

AN ACT concerning government.

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

Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section 1A-3 as follows:

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

Sec. 1A-3. Subject to the confirmation requirements of Section 1A-4, 4 members of the State Board of Elections shall be appointed in each odd-numbered year as follows:

(1) The Governor shall appoint 2 members of the same political party with which he is affiliated, one from each area of required residence.

(2) The Governor shall appoint 2 members of the political party whose candidate for Governor in the most recent general election received the second highest number of votes, one from each area of required residence, from a list of nominees submitted by the first state executive officer in the order indicated herein affiliated with such political party: Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer. If none of the State executive officers listed herein is affiliated with such political party, the nominating State officer shall be the first State executive officer in the order indicated herein affiliated with an established

political party other than that of the Governor.

(3) The nominating state officer shall submit in writing to the Governor 3 names of qualified persons for each membership on the Board of Election to be appointed from the political party of that officer. The Governor may reject any or all of the nominees on any such list and may request an additional list. The second list shall be submitted by the nominating officer and shall contain 3 new names of qualified persons for each remaining appointment, except that if the Governor expressly reserves any nominee's name from the first list, that nominee shall not be replaced on the second list. The second list shall be final.

(4) Whenever all the state executive officers designated in paragraph (2) are affiliated with the same political party as that of the Governor, all 4 members of the Board to be appointed that year, from both designated political parties, shall be appointed by the Governor without nominations.

(5) The Governor shall submit in writing to the President of the Senate the name of each person appointed to the State Board of Elections, and shall designate the term for which the appointment is made and the name of the member whom the appointee is to succeed.

(6) The appointments shall be made and submitted by the Governor no later than April 1 and a nominating state officer required to submit a list of nominees to the Governor pursuant to paragraph (3) shall submit a list no later than March 1. For

appointments occurring in 2019, the appointments shall be made and submitted by the Governor no later than May 15.

(7) In the appointment of the initial members of the Board pursuant to this amendatory Act of 1978, the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) of this Section shall apply except that the Governor shall appoint all 8 members, 2 from each of the designated political parties from each area of required residence.

(Source: P.A. 85-958.)

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