposed Constitutional
9 amendment, the Secretary of State shall, as soon as is
10 practicable, but no later than the close of the next business
11 day, deliver such petition to the State Board of Elections.

12 Petitions for advisory questions of public policy to be
13 submitted to the voters of the entire State shall be signed by
14 a number of voters equal in number to 8% of the total votes
15 cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial
16 election. Such petition shall have been signed by said
17 petitioners not more than 24 months preceding the date of the
18 general election at which the question is to be submitted and
19 shall be filed with the State Board of Elections at least 6
20 months before that general election.

21 The proponents of the proposed statewide advisory public
22 question shall file the original petition in bound ~~election~~
23 ~~jurisdiction~~ sections. Each section shall be composed of
24 consecutively numbered petition sheets containing only the
25 signatures of registered voters ~~of a single election~~
26 ~~jurisdiction and, at the top of each petition sheet, the name~~

1 ~~of the election jurisdiction shall be typed or printed in block~~
2 ~~letters; provided that, if the name of the election~~
3 ~~jurisdiction is not so printed, the election jurisdiction of~~
4 ~~the circulator of that petition sheet shall be controlling with~~
5 ~~respect to the signatures on that sheet.~~ Any petition sheets
6 not consecutively numbered or which contain duplicate page
7 numbers already used on other sheets, or are photocopies or
8 duplicates of the original sheets, shall not be considered part
9 of the petition for the purpose of the random sampling
10 verification and shall not be counted toward the minimum number
11 of signatures required to qualify the proposed statewide
12 advisory public question for the ballot.

13 Within 7 business days following the last day for filing
14 the original petition, the proponents shall also file copies of
15 the ~~sectioned election jurisdiction~~ petition sheets with each
16 proper election authority and obtain a receipt therefor.

17 For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
18 defined and construed as follows:

- 19 1. "Board" means the State Board of Elections.
- 20 2. "Election Authority" means a county clerk or city or
21 county board of election commissioners.
- 22 3. (Blank). ~~"Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire~~
23 ~~county, in the case of a county in which no city board of~~
24 ~~election commissioners is located or which is under the~~
25 ~~jurisdiction of a county board of election commissioners; (b)~~
26 ~~the territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election~~

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

6 4. "Proponents" means any person, association, committee,
7 organization or other group, or their designated
8 representatives, who advocate and cause the circulation and
9 filing of petitions for a statewide advisory question of public
10 policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for submission at
11 a general election and who has registered with the Board as
12 provided in this Act.

13 5. "Opponents" means any person, association, committee,
14 organization or other group, or their designated
15 representatives, who oppose a statewide advisory question of
16 public policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for
17 submission at a general election and who have registered with
18 the Board as provided in this Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

21 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having
22 voted once, knowingly on the same election day where the ballot
23 or machine lists any of the same candidates and issues listed
24 on the ballot or machine previously used for voting by that
25 person, (a) files an application to vote in the same or another

1 polling place, or (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting
2 machine (except to legally give assistance pursuant to the
3 provisions of this Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony;
4 however, if a person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an
5 election authority as a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ voter and due
6 to a change of circumstances is able to and does vote in the
7 precinct of his residence on election day, shall not be deemed
8 to be in violation of this Code.

9 (Source: P.A. 83-755.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/29-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-20)

11 Sec. 29-20. Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ ballots - violations. A
12 person is guilty of a Class 3 felony who knowingly:

13 (1) Solicits another person, knowing that the person is
14 not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~
15 voter, to apply for an absentee ballot;

16 (2) Solicits another person, knowing that the person is
17 not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~
18 voter, to cast a ballot as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter;

19 (3) Intimidates or unduly influences another person to
20 cast a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot in a manner
21 inconsistent with the voter's intent; or

22 (4) Marks or tampers with a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
23 ballot of another person or takes a vote by mail ~~an~~
24 ~~absentee~~ ballot of another person in violation of Section
25 19-6 so that an opportunity for fraudulent marking or

1 tampering is created.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1 rep.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.2 rep.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/28-10 rep.)

6 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing
7 Sections 19-2.1, 19-2.2, and 28-10.

8 Section 15. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended
9 by changing Section 11 as follows:

10 (15 ILCS 335/11) (from Ch. 124, par. 31)

11 Sec. 11. The Secretary may make a search of his records and
12 furnish information as to whether a person has a current
13 Standard Illinois Identification Card or an Illinois Person
14 with a Disability Identification Card then on file, upon
15 receipt of a written application therefor accompanied with the
16 prescribed fee. However, the Secretary may not disclose medical
17 information concerning an individual to any person, public
18 agency, private agency, corporation or governmental body
19 unless the individual has submitted a written request for the
20 information or unless the individual has given prior written
21 consent for the release of the information to a specific person
22 or entity. This exception shall not apply to: (1) offices and
23 employees of the Secretary who have a need to know the medical

1 information in performance of their official duties, or (2)
2 orders of a court of competent jurisdiction. When medical
3 information is disclosed by the Secretary in accordance with
4 the provisions of this Section, no liability shall rest with
5 the Office of the Secretary of State as the information is
6 released for informational purposes only.

7 The Secretary may release personally identifying
8 information or highly restricted personal information only to:

9 (1) officers and employees of the Secretary who have a
10 need to know that information;

11 (2) other governmental agencies for use in their
12 official governmental functions;

13 (3) law enforcement agencies that need the information
14 for a criminal or civil investigation;

15 (3-5) the State Board of Elections for the ~~sole~~ purpose
16 of providing the signatures required by a local election
17 authority to register a voter through an online voter
18 registration system or as may be required by an agreement
19 the State Board of Elections has entered into with a
20 multi-state voter registration list maintenance system; or

21 (4) any entity that the Secretary has authorized, by
22 rule, to receive this information.

23 The Secretary may not disclose an individual's social
24 security number or any associated information obtained from the
25 Social Security Administration without the written request or
26 consent of the individual except: (i) to officers and employees

1 of the Secretary who have a need to know the social security
2 number in the performance of their official duties; (ii) to law
3 enforcement officials for a lawful civil or criminal law
4 enforcement investigation if the head of the law enforcement
5 agency has made a written request to the Secretary specifying
6 the law enforcement investigation for which the social security
7 number is being sought; (iii) under a lawful court order signed
8 by a judge; or (iv) to the Illinois Department of Veterans'
9 Affairs for the purpose of confirming veteran status.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13;
11 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

12 Section 20. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is
13 amended by changing Section 21-28 as follows:

14 (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)

15 Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.

16 (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city
17 shall be by petition. ~~All petitions for nominations of~~
18 ~~candidates shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of~~
19 ~~the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of all the votes~~
20 ~~cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding general~~
21 ~~election.~~ For the election following the redistricting of
22 wards, and each election thereafter until the next
23 redistricting of wards, petitions for nominations of
24 candidates shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the

1 ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of the total number of
2 votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election
3 divided by the number of wards.

4 (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city
5 treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for
6 nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500
7 legal voters of the city.

8 (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,
9 shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the
10 election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago
11 concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public
12 office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is
13 exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided
14 by law.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)".