

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section  
5 12-5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/12-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 12-5)

7 Sec. 12-5. Notice for public questions. For all elections  
8 held after July 1, 1999, notice of public questions shall be  
9 required only as set forth in this Section or as set forth in  
10 Section 17-3 or 19-3 of the School Code. Not more than 60 ~~30~~  
11 days nor less than 10 days before the date of a regular  
12 election at which a public question is to be submitted to the  
13 voters of a political or governmental subdivision, and at least  
14 20 days before an emergency referendum, the election authority  
15 shall publish notice of the referendum. The notice shall be  
16 published once in a local, community newspaper having general  
17 circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The  
18 notice shall also be given at least 10 days before the date of  
19 the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal  
20 office of the election authority. The local election official  
21 shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of  
22 the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no  
23 principal office at the building in which the governing body of

1 the political or governmental subdivision held its first  
2 meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being  
3 held. The election authority and the political or governmental  
4 subdivision may, but are not required to, post the notice  
5 electronically on their World Wide Web pages. The notice, which  
6 shall appear over the name or title of the election authority,  
7 shall be substantially in the following form:

8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the election to be held  
9 on (insert day of the week), (insert date of election), the  
10 following proposition will be submitted to the voters of  
11 (name of political or governmental subdivision):

12 (insert the public question as it will appear on the  
13 ballot)

14 The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock  
15 A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
16 of that day.

17 Dated (date of notice)

18 (Name or title of the election authority)

19 The notice shall also include any additional information  
20 required by the statute authorizing the public question. The  
21 notice may include an explanation, in neutral and plain  
22 language, of the question and its purposes supplied by the  
23 governing body of the political or governmental subdivision to  
24 whose voters the question is to be submitted. The notice shall  
25 set forth the precincts and polling places at which the  
26 referendum will be conducted only in the case of emergency

1 referenda.

2 (Source: P.A. 92-6, eff. 6-7-01; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)