

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1A-6, 1A-6.1, 1A-7, 2A-1.2, 4-6.2, 4-11, 4-12, 4-22,
6 5-14, 5-15, 5-16.2, 5-29, 6-24, 6-44, 6-50.2, 6-60, 6-66, 6-70,
7 6A-3, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-7, 7-8, 7-8.01, 7-8.02, 7-9, 7-9.1,
8 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14.1, 7-17, 7-19, 7-25, 7-34, 7-46,
9 7-51, 7-53, 7-55, 7-56, 7-58, 7-59, 7-60, 7-60.1, 8-5, 8-6,
10 8-7, 9-1.3, 9-1.8, 9-2, 9-8.10, 9-11, 9-15, 9-20, 10-2, 10-6.2,
11 10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 11-6, 13-1, 13-1.1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 14-1,
12 14-3.1, 14-3.2, 14-5, 17-18.1, 17-22, 17-23, 18-1, 18-14, 21-1,
13 22-1, 22-4, 22-8, 22-15, 22-15.1, 24-13, 24A-10, 24A-11,
14 24A-15, 24B-10, 24B-11, 24B-15, 24C-13, 24C-15, 25-6, 25-11,
15 28-13, 29B-10, 29B-20, 29B-25, and 29B-30 as follows:

16 (10 ILCS 5/1A-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-6)

17 Sec. 1A-6. One member of the State Board of Elections shall
18 be elected by the members of the Board to be chairperson
19 ~~chairman~~ and shall serve as chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the Board
20 for a term ending June 30, 1979. On July 1 of 1979 and on July 1
21 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, a chairperson ~~chairman~~
22 shall be elected by the members of the Board for a 2 year term
23 ending June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. If July 1 of any

1 odd-numbered year does not fall on a business day, said
2 election shall be held on the first business day thereafter.
3 The chairperson ~~chairman~~ elected for each 2 year term shall not
4 be of the same political party affiliation as the prior
5 chairperson ~~chairman~~. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office
6 of chairperson ~~chairman~~, a new chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the same
7 political party affiliation shall be elected for the remainder
8 of the vacating chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ term. Whenever a
9 chairperson ~~chairman~~ is elected, the Board shall elect from
10 among its members, a vice chairperson ~~chairman~~ who shall not be
11 of the same political party affiliation as the chairperson
12 ~~chairman~~.

13 Upon the confirmation of all of the members of the State
14 Board of Elections initially appointed under the amendatory Act
15 of 1978, the Governor shall designate one of the members as
16 interim chairperson ~~chairman~~ who shall preside over the Board
17 until a chairperson ~~chairman~~ is elected pursuant to this
18 Section.

19 (Source: P.A. 80-1178.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/1A-6.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-6.1)

21 Sec. 1A-6.1. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State Board of
22 Elections shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except
23 that the vice chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall preside at any meeting
24 when the chairperson ~~chairman~~ is absent. The salary of the
25 chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall be \$25,000 per year, or as set by

1 the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, and the
2 salary of the vice-chairperson ~~vice-chairman~~ shall be \$20,000
3 per year, or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever
4 is greater. The salary of the other Board members shall be
5 \$15,000 per year, or as set by the Compensation Review Board,
6 whichever is greater. Each member shall be reimbursed for
7 actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

8 (Source: P.A. 83-1177.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/1A-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-7)

10 Sec. 1A-7. The State Board of Elections shall meet at such
11 time or times as the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or any 4 members
12 shall direct, but at least once per month. Five members of the
13 Board are necessary to constitute a quorum and 5 votes are
14 necessary for any action of the Board to become effective,
15 including the appointment of the executive director, the
16 employment of technical consultants and the employment of other
17 persons.

18 If a quorum is present at a meeting of the Board, one of
19 the members present may vote for the absent member pursuant to
20 a written proxy signed by the absent member. A member voting by
21 proxy who is not in attendance may not be counted towards the
22 presence of a quorum.

23 (Source: P.A. 80-1178.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

1 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections - Offices
2 Designated.

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

6 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the
7 United States;

8 (2) United States Senator and United States
9 Representative;

10 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

11 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

12 (5) County elected officers, including State's
13 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and
14 elected President of the County Board or County Chief
15 Executive;

16 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

17 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in
18 counties or educational service regions in which that
19 office has been abolished;

20 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit
21 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and
22 newly created judicial offices;

23 (9) (Blank);

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

26 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise

1 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or
2 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual
3 election and permits or requires election of candidates of
4 political parties.

5 (b) At the general primary election:

6 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political
7 parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled
8 at the general election in that year, except where pursuant
9 to law nomination of candidates of political parties is
10 made by caucus.

11 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the
12 political party offices of State central committeeperson
13 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, ward
14 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and precinct committeeperson
15 ~~committeeman~~ shall be filled and delegates and alternate
16 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be
17 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the
18 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is to
19 be held, candidates in the Presidential preference primary
20 shall also be on the ballot.

21 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality
22 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal
23 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article
24 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal
25 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of
26 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held

1 on the date of the general primary election, provided that
2 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election
3 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan
4 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to
5 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at
6 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6
7 weeks preceding that election.

8 (4) in each school district which has adopted the
9 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to
10 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in
11 the year in which the general primary is held shall be
12 elected.

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

15 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in
16 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other
17 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates
18 of political parties, the runoff election where required by
19 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,
20 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and
21 provided further, in the case of municipal officers
22 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of
23 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of
24 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be
25 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided
26 by such ordinance;

- 1 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;
- 2 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;
- 3 (4) Commissioners of park districts;
- 4 (5) Trustees of public library districts;
- 5 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise
6 designated in this section, where the statute creating or
7 authorizing the creation of the district permits or
8 requires election of candidates of political parties;
- 9 (7) Township officers, including township park
10 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of
11 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township
12 Assessors;
- 13 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;
- 14 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which
15 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;
- 16 (10) The directors and chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
17 Chain O Lakes - Fox River Waterway Management Agency;
- 18 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected
19 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District
20 Act;
- 21 (12) Elected members of school boards, school
22 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,
23 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in
24 counties or educational service regions having a
25 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of
26 boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school

- 1 districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;
- 2 (13) Members of Community College district boards;
- 3 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;
- 4 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan
5 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;
- 6 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium
7 Districts;
- 8 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not
9 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law
10 governing those districts does not permit candidates of
11 political parties.

12 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each
13 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be
14 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated
15 election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination
16 of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and
17 except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of
18 subsection (c).

19 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate
20 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen
21 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for
22 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law
23 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff
24 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be
25 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a
26 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law

1 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates
2 of political parties.

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

8 (e) (Blank).

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

13 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers
14 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for
15 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are
16 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the
17 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so
18 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial
19 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

20 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of
21 officials established in this Article, any community college
22 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant
23 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or
24 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board
25 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the
26 effective date of the new district.

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

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

7 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,
8 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

10 Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all
11 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly
12 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the
13 registration of all qualified residents of the State.

14 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct
15 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may
16 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,
17 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

18 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named
19 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such
20 persons:

21 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
22 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
23 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
24 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
25 at such library.

1 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by
2 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or
3 vocational school situated within the election
4 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
5 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The county
6 clerk shall notify every principal and vice-principal of
7 each high school, elementary school, and vocational school
8 situated within the election jurisdiction of their
9 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer
10 training courses for service as deputy registrars at
11 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to
12 every election.

13 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by
14 the president, of any university, college, community
15 college, academy or other institution of learning situated
16 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the
17 registrations of any resident of the State, at such
18 university, college, community college, academy or
19 institution.

20 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
21 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
22 members designated by such official, who may accept the
23 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

24 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide
25 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule
26 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members

1 designated by such official, who may accept the
2 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In
3 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be
4 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population
5 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the
6 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the
7 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the
8 jurisdiction and their location, the registration
9 activities of the organization and the need to appoint
10 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
11 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no
12 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number
13 applicable to every civic organization requesting
14 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State
15 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification
16 of bonafide State civic organizations. Such appointments
17 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,
18 terminating on the first business day of the month
19 following the month of the general election, and shall be
20 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by
21 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

22 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a
23 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director
24 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the
25 registration of any qualified resident of the county at any
26 such public aid office.

1 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of
2 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
3 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
4 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
5 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

6 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the
7 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of
8 employees designated by such president, who may accept the
9 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

10 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is
11 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date
12 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
13 organization with written notice setting forth the specific
14 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be
15 appointed as deputy registrar.

16 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy
17 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall
18 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that
19 the convenience of the public is served, giving due
20 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some
21 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that
22 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political
23 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in
24 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the
25 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the
26 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the

1 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County
 2 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the
 3 county clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may
 4 require a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to
 5 furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

6 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
 7 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons
 8 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters
 9 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following
 10 oath or affirmation:

11 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
 12 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the
 13 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
 14 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy
 15 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no
 16 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his
 17 personal application before me.

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19 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

20 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by
 21 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take
 22 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be
 23 filed with the county clerk.

24 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
 25 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for
 26 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general

1 election of each even-numbered year; except that the terms of
2 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following
3 the next general election. Appointments of precinct
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms
5 commencing on the date of the county convention following the
6 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk
7 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy
8 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public
9 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

10 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all
11 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at
12 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county
13 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be
14 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy
15 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy
16 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to
17 removal for cause.

18 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of
19 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall
20 be returned to the appointing election authority by first-class
21 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,
22 except that completed registration materials received by the
23 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th
24 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy
25 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours
26 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials

1 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an
2 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24
3 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned
4 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of
5 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following
6 the close of registration.

7 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
8 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by
9 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted
10 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her
11 possession.

12 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering
13 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or
14 her duties.

15 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly
16 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such
17 deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of the
18 county clerk.

19 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy
20 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be
21 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to
22 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of
23 residence.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/4-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-11)

1 Sec. 4-11. At least 2 weeks prior to the general November
2 election in each even numbered year and the consolidated
3 election in each odd-numbered year the county clerk shall cause
4 a list to be made for each precinct of all names upon the
5 registration record cards not marked or erased, in alphabetical
6 order, with the address, provided, that such list may be
7 arranged geographically, by street and number, in numerical
8 order, with respect to all precincts in which all, or
9 substantially all residences of voters therein shall be located
10 upon and numbered along streets, avenues, courts, or other
11 highways which are either named or numbered, upon direction
12 either of the county board or of the circuit court. On the
13 list, the county clerk shall indicate, by italics, asterisk, or
14 other means, the names of all persons who have registered since
15 the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated
16 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this
17 Act. The county clerk shall cause such precinct lists to be
18 printed or typed in sufficient numbers to meet all reasonable
19 demands, and upon application a copy of the same shall be given
20 to any person applying therefor. By such time, the county clerk
21 shall give the precinct lists to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a
22 county central committee of an established political party, as
23 such party is defined in Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the
24 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.
25 Within 30 days of the effective date of this Amendatory Act of
26 1983, the county clerk shall give the precinct lists compiled

1 prior to the general November election of 1982 to the
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of county central committee of an
3 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
4 duly authorized representative.

5 Prior to the opening of the polls for other elections, the
6 county clerk shall transmit or deliver to the judges of
7 election of each polling place a corrected list of registered
8 voters in the precinct, or the names of persons added to and
9 erased or withdrawn from the list for such precinct. At other
10 times such list, currently corrected, shall be kept available
11 for public inspection in the office of the county clerk.

12 Within 60 days after each general election the county clerk
13 shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the
14 list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who
15 voted at that general election, and shall provide a copy of
16 such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
17 committee of each established political party or to the
18 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

19 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
20 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall indicate by italics,
21 asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in
22 each precinct, each registrant who voted at the general
23 election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such coded list
24 to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of
25 each established political party or to the chairperson's
26 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

1 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual
2 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either
3 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

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

5 (10 ILCS 5/4-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-12)

6 Sec. 4-12. Any voter or voters in the township, city,
7 village or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any
8 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,
9 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of Monday and
10 Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in which the 1970
11 primary election for the nomination of candidates for State and
12 county offices or any election thereafter is to be held, make
13 application in writing, to the county clerk, to have any name
14 upon the register of any precinct erased. Such application
15 shall be, in substance, in the words and figures following:

16 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. Street
17 in the precinct of the ward of the city (village or
18 town of) (or of the town of) do hereby solemnly
19 swear (or affirm) that registered from No. Street is
20 not a qualified voter in the precinct of ward of the
21 city (village or town) of (or of the town of)
22 and hence I ask that his name be erased from the register of
23 such precinct for the following reason

24 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the
25 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

1 (Signed)

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

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5"

6 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the
7 applicant before the county clerk or any deputy authorized by
8 the county clerk for that purpose, and filed with said clerk.
9 Thereupon notice of such application, and of the time and place
10 of hearing thereon, with a demand to appear before the county
11 clerk and show cause why his name shall not be erased from said
12 register, shall be mailed, in an envelope duly stamped and
13 directed to such person at the address upon said register, at
14 least four days before the day fixed in said notice to show
15 cause. If such person has provided the election authority with
16 an e-mail address, then the election authority shall also send
17 the same notice by electronic mail at least 4 days before the
18 day fixed in said notice to show cause.

19 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons
20 making the application to have the name upon such register
21 erased to appear and show cause why said name should be erased,
22 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the
23 voter making such application fails to appear before said clerk
24 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or
25 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be

1 erased, the application to erase may be dismissed by the county
2 clerk.

3 Any voter making the application is privileged from arrest
4 while presenting it to the county clerk, and while going to and
5 from the office of the county clerk.

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

8 Sec. 4-22. Except as otherwise provided in this Section
9 upon application to vote each registered elector shall sign his
10 name or make his mark as the case may be, on a certificate
11 substantially as follows:

12 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

13 City of Ward Precinct

14 Election (Date) (Month) (Year)

15 Registration Record

16 Checked by

17 Voter's number

18 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

19 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer
20 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the
21 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present
22 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

23 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address
24 below and am qualified to vote.

25 Signature of voter

1 residence address

2 An individual shall not be required to provide his social
3 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be
4 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely
5 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.
6 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested
7 to provide his social security number when the individual
8 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a
9 space for the individual's social security number, the
10 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately
11 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the
12 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

13 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS
14 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE
15 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT
16 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE
17 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

18 The certificates of each State-wide political party at a
19 general primary election shall be separately printed upon paper
20 of uniform quality, texture and size, but the certificates of
21 no 2 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or
22 tint. However, if the election authority provides computer
23 generated applications with the precinct, ballot style and
24 voter's name and address preprinted on the application, a
25 single application may be used for State-wide political parties
26 if it contains spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the

1 political party. Such application shall not entitle the voter
2 to vote in the primary of more than one political party at the
3 same election.

4 At the consolidated primary, such certificates may contain
5 spaces or checkoff boxes permitting the voter to request a
6 primary ballot of any other political party which is
7 established only within a political subdivision and for which a
8 primary is conducted on the same election day. Such application
9 shall not entitle the voter to vote in both the primary of the
10 State-wide political party and the primary of the local
11 political party with respect to the offices of the same
12 political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in more
13 than one State-wide primary on the same day.

14 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files
15 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the
16 signature on the registration record card as a means of
17 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison that
18 the applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered
19 under the same name, the judges shall ask such applicant the
20 questions for identification which appear on the registration
21 card, and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction
22 of a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is
23 the identical person registered under the name in question then
24 the vote of such applicant shall be challenged by a judge of
25 election, and the same procedure followed as provided by law
26 for challenged voters.

1 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of
2 election shall check the data on the registration card and
3 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in
4 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

5 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate
6 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record
7 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the
8 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter
9 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place
10 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space
11 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the
12 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate
13 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such
14 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of
15 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in
16 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an
17 official poll record. The term "poll lists" and "poll books",
18 where used in this Article, shall be construed to apply to such
19 official poll record.

20 After each general primary election the county clerk shall
21 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each
22 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct
23 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant
24 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,
25 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall
26 provide a copy of this coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~

1 of the county central committee of each established political
2 party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized
3 representative.

4 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
5 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chairperson
6 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each established
7 political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly
8 authorized representative the list of registered voters in each
9 precinct at the time of the general primary election of 1982
10 and shall indicate on such list by color code or other means
11 next to the name of a registrant the primary ballot of a
12 political party that the registrant requested at the general
13 primary election of 1982.

14 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual
15 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either
16 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

17 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and
18 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his
19 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry
20 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter
21 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as
22 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the
23 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased
24 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register
25 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or
26 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of the

1 elector's right to vote upon compliance with the provisions
2 hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such event one of the
3 judges of election shall require an affidavit by such person
4 and one voter residing in the precinct before the judges of
5 election, substantially in the form prescribed in Section 17-10
6 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such affidavits, a
7 certificate shall be issued to such elector, and upon the
8 presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he shall be
9 entitled to vote.

10 Provided, however, that applications for ballots made by
11 registered voters under the provisions of Article 19 of this
12 Act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of the
13 "Certificate of Registered Voter" provided for in this Section.

14 When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election
15 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the
16 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the
17 supplemental or consolidated list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~
18 of a county central committee of an established political party
19 or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized
20 representative.

21 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the
22 election authority charged with the duty of providing
23 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so that
24 a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in which of
25 the elections he desires to vote.

26 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall

1 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by
2 use of the information contained on the voter registration
3 cards or the separate registration lists or other means
4 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and
5 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate
6 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective
7 ballots which the voter is given.

8 (Source: P.A. 84-809.)

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

10 Sec. 5-14. Either of the canvassers shall, at the end of
11 the canvass, return the "Verification Lists" to the County
12 Clerk and a certificate of the correctness of such return.
13 Immediately after receipt of such Verification Lists, the
14 County Clerk shall cause copies to be printed in plain large
15 type in sufficient numbers to meet all demands, and upon
16 application, a copy of the same shall be given to any person
17 applying therefor. Thereafter a list of registered voters in
18 each precinct shall be compiled by the County clerk, prior to
19 the General Election to be held in November of each even
20 numbered year. On the list, the County Clerk shall indicate, by
21 italics, asterisk, or other means, the names of all persons who
22 have registered since the last regularly scheduled election in
23 the consolidated schedule of elections established in Section
24 2A-1.1 of this Act.

25 When the list of registered voters in each precinct is

1 compiled, the County Clerk shall give a copy of it to the
2 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an
3 established political party, as such party is defined in
4 Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
5 duly authorized representative. Within 30 days of the effective
6 date of this Amendatory Act of 1983, the County Clerk shall
7 give the list of registered voters in each precinct that was
8 compiled prior to the general November election of 1982 to the
9 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an
10 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
11 duly authorized representative.

12 Within 60 days after each general election the county clerk
13 shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the
14 list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who
15 voted at that general election, and shall provide a copy of
16 such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
17 committee of each established political party or to the
18 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

19 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
20 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall indicate by italics,
21 asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in
22 each precinct, each registrant who voted at the general
23 election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such coded list
24 to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of
25 each established political party or to the chairperson's
26 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

1 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual
2 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either
3 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

4 (Source: P.A. 83-1263.)

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

6 Sec. 5-15. Any voter or voters in the township, city,
7 village, or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any
8 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,
9 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of
10 the Monday and Tuesday of the third week immediately preceding
11 the week in which such April 10, 1962 Primary Election is to be
12 held, make application in writing, before such County Clerk, to
13 have any name upon such register of any precinct erased.
14 Thereafter such application shall be made between the hours of
15 nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of Monday and Tuesday of
16 the second week prior to the week in which any county, city,
17 village, township, or incorporated town election is to be held.
18 Such application shall be in substance, in the words and
19 figures following:

20 "I, being a qualified voter, registered from No.
21 Street in the precinct of the Ward of the city
22 (village or town of) of the District town of
23 do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that registered
24 from No. Street is not a qualified voter in the
25 precinct of the ward of the city (village or town) of

1 or of the district town of hence I ask that his name
2 be erased from the register of such precinct for the following
3 reason Affiant further says that he has personal
4 knowledge of the facts set forth in the above affidavit.

5 (Signed)

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

7

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9"

10 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the
11 applicant before the County Clerk or any Deputy authorized by
12 the County Clerk for that purpose, and filed with the Clerk.
13 Thereupon notice of such application, with a demand to appear
14 before the County Clerk and show cause why his name shall not
15 be erased from the register, shall be mailed by special
16 delivery, duly stamped and directed, to such person, to the
17 address upon said register at least 4 days before the day fixed
18 in said notice to show cause. If such person has provided the
19 election authority with an e-mail address, then the election
20 authority shall also send the same notice by electronic mail at
21 least 4 days before the day fixed in said notice to show cause.

22 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons
23 making the application to have the name upon such register
24 erased to appear and show cause why the name should be erased,
25 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the
26 voter making such application fails to appear before the Clerk

1 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or
2 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be
3 erased, the application may be dismissed by the County Clerk.

4 Any voter making such application or applications shall be
5 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the County
6 Clerk, and whilst going to and returning from the office of the
7 County Clerk.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

10 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all
11 municipal and township clerks or their duly authorized deputies
12 as deputy registrars who may accept the registration of all
13 qualified residents of the State.

14 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct
15 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may
16 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,
17 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

18 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named
19 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such
20 persons:

21 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
22 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
23 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
24 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
25 at such library.

1 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by
2 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or
3 vocational school situated within the election
4 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
5 resident of the State, at such school. The county clerk
6 shall notify every principal and vice-principal of each
7 high school, elementary school, and vocational school
8 situated within the election jurisdiction of their
9 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer
10 training courses for service as deputy registrars at
11 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to
12 every election.

13 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by
14 the president, of any university, college, community
15 college, academy or other institution of learning situated
16 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the
17 registrations of any resident of the State, at such
18 university, college, community college, academy or
19 institution.

20 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
21 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
22 members designated by such official, who may accept the
23 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

24 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
25 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule
26 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members

1 designated by such official, who may accept the
2 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In
3 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be
4 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population
5 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the
6 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the
7 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the
8 jurisdiction and their location, the registration
9 activities of the organization and the need to appoint
10 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
11 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no
12 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number
13 applicable to every civic organization requesting
14 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State
15 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification
16 of bona fide State civic organizations. Such appointments
17 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,
18 terminating on the first business day of the month
19 following the month of the general election, and shall be
20 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by
21 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

22 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a
23 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director
24 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the
25 registration of any qualified resident of the county at any
26 such public aid office.

1 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of
2 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
3 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
4 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
5 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

6 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the
7 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of
8 employees designated by such president, who may accept the
9 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

10 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is
11 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date
12 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
13 organization with written notice setting forth the specific
14 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be
15 appointed as deputy registrar.

16 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy
17 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall
18 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that
19 the convenience of the public is served, giving due
20 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some
21 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that
22 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political
23 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in
24 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the
25 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the
26 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the

1 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County
 2 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the
 3 county clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may
 4 require a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to
 5 furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

6 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
 7 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons
 8 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters
 9 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following
 10 oath or affirmation:

11 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
 12 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the
 13 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
 14 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy
 15 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no
 16 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his
 17 personal application before me.

18
 19 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

20 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by
 21 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take
 22 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be
 23 filed with the county clerk.

24 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
 25 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for
 26 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general

1 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of
2 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following
3 the next general election. Appointments of precinct
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms
5 commencing on the date of the county convention following the
6 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk
7 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy
8 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public
9 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

10 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all
11 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at
12 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county
13 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be
14 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy
15 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy
16 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to
17 removal for cause.

18 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of
19 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall
20 be returned to the appointing election authority by first-class
21 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,
22 except that completed registration materials received by the
23 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th
24 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy
25 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours
26 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials

1 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an
2 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24
3 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned
4 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of
5 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following
6 the close of registration.

7 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
8 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by
9 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted
10 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her
11 possession.

12 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering
13 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or
14 her duties.

15 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly
16 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such
17 deputy registers shall not be deemed to be employees of the
18 county clerk.

19 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy
20 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be
21 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to
22 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of
23 residence.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

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

1 Sec. 5-29. Upon application to vote, except as hereinafter
 2 provided for absent electors, each registered elector shall
 3 sign his name or make his mark as the case may be, on a
 4 certificate substantially as follows:

5 "Certificate of Registered Voter

6 Town of.....District or Precinct Number.....;
 7 City of.....Ward.....Precinct.....;
 8 Village of.....Precinct.....;
 9 Election.....

10 (date) (month) (year)

11 Registration record

12 Checked by.....

13 Voter's number.....

14 Instruction to voters

15 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer
 16 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the
 17 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present
 18 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

19 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address
 20 below and am qualified to vote.

21 Signature of voter

22 Residence address"

23 An individual shall not be required to provide his social
 24 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be
 25 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely
 26 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.

1 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested
2 to provide his social security number when the individual
3 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a
4 space for the individual's social security number, the
5 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately
6 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the
7 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

8 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS
9 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE
10 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT
11 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE
12 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

13 Certificates as above prescribed shall be furnished by the
14 county clerk for all elections.

15 The Judges in charge of the precinct registration files
16 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the
17 signature on the registration record card as a means of
18 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison that
19 the applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered
20 under the same name, the Judges shall ask such applicant the
21 questions for identification which appear on the registration
22 card and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of
23 a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is
24 the identical person registered under the name in question then
25 the vote for such applicant shall be challenged by a Judge of
26 Election, and the same procedure followed as provided by law

1 for challenged voters.

2 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a Judge of
3 Election shall check the data on the registration card and
4 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in
5 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

6 One of the Judges of election shall check the certificate
7 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record
8 has been examined and shall sign his initials on the
9 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter
10 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place
11 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space
12 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the
13 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate
14 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such
15 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of
16 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in
17 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an
18 official poll record. The term "Poll Lists" and "Poll Books"
19 where used in this article 5 shall be construed to apply to
20 such official poll records.

21 After each general primary election the county clerk shall
22 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each
23 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct
24 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant
25 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,
26 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall

1 provide a copy of this coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~
2 of the county central committee of each established political
3 party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized
4 representative.

5 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
6 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chairperson
7 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each established
8 political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly
9 authorized representative the list of registered voters in each
10 precinct at the time of the general primary election of 1982
11 and shall indicate on such list by color code or other means
12 next to the name of a registrant the primary ballot of a
13 political party that the registrant requested at the general
14 primary election of 1982.

15 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual
16 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either
17 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

18 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and
19 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his
20 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry
21 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter
22 in such precinct upon the printed precinct list of voters and
23 whose name has not been erased or withdrawn from such register,
24 it shall be the duty of one of the Judges of Election to
25 require an affidavit by such person and two voters residing in
26 the precinct before the judges of election that he is the same

1 person whose name appears upon the precinct register and that
2 he resides in the precinct stating the street number of his
3 residence. Forms for such affidavit shall be supplied by the
4 county clerk for all elections. Upon the making of such
5 affidavit and the presentation of his certificate such elector
6 shall be entitled to vote. All affidavits made under this
7 paragraph shall be preserved and returned to the county clerk
8 in an envelope. It shall be the duty of the county clerk within
9 30 days after such election to take steps provided by Section
10 5-27 of this article 5 for the execution of new registration
11 affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of
12 this paragraph.

13 Provided, however, that the applications for ballots made
14 by registered voters and under the provisions of article 19 of
15 this act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of
16 the "certificate of registered voter" provided for in this
17 section.

18 When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election
19 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the
20 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the
21 supplemental or consolidated list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~
22 of a county central committee of an established political party
23 or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized
24 representative.

25 Whenever two or more elections occur simultaneously, the
26 election authority charged with the duty of providing

1 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so that
2 a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in which of
3 the elections he desires to vote.

4 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall
5 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by
6 use of the information contained on the voter registration
7 cards or the separate registration lists or other means
8 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and
9 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate
10 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective
11 ballots which the voter is given.

12 (Source: P.A. 84-809; 84-832.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/6-24) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-24)

14 Sec. 6-24. Within 20 days after such first appointment
15 shall be made, such commissioners shall organize as a board by
16 electing one of their number as chairperson ~~chairman~~ and one as
17 secretary, and they shall perform the duties incident to such
18 offices. And upon every new appointment of a commissioner, such
19 board shall reorganize in like manner. Each commissioner,
20 before taking his seat in such board, shall take an oath of
21 office before the court, which in substance shall be in the
22 following form:

23 "I, do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am a citizen
24 of the United States, and have resided in the State of Illinois
25 for a period of 2 years last past, and that I am a legal voter

1 and resident of the jurisdiction of the Board of
2 Election Commissioners. That I will support the Constitution of
3 the United States and of the State of Illinois, and the laws
4 passed in pursuance thereof, to the best of my ability, and
5 will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office
6 of election commissioner."

7 Where the 2 year residence requirement is waived by the
8 appointing court, the provision pertaining to the 2 year
9 residence requirement shall be omitted from the oath of office.

10 Which oath, when subscribed and sworn to before such court
11 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of said county
12 and be there preserved. Such commissioner shall also, before
13 taking such oath, give an official bond in the sum of
14 \$10,000.00 with two securities, to be approved by said court,
15 conditioned for the faithful and honest performance of his
16 duties and the preservation of the property of his office. Such
17 board of commissioners shall at once secure and open an office
18 sufficient for the purposes of such board, which shall be kept
19 open during ordinary business hours of each week day and such
20 other days and such other times as the board may direct or as
21 otherwise required by law, legal holidays excepted; provided
22 that such office shall be kept open from the time of opening
23 the polls on the day of any election, primary or general, and
24 until all returns of that election have been received from each
25 precinct under the jurisdiction of such Board. Upon the opening
26 of such office the county clerk of the county in which such

1 city, village or incorporated town is situated shall, upon
2 demand, turn over to such board all registry books,
3 registration record cards, poll books, tally sheets and ballot
4 boxes heretofore used and all other books, forms, blanks and
5 stationery of every description in his hands in any way
6 relating to elections or the holding of elections within such
7 city, village or incorporated town.

8 (Source: P.A. 80-1437.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/6-44) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-44)

10 Sec. 6-44. Any voter or voters in the ward, village or
11 incorporated town containing such precinct, and any precinct
12 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may, between the
13 hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six p.m. of Monday and Tuesday
14 of the second week prior to the week in which such election is
15 to be held make application in writing, before such board of
16 election commissioners, to have any name upon such register of
17 any precinct erased. However, in municipalities having a
18 population of more than 500,000 and having a board of election
19 commissioners (except as otherwise provided for such
20 municipalities in Section 6-60 of this Article) and in all
21 cities, villages and incorporated towns within the
22 jurisdiction of such board, such application shall be made
23 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of
24 Monday and Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in
25 which such election is to be held. Such application shall be,

1 in substance, in the words and figures following:

2 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. street
3 in the precinct of the ward of the city (village or
4 town) of do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have
5 personal knowledge that registered from No. street is
6 not a qualified voter in the precinct of the ward of
7 the city (village or town) of and hence I ask that his
8 name be erased from the register of such precinct for the
9 following reason

10 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the
11 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

12 (Signed)....

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

14

15"

16 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the
17 applicant before any member of the board or the clerk thereof
18 and filed with said board. Thereupon notice of such
19 application, with a demand to appear before the board of
20 election commissioners and show cause why his name shall not be
21 erased from said register, shall be personally served upon such
22 person or left at his place of residence indicated in such
23 register, or in the case of a homeless individual, at his or
24 her mailing address, by a messenger of said board of election
25 commissioners, and, as to the manner and time of serving such
26 notice such messenger shall make affidavit; the messenger shall

1 also make affidavit of the fact in case he cannot find such
2 person or his place of residence, and that he went to the place
3 named on such register as his or her place of residence. Such
4 notice shall be served at least one day before the time fixed
5 for such party to show cause.

6 The commissioners shall also cause a like notice or demand
7 to be sent by mail duly stamped and directed, to such person,
8 to the address upon the register at least 2 days before the day
9 fixed in the notice to show cause.

10 A like notice shall be served on the person or persons
11 making the application to have the name upon such register
12 erased to appear and show cause why said name shall be erased,
13 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the
14 voter making such application fails to appear before said board
15 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the notice or fails
16 to show cause why the name upon such register shall be erased,
17 the application may be dismissed by the board.

18 Any voter making such application or applications shall be
19 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the board
20 of election commissioners, and while going to and returning
21 from the board of election commissioners.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

24 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall
25 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election

1 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the
2 registration of any qualified resident of the State, except
3 during the 27 days preceding an election.

4 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of
5 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the
6 written request of such persons:

7 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
8 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
9 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
10 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
11 at such library.

12 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by
13 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or
14 vocational school situated within the election
15 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
16 resident of the State, at such school. The board of
17 election commissioners shall notify every principal and
18 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school, and
19 vocational school situated in the election jurisdiction of
20 their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer
21 training courses for service as deputy registrars at
22 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to
23 every election.

24 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by
25 the president, of any university, college, community
26 college, academy or other institution of learning situated

1 within the State, who may accept the registrations of any
2 resident of the election jurisdiction, at such university,
3 college, community college, academy or institution.

4 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
5 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
6 members designated by such official, who may accept the
7 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

8 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
9 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule
10 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members
11 designated by such official, who may accept the
12 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In
13 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be
14 appointed, the board of election commissioners shall
15 consider the population of the jurisdiction, the size of
16 the organization, the geographic size of the jurisdiction,
17 convenience for the public, the existing number of deputy
18 registrars in the jurisdiction and their location, the
19 registration activities of the organization and the need to
20 appoint deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
21 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no
22 event shall a board of election commissioners fix an
23 arbitrary number applicable to every civic organization
24 requesting appointment of its members as deputy
25 registrars. The State Board of Elections shall by rule
26 provide for certification of bona fide State civic

1 organizations. Such appointments shall be made for a period
2 not to exceed 2 years, terminating on the first business
3 day of the month following the month of the general
4 election, and shall be valid for all periods of voter
5 registration as provided by this Code during the terms of
6 such appointments.

7 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a
8 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director
9 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the
10 registration of any qualified resident of the election
11 jurisdiction at any such public aid office.

12 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of
13 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
14 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
15 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
16 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such
17 unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as
18 deputy registrar is denied, the board of election
19 commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the
20 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
21 organization with written notice setting forth the
22 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the
23 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

24 8. The president of any corporation, as defined by the
25 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of
26 employees designated by such president, who may accept the

1 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

2 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many
3 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The
4 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional
5 deputy registrars in such manner that the convenience of the
6 public is served, giving due consideration to both population
7 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy
8 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal number
9 from each of the 2 major political parties in the election
10 jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners, in
11 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the
12 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the
13 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the
14 applicant's political party. A Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County
15 Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the
16 board by November 30 of each year. The board may require a
17 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to furnish a
18 supplemental list of applicants.

19 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
20 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons
21 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters
22 within the election jurisdiction and shall take and subscribe
23 to the following oath or affirmation:

24 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
25 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the
26 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will

1 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of registration
 2 officer to the best of my ability and that I will register no
 3 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his
 4 personal application before me.

5
 6 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

7 This oath shall be administered and certified to by one of
 8 the commissioners or by the executive director or by some
 9 person designated by the board of election commissioners, and
 10 shall immediately thereafter be filed with the board of
 11 election commissioners. The members of the board of election
 12 commissioners and all persons authorized by them under the
 13 provisions of this Article to take registrations, after
 14 themselves taking and subscribing to the above oath, are
 15 authorized to take or administer such oaths and execute such
 16 affidavits as are required by this Article.

17 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
 18 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for
 19 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general
 20 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of
 21 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following
 22 the next general election. Appointments of precinct
 23 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms
 24 commencing on the date of the county convention following the
 25 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk
 26 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy

1 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public
2 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

3 (b) The board of election commissioners shall be
4 responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed
5 pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably
6 convenient for both the board of election commissioners and
7 such appointees. The board of election commissioners shall be
8 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy
9 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy
10 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to
11 removal for cause.

12 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of
13 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be
14 returned to the appointing election authority by first-class
15 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,
16 except that completed registration materials received by the
17 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th
18 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy
19 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours
20 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials
21 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an
22 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24
23 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned
24 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of
25 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following
26 the close of registration.

1 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
2 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by
3 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted
4 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her
5 possession.

6 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering
7 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or
8 her duties.

9 (f) The board of election commissioners shall not be
10 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any
11 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to
12 be employees of the board of election commissioners.

13 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy
14 registrars for persons residing outside the election
15 jurisdiction shall be transmitted by the board of election
16 commissioners within 2 days after receipt to the election
17 authority of the person's election jurisdiction of residence.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/6-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-60)

20 Sec. 6-60. Immediately after the last registration day
21 before any election, except as is otherwise provided in Section
22 6-43 of this Article, the board of election commissioners shall
23 prepare and print precinct registers in the manner provided by
24 Section 6-43 of this article, and make such copies available to
25 any person applying therefor. Provided, however, that in

1 cities, villages and incorporated towns of less than 200,000
2 inhabitants such printed lists shall be prepared only before a
3 general election. On the precinct registers, the board of
4 election commissioners shall indicate, by italics, asterisk,
5 or other means, the names of all persons who have registered
6 since the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated
7 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this
8 Act.

9 Prior to the general election of even-numbered years, all
10 boards of election commissioners shall give the precinct
11 registers to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central
12 committee of an established political party, as such party is
13 defined in Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chairperson's
14 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative. Within 30 days of
15 the effective date of this Amendatory Act of 1983, all boards
16 of election commissioners shall give the precinct registers
17 compiled prior to the general November election of 1982 to the
18 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an
19 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
20 duly authorized representative.

21 For the first registration under this article, such
22 precinct register shall be printed and available to any person
23 upon application therefor at least three days before the first
24 day upon which any voter may make application in writing to
25 have any name erased from the register as provided by Section
26 6-44 of this Article. For subsequent registrations, such

1 registers, except as otherwise provided in this section for
2 municipalities of more than 500,000, shall be printed and shall
3 be available to any person upon application at least five days
4 before the first day upon which any voter may make application
5 in writing to have any name erased from the register.

6 Application to have a name upon such register erased may be
7 made in the manner provided by Section 6-44 of this Article,
8 and applications to erase names, complete registration, or to
9 register or restore names shall be heard in the same manner as
10 is provided by Section 6-45 of this Article, with application
11 to the circuit court and appeal to the Supreme Court as
12 provided in Sections 6-46 and 6-47. The rights conferred and
13 the times specified by these sections with respect to the first
14 election under this article shall also apply to succeeding
15 registrations and elections. Provided, however, that in
16 municipalities having a population of more than 500,000, and
17 having a Board of Election Commissioners, as to all elections,
18 registrations for which are made solely with the Board of
19 Election Commissioners, and where no general precinct
20 registrations were provided for or held within twenty-eight
21 days before the election, an application to have a name upon
22 such register erased, as provided for in Section 6-44, shall be
23 made within two days after the publication of the printed
24 precinct register, and the Board of Election Commissioners
25 shall announce its decision on such applications within four
26 days after said applications are made, and within four days

1 after its decision on such applications shall cause a
2 supplemental printed precinct register showing such correction
3 as may be necessary by reason of such decision to be printed in
4 like manner as hereinabove provided in Section 6-43 hereof, and
5 upon application a copy of the same shall be given to any
6 person applying therefor. Such list shall have printed on the
7 bottom thereof the facsimile signatures of the members of the
8 board of election commissioners. Said supplemental printed
9 precinct register shall be prima facie evidence that the
10 electors whose names appear thereon are entitled to vote. If
11 the dates specified in this Article as to applications to
12 complete or erase registrations or as to proceedings before the
13 Board of Election Commissioners or the circuit court in the
14 first registration under this Article shall not be applicable
15 to any subsequent primary or regular or special election, the
16 Board of Election Commissioners shall, with the approval of the
17 circuit court, adopt and publish a schedule of dates which
18 shall permit equal intervals of time therefor as are provided
19 for such first registrations.

20 After action by the Board of Election Commissioners and by
21 the circuit court, a supplemental list shall be prepared and
22 made available in the manner provided by Section 6-48 of this
23 Article.

24 Within 60 days after each general election the board of
25 election commissioners shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or
26 other means, on the list of registered voters in each precinct,

1 each registrant who voted at that general election, and shall
 2 provide a copy of such list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
 3 county central committee of each established political party or
 4 to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized
 5 representative.

6 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
 7 Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall indicate
 8 by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered
 9 voters in each precinct, each registrant who voted at the
 10 general election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such
 11 coded list to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
 12 committee of each established political party or to the
 13 chairperson's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

14 The board of election commissioners may charge a fee to
 15 reimburse the actual cost of duplicating each copy of a list
 16 provided under either of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

17 (Source: P.A. 83-1263.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/6-66) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-66)

19 Sec. 6-66. Upon application to vote each registered elector
 20 shall sign his name or make his mark as the case may be, on a
 21 certificate substantially as follows:

22 "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

23 City of Ward Precinct Election

24 (Date) (Month) (Year)

25 Registration Record Checked by Voter's

1 number

2 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

3 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officers
4 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the
5 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present
6 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

7 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address
8 below and am qualified to vote.

9 Signature of voter

10 Residence address"

11 An individual shall not be required to provide his social
12 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be
13 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely
14 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.
15 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested
16 to provide his social security number when the individual
17 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a
18 space for the individual's social security number, the
19 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately
20 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the
21 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

22 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS
23 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE
24 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT
25 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE
26 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

1 The applications of each State-wide political party at a
2 primary election shall be separately printed upon paper of
3 uniform quality, texture and size, but the applications of no 2
4 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or
5 tint. If the election authority provides computer generated
6 applications with the precinct, ballot style, and voter's name
7 and address preprinted on the application, a single application
8 may be used for State-wide political parties if it contains
9 spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the political party. Such
10 applications may contain spaces or check-off boxes permitting
11 the voter to also request a primary ballot of any political
12 party which is established only within a political subdivision
13 and for which a primary is conducted on the same election day.
14 Such applications shall not entitle the voter to vote in both
15 the primary of a State-wide political party and the primary of
16 a local political party with respect to the offices of the same
17 political subdivision or to vote in the primary of more than
18 one State-wide political party on the same day.

19 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files
20 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the
21 signature on the registration record card as a means of
22 identifying the voter. Unless satisfied by such comparison that
23 the applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered
24 under the same name, the judges shall ask such applicant the
25 questions for identification which appear on the registration
26 card, and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction

1 of a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is
2 the identical person registered under the name in question then
3 the vote of such applicant shall be challenged by a judge of
4 election, and the same procedure followed as provided in this
5 Article and Act for challenged voters.

6 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of
7 election shall check the data on the registration card and
8 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in
9 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

10 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate
11 of such applicant for a ballot after the registration record
12 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the
13 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter
14 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place
15 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space
16 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the
17 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate
18 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such
19 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of
20 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in
21 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an
22 official poll record. The terms "poll lists" and "poll books",
23 where used in this Article and Act, shall be construed to apply
24 to such official poll record.

25 After each general primary election the board of election
26 commissioners shall indicate by color code or other means next

1 to the name of each registrant on the list of registered voters
2 in each precinct the primary ballot of a political party that
3 the registrant requested at the general primary election. The
4 board of election commissioners, within 60 days after that
5 general primary election, shall provide a copy of this coded
6 list to the chairman of the county central committee of each
7 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
8 duly authorized representative.

9 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
10 Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall provide
11 to the chairman of the county central committee of each
12 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
13 duly authorized representative the list of registered voters in
14 each precinct at the time of the general primary election of
15 1982 and shall indicate on such list by color code or other
16 means next to the name of a registrant the primary ballot of a
17 political party that the registrant requested at the general
18 primary election of 1982.

19 The board of election commissioners may charge a fee to
20 reimburse the actual cost of duplicating each copy of a list
21 provided under either of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

22 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and
23 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his
24 registration card is not found in the precinct registry of
25 voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter in
26 such precinct upon the printed precinct register as corrected

1 or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the consolidated
2 list, if any provided by this Article and whose name has not
3 been erased or withdrawn from such register, the printed
4 precinct register as corrected or revised by the supplemental
5 list, or consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie
6 evidence of the elector's right to vote upon compliance with
7 the provisions hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such
8 event it shall be the duty of one of the judges of election to
9 require an affidavit by such person and 2 voters residing in
10 the precinct before the judges of election that he is the same
11 person whose name appears upon the printed precinct register as
12 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or consolidated
13 list, if any, and that he resides in the precinct, stating the
14 street and number of his residence, and upon the presentation
15 of such affidavits, a certificate shall be issued to such
16 elector, and upon the presentation of such certificate and
17 affidavits, he shall be entitled to vote. Any elector whose
18 name does not appear as a registered voter on the printed
19 precinct register or supplemental list but who has a
20 certificate issued by the board of election commissioners as
21 provided in Section 6-43 of this Article, shall be entitled to
22 vote upon the presentation of such certificate accompanied by
23 the affidavits of 2 voters residing in the precinct that the
24 elector is the same person described in such certificate and
25 that he resides in the precinct, stating the street and number
26 of his residence. Forms for all affidavits required hereunder

1 shall be supplied by the board of election commissioners. All
2 affidavits made under this paragraph shall be preserved and
3 returned to the board of election commissioners in the manner
4 provided by this Article and Article 18 of this Act. It shall
5 be the duty of the board of election commissioners, within 30
6 days after such election, to take the steps provided by Section
7 6-64 of this Article for the execution of new registration
8 affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of
9 this paragraph.

10 When the board of election commissioners delivers to the
11 judges of election for use at the polls a supplemental or
12 consolidated list of the printed precinct register, it shall
13 give a copy of the supplemental or consolidated list to the
14 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an
15 established political party or to the chairperson's ~~chairman's~~
16 duly authorized representative.

17 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the
18 election official or officials charged with the duty of
19 providing application certificates may prescribe the form
20 thereof so that a voter is required to execute only one,
21 indicating in which of the elections he desires to vote.

22 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall
23 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by
24 use of the information contained on the voter registration
25 cards or the separate registration lists or other means
26 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and

1 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate
2 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective
3 ballots which the voter is given.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-809.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/6-70) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-70)

6 Sec. 6-70. Such election commissioners and the executive
7 director of the Board of Election Commissioners shall be paid
8 by the county. In counties having a population of 500,000 or
9 more, the city first adopting the provisions of this Act shall
10 pay the salary of the assistant executive director. In all
11 other counties such salary shall be paid by the county. In
12 cities, villages and incorporated towns having a population
13 less than 25,000 as determined by the last federal census, the
14 election commissioners shall receive a salary of not less than
15 \$1,800 per annum. If the population is 25,000 or more but less
16 than 40,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary
17 of not less than \$2,400 per annum, to be determined by the
18 county board. If the population is 40,000 or more but less than
19 70,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of not
20 less than \$2,100 per annum, to be determined by the county
21 board. If the population is 70,000 or more but less than
22 100,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of
23 not less than \$2,700 per annum, to be determined by the county
24 board. If the population is 100,000 or more but less than
25 2,000,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of

1 not less than \$3,200 per annum, to be determined by the county
2 board. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a board of election
3 commissioners, in counties with a population of less than
4 2,000,000, shall be paid by the county an additional amount
5 equal to 10% of his salary as an election commissioner. If the
6 population is less than 25,000 the executive director shall
7 receive a salary of not less than \$4,500 per annum. If the
8 population is 25,000 or more but less than 40,000 the executive
9 director shall receive a salary of not less than \$8,000 per
10 annum, and in such cities, villages and incorporated towns
11 there may be employed one assistant executive director who
12 shall receive a salary of not less than \$6,000 per annum. If
13 the population is 40,000 or more but less than 70,000 the
14 executive director shall receive a salary of not less than
15 \$9,500 per annum, and in such cities, villages and incorporated
16 towns there may be employed one assistant executive director
17 who shall receive a salary of not less than \$7,500 per annum.
18 If the population is 70,000 or more but less than 100,000 the
19 executive director shall receive a salary of not less than
20 \$11,000 per annum, and in such cities, villages and
21 incorporated towns there may be employed one assistant
22 executive director who shall receive a salary of not less than
23 \$8,000 per annum. If the population is 100,000 or more but less
24 than 2,000,000 the executive director shall receive a salary of
25 not less than \$12,000 per annum, and in such cities, villages
26 and incorporated towns there may be employed one assistant

1 executive director who shall receive a salary of not less than
2 \$8,000 per annum. It shall be the duty of the Board of Election
3 Commissioners in such cities, villages and incorporated towns
4 to fix the salary of the executive director and assistant
5 executive director at the time of appointment of the clerk. In
6 cities, villages and incorporated towns with a population
7 greater than 2,000,000 the election commissioners shall
8 receive a salary of not less than \$21,000, provided, however,
9 that the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the Board of Election
10 Commissioners shall receive a salary, as set by and from time
11 to time changed by the Board of County Commissioners, of not
12 less than \$35,000 per annum and shall hold no other office. In
13 cities, villages and incorporated towns with a population
14 greater than 2,000,000, such other election commissioners
15 shall hold no other office. In cities, villages and
16 incorporated towns with a population greater than 2,000,000 the
17 executive director and employees of the Board of Election
18 Commissioners shall serve on a full-time basis and shall hold
19 no other office. In cities, villages and incorporated towns
20 with a population of greater than 2,000,000, no election
21 commissioner, executive director nor employee shall
22 participate in any manner, in any activity or interests of any
23 political party or of any candidate for public office or for
24 nomination thereof, nor participate in any political campaign
25 for the nomination or election of candidates for public office.
26 Violation of any provision hereof shall be cause for removal

1 from office or dismissal, as the case may be; provided, that
2 nothing contained herein shall be deemed to interfere with the
3 right of any person to vote for any candidate or upon any issue
4 as his reason and conscience may dictate nor interfere with the
5 duties of his office. All expenses incurred by such Board of
6 Election Commissioners shall be paid by such city.

7 The salaries and expenditures are to be audited by the
8 chief circuit judge, who may designate an independent external
9 auditor to perform the task, and the salaries and expenditures
10 shall be paid by the county or city treasurer, as the case may
11 be, upon the warrant of the chief circuit judge of any money in
12 the county or city treasury, as the case may be, not otherwise
13 appropriated. It shall also be the duty of the governing
14 authority of those counties and cities, respectively, to make
15 provisions for the prompt payment of the salaries and
16 expenditures.

17 (Source: P.A. 86-874; 87-1052.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/6A-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 6A-3)

19 Sec. 6A-3. Commissioners; filling vacancies.

20 (a) If the county board adopts an ordinance providing for
21 the establishment of a county board of election commissioners,
22 or if a majority of the votes cast on a proposition submitted
23 in accordance with Section 6A-2(a) are in favor of a county
24 board of election commissioners, a county board of election
25 commissioners shall be appointed in the same manner as is

1 provided in Article 6 for boards of election commissioners in
2 cities, villages and incorporated towns, except that the county
3 board of election commissioners shall be appointed by the
4 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county board rather than the
5 circuit court. However, before any appointments are made, the
6 appointing authority shall ascertain whether the county clerk
7 desires to be a member of the county board of election
8 commissioners. If the county clerk so desires, he shall be one
9 of the members of the county board of election commissioners,
10 and the appointing authority shall appoint only 2 other
11 members.

12 (b) For any county board of election commissioners
13 established under subsection (b) of Section 6A-1, within 30
14 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
15 98th General Assembly, the chief judge of the circuit court of
16 the county shall appoint 5 commissioners. At least 4 of those
17 commissioners shall be selected from the 2 major established
18 political parties of the State, with at least 2 from each of
19 those parties. Such appointment shall be entered of record in
20 the office of the County Clerk and the State Board of
21 Elections. Those first appointed shall hold their offices for
22 the period of one, 2, and 3 years respectively, and the judge
23 appointing them shall designate the term for which each
24 commissioner shall hold his or her office, whether for one, 2
25 or 3 years except that no more than one commissioner from each
26 major established political party may be designated the same

1 term. After the initial term, each commissioner or his or her
2 successor shall be appointed to a 3 year term. No elected
3 official or former elected official who has been out of elected
4 office for less than 2 years may be appointed to the board.
5 Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge of the circuit
6 court within 30 days of the vacancy in a manner that maintains
7 the foregoing political party representation.

8 (c) For any county board of election commissioners
9 established under subsection (c) of Section 6A-1, within 30
10 days after the conclusion of the election at which the
11 proposition to establish a county board of election
12 commissioners is approved by the voters, the municipal board
13 shall apply to the circuit court of the county for the chief
14 judge of the circuit court to appoint 2 additional
15 commissioners, one of whom shall be from each major established
16 political party and neither of whom shall reside within the
17 limits of the municipal board, so that 3 commissioners shall
18 reside within the limits of the municipal board and 2 shall
19 reside within the county but not within the municipality, as it
20 may exist from time to time. Not more than 3 of the
21 commissioners shall be members of the same major established
22 political party. Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge
23 of the circuit court upon application of the remaining
24 commissioners in a manner that maintains the foregoing
25 geographical and political party representation.

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

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

2 Sec. 7-1. Application of Article.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the
4 nomination of all candidates for all elective State,
5 congressional, judicial, and county officers, State's
6 Attorneys (whether elected from a single county or from more
7 than one county), city, village, and incorporated town and
8 municipal officers, trustees of sanitary districts, township
9 officers in townships of over 5,000 population coextensive with
10 or included wholly within cities or villages not under the
11 commission form of government, precinct, township, ward, and
12 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and
13 alternate delegates to national nominating conventions by all
14 political parties, as defined in Section 7-2 of this Article 7,
15 shall be made in the manner provided in this Article 7 and not
16 otherwise. The nomination of candidates for electors of
17 President and Vice President of the United States shall be made
18 only in the manner provided for in Section 7-9 of this Article.

19 (b) This Article 7 shall not apply to (i) the nomination of
20 candidates for school elections and township elections, except
21 in those townships specifically mentioned in subsection (a) and
22 except in those cases in which a township central committee
23 determines under Section 6A-2 of the Township Law of 1874 or
24 Section 45-55 of the Township Code that its candidates for
25 township offices shall be nominated by primary in accordance

1 with this Article, (ii) the nomination of park commissioners in
2 park districts organized under the Park District Code, (iii)
3 the nomination of officers of cities and villages organized
4 under special charters, or (iv) the nomination of municipal
5 officers for cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a
6 population of 5,000 or less, except where a city, village, or
7 incorporated town with a population of 5,000 or less has by
8 ordinance determined that political parties shall nominate
9 candidates for municipal office in the city, village, or
10 incorporated town by primary in accordance with this Article.
11 In that event, the municipal clerk shall certify the ordinance
12 to the proper election officials no later than November 15 in
13 the year preceding the consolidated primary election.

14 (c) The words "township officers" or "township offices"
15 shall be construed, when used in this Article, to include
16 supervisors.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-5, eff. 1-1-96.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-2)

23 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election
24 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,
25 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the

1 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the
2 State, and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this
3 Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect
4 precinct, township, ward and State central committeepersons
5 ~~committeemen~~ as herein provided.

6 A political party, which at the general election for State
7 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more
8 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any
9 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political
10 party within the meaning of this Article, within such
11 congressional district, and shall nominate its candidate for
12 Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof. A
13 political party, which at the general election for State and
14 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5
15 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby
16 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this
17 Article, within said county, and shall nominate all county
18 officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall
19 elect precinct, township, and ward committeepersons
20 ~~committeemen~~, as herein provided;

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

1 city, village or incorporated town officers in said city or
2 village or incorporated town under the provisions hereof to the
3 extent and in the cases provided in Section 7-1.

4 A political party, which at the municipal election for town
5 officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per
6 cent of the entire vote cast in said town, is hereby declared
7 to be a political party within the meaning of this Article,
8 within said town, and shall nominate all town officers in said
9 town under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the cases
10 provided in Section 7-1.

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

21 Provided, that no political organization or group shall be
22 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a
23 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or
24 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other un-American
25 principles and engages in activities or propaganda designed to
26 teach subservience to the political principles and ideals of

1 foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the established
2 constitutional form of government of the United States and the
3 State of Illinois.

4 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/7-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-4)

6 Sec. 7-4. The following words and phrases in this Article 7
7 shall, unless the same be inconsistent with the context, be
8 construed as follows:

9 1. The word "primary" the primary elections provided for in
10 this Article, which are the general primary, the consolidated
11 primary, and for those municipalities which have annual
12 partisan elections for any officer, the municipal primary held
13 6 weeks prior to the general primary election date in even
14 numbered years.

15 2. The definition of terms in Section 1-3 of this Act shall
16 apply to this Article.

17 3. The word "precinct" a voting district heretofore or
18 hereafter established by law within which all qualified
19 electors vote at one polling place.

20 4. The words "state office" or "state officer", an office
21 to be filled, or an officer to be voted for, by qualified
22 electors of the entire state, including United States Senator
23 and Congressman at large.

24 5. The words "congressional office" or "congressional
25 officer", representatives in Congress.

1 6. The words "county office" or "county officer," include
2 an office to be filled or an officer to be voted for, by the
3 qualified electors of the entire county. "County office" or
4 "county officer" also include the assessor and board of appeals
5 and county commissioners and president of county board of Cook
6 County, and county board members and the chairperson ~~chairman~~
7 of the county board in counties subject to "An Act relating to
8 the composition and election of county boards in certain
9 counties", enacted by the 76th General Assembly.

10 7. The words "city office" and "village office," and
11 "incorporated town office" or "city officer" and "village
12 officer", and "incorporated town officer" an office to be
13 filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified electors
14 of the entire municipality, including aldermen.

15 8. The words "town office" or "town officer", an office to
16 be filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified
17 electors of an entire town.

18 9. The words "town" and "incorporated town" shall
19 respectively be defined as in Section 1-3 of this Act.

20 10. The words "delegates and alternate delegates to
21 National nominating conventions" include all delegates and
22 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions whether
23 they be elected from the state at large or from congressional
24 districts or selected by State convention unless contrary and
25 non-inclusive language specifically limits the term to one
26 class.

1 11. "Judicial office" means a post held by a judge of the
2 Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Court.

3 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/7-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-7)

5 Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain
6 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the
7 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the
8 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A
9 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but
10 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in
11 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to
12 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee
13 for each congressional district, a county central committee for
14 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,
15 incorporated town or village, a ward committeeperson
16 ~~committeeman~~ for each ward in cities containing a population of
17 500,000 or more; a township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ for
18 each township or part of a township that lies outside of cities
19 having a population of 200,000 or more, in counties having a
20 population of 2,000,000 or more; a precinct committeeperson
21 ~~committeeman~~ for each precinct in counties having a population
22 of less than 2,000,000; a county board district committee for
23 each county board district created under Division 2-3 of the
24 Counties Code; a State's Attorney committee for each group of 2
25 or more counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney; a

1 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region
2 committee for each group of 2 or more counties which jointly
3 elect a Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service
4 Region; a judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit
5 divided into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that
6 circuit; and a board of review election district committee for
7 each Cook County Board of Review election district.

8 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;
9 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

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

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

14 State Central Committee

15 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective
16 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each
17 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections
18 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the
19 State central committee of that party.

20 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general
21 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary
22 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of
23 the State central committee for the congressional district in
24 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of
25 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ from the district. A political party may, in lieu
2 of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State
3 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the
4 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the manner
5 following:

6 At the county convention held by such political party,
7 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be elected
8 in the same manner as provided in this Article for the election
9 of officers of the county central committee, and such election
10 shall follow the election of officers of the county central
11 committee. Each elected ward, township or precinct
12 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall cast as his vote one vote
13 for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township
14 or precinct in the last preceding primary election of his
15 political party. In the case of a county lying partially within
16 one congressional district and partially within another
17 congressional district, each ward, township or precinct
18 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall vote only with respect to
19 the congressional district in which his ward, township, part of
20 a township or precinct is located. In the case of a
21 congressional district which encompasses more than one county,
22 each ward, township or precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~
23 residing within the congressional district shall cast as his
24 vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part
25 of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary
26 election of his political party for one candidate of his party

1 for member of the State central committee for the congressional
2 district in which he resides and the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of
3 the county central committee shall report the results of the
4 election to the State Board of Elections. The State Board of
5 Elections shall certify the candidate receiving the highest
6 number of votes elected State central committeeperson
7 ~~committeeman~~ for that congressional district.

8 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide
9 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of
10 members of the State central committee.

11 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act
12 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson
13 ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee, or at the end of the
14 term of office of Chairperson ~~Chairman~~, the State central
15 committee of each political party that has selected Alternative
16 A shall elect a Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ who shall not be required
17 to be a member of the State Central Committee. The Chairperson
18 ~~Chairman~~ shall be a registered voter in this State and of the
19 same political party as the State central committee.

20 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within
21 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a
22 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for
23 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of
24 the State central committee until his or her successor is
25 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each
26 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting

1 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In
2 each congressional district at the general primary election
3 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate
4 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male
5 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female
6 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's
7 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be
8 declared elected State central committeeman and State central
9 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary
10 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a
11 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State
12 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the
13 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
14 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State
15 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a
16 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a
17 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second
18 member of the State central committee from the district. This
19 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional
20 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to
21 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional
22 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or
23 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each
24 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting
25 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

26 The Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee

1 composed as provided in this Alternative B must be selected
2 from the committee's members.

3 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the
4 selection of the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the State central
5 committee, under both of the foregoing alternatives, the State
6 central committee of each political party shall be composed of
7 members elected or appointed from the several congressional
8 districts of the State, and of no other person or persons
9 whomsoever. The members of the State central committee shall,
10 within 41 days after each quadrennial election of the full
11 committee, meet in the city of Springfield and organize by
12 electing a Chairperson ~~chairman~~, and may at such time elect
13 such officers from among their own number (or otherwise), as
14 they may deem necessary or expedient. The outgoing chairperson
15 ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee of the party shall, 10
16 days before the meeting, notify each member of the State
17 central committee elected at the primary of the time and place
18 of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings of the
19 State central committee, each State central committeeman and
20 State central committeewoman shall have one vote for each
21 ballot voted in his or her congressional district by the
22 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election
23 immediately preceding the meeting of the State central
24 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central
25 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled
26 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees

1 of the political party of the counties located within the
2 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs and, if
3 applicable, the ward and township committeepersons
4 ~~committeemen~~ of the political party in counties of 2,000,000 or
5 more inhabitants located within the congressional district. If
6 the congressional district in which the vacancy occurs lies
7 wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the
8 ward and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the
9 political party in that congressional district shall vote to
10 fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the vacancy, each
11 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee and each
12 ward and township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of
13 2,000,000 or more inhabitants shall have one vote for each
14 ballot voted in each precinct of the congressional district in
15 which the vacancy exists of his or her county, township, or
16 ward cast by the primary electors of his or her party at the
17 primary election immediately preceding the meeting to fill the
18 vacancy in the State central committee. The person appointed to
19 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional
20 district in which the vacancy occurs, shall be a qualified
21 voter, and, in a committee composed as provided in Alternative
22 B, shall be of the same sex as his or her predecessor. A
23 political party may, by a majority vote of the delegates of any
24 State convention of such party, determine to return to the
25 election of State central committeeman and State central
26 committeewoman by the vote of primary electors. Any action

1 taken by a political party at a State convention in accordance
2 with this Section shall be reported to the State Board of
3 Elections by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of such
4 convention within 10 days after such action.

5 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~

6 (b) At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary
7 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in
8 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one
9 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeperson
10 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for ward committeeperson
11 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the ward where he
12 seeks to be elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one
13 having the highest number of votes shall be such ward
14 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such ward. At
15 the primary election in 1970 and at the general primary
16 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in
17 counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or more, outside
18 of cities containing a population of 200,000 or more, may vote
19 for one candidate of his party for township committeeperson
20 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for township committeeperson
21 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the township or part
22 of a township (which lies outside of a city having a population
23 of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a population of
24 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part of a township
25 he seeks to be elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.
26 The one having the highest number of votes shall be such

1 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such
2 township or part of a township. At the primary in 1970 and at
3 the general primary election every 2 years thereafter, each
4 primary elector, except in counties having a population of
5 2,000,000 or over, may vote for one candidate of his party in
6 his precinct for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. Each
7 candidate for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ must be a
8 bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be elected
9 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one having the
10 highest number of votes shall be such precinct committeeperson
11 ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such precinct. The official
12 returns of the primary shall show the name of the
13 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of each political party.

14 Terms of Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~. All precinct
15 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected under the provisions of
16 this Article shall continue as such committeepersons
17 ~~committeemen~~ until the date of the primary to be held in the
18 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided
19 in this Section for certain State central committeepersons
20 ~~committeemen~~ who have 2 year terms, all State central
21 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons
22 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall
23 continue as such committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ until the date
24 of primary to be held in the fourth year after their election.
25 However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct
26 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ when a precinct committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was
2 elected and such precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall
3 thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers or
4 duties as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in that precinct, even
5 if a successor has not been elected or appointed.

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

16 County Central Committee

17 (d) The county central committee of each political party in
18 each county shall consist of the various township
19 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, precinct committeepersons
20 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any,
21 of such party in the county. In the organization and
22 proceedings of the county central committee, each precinct
23 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each
24 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his
25 party at the primary at which he was elected; each township
26 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each

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

12 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

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

1 ballot voted in his or her ward or part of that ward, as the
2 case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the
3 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the board
4 of review election district committee.

5 Congressional Committee

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

21 In the organization and proceedings of congressional
22 committees composed of precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~
23 or township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or ward
24 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or any combination thereof,
25 each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote
26 for each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors

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

19 Judicial District Committee

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

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

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

6 Circuit Court Committee

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

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

17 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

18 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political
19 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided
20 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township
21 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the townships and wards
22 composing the judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the
23 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts
24 composing the judicial subcircuit in any county other than Cook
25 County.

26 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial

1 subcircuit committee, each township committeeperson
2 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
3 township or part of a township, as the case may be, in the
4 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the
5 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the
6 judicial subcircuit committee; each precinct committeeperson
7 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
8 precinct or part of a precinct, as the case may be, in the
9 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the
10 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the
11 judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward committeeperson
12 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his
13 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial
14 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary
15 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial
16 subcircuit committee.

17 Municipal Central Committee

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

26 For political parties, other than a statewide political

1 party, established only within a municipality or township, the
2 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of
3 the party officers of the local established party. The party
4 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the
5 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the caucus for those
6 municipalities and townships authorized by statute to nominate
7 candidates by caucus shall serve as party officers for the
8 purpose of filling vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61;
9 for municipalities and townships authorized by statute or
10 ordinance to nominate candidates by petition and primary
11 election, the party officers shall be the party's candidates
12 who are nominated at the primary. If no party primary was held
13 because of the provisions of Section 7-5, vacancies in
14 nomination shall be filled by the party's remaining candidates
15 who shall serve as the party's officers.

16 Powers

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

25 (j) The State central committee of a political party which
26 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this

1 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate
2 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy
3 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by
4 a national political party.

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

1 members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section.

2 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is
3 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any
4 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is
5 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of
6 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of
7 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall
8 automatically become vacant.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.01)

11 Sec. 7-8.01. The county board district committee of each
12 political party in each county board district created pursuant
13 to "An Act relating to the composition and election of county
14 boards in certain counties", enacted by the 76th General
15 Assembly, shall consist of the precinct committeepersons
16 ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts included in the county board
17 district.

18 (Source: P.A. 76-1651.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.02) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.02)

20 Sec. 7-8.02. The State's Attorney committee for each group
21 of counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney and the
22 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region
23 committee for each group of counties which jointly elect a
24 Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service Region

1 shall consist of the chairmen of the county central committees
2 of the counties composing such group of counties. In the
3 organization and proceedings of a State's Attorney or
4 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region
5 committee, each chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central
6 committee shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his or
7 her county by the primary electors of his or her party at the
8 last primary of an even-numbered year.

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

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

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

13 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which
14 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected, the county central
15 committee of each political party shall meet within the county
16 and proceed to organize by electing from its own number a
17 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and either from its own number, or
18 otherwise, such other officers as such committee may deem
19 necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the county central
20 committee shall be known as the county convention.

21 The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county committee shall
22 within 10 days after the organization, forward to the State
23 Board of Elections, the names and post office addresses of the
24 officers, precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and
25 representative committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected by his

1 political party.

2 The county convention of each political party shall choose
3 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party
4 chooses to hold a State convention; but in any county having
5 within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or
6 over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the
7 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the respective wards
8 choosing the number of delegates to which such ward is entitled
9 on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such
10 delegates to be members of the delegation to the State
11 convention from such county. In all counties containing a
12 population of 2,000,000 or more outside of cities having a
13 population of 200,000 or more, the delegates from each of the
14 townships or parts of townships as the case may be shall be
15 chosen by townships or parts of townships as the case may be,
16 the township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the respective
17 townships or parts of townships as the case may be choosing the
18 number of delegates to which such townships or parts of
19 townships as the case may be are entitled, on the basis
20 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to
21 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such
22 county.

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

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

6 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the
7 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.
8 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chairperson
9 ~~chairman~~ of a State central committee may issue a call for a
10 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

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

21 (c) The chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary of each State
22 convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,
23 shall, within 2 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of
24 Elections of this State a certificate setting forth the names
25 and addresses of all persons nominated by such State convention
26 for electors of President and Vice President of the United

1 States, and of any persons selected by the State convention for
2 delegates and alternate delegates at large to national
3 nominating conventions; and the names of such candidates so
4 chosen by such State convention for electors of President and
5 Vice President of the United States, shall be caused by the
6 State Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot
7 at the general election, in the manner required by law, and
8 shall be certified to the various county clerks of the proper
9 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this
10 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated
11 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act
12 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on
13 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified
14 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act
15 applicable thereto.

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

19 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,
20 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the
21 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee of each
22 political party shall file in the principal office of the State
23 Board of Elections a call for the State convention. Such call
24 shall state, among other things, the time and place
25 (designating the building or hall) for holding the State
26 convention. Such call shall be signed by the chairperson

1 ~~chairman~~ and attested by the secretary of the committee. In
2 such convention each county shall be entitled to one delegate
3 for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors of the party
4 in such county at the primary to be held next after the
5 issuance of such call; and if in such county, less than 500
6 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so voted is
7 not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one delegate for
8 such group which is less than 500, or for such group
9 representing the number of votes over the multiple of 500,
10 which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each primary
11 vote so represented by him. The call for such convention shall
12 set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in full and shall
13 direct that the number of delegates to be chosen be calculated
14 in compliance herewith and that such number of delegates be
15 chosen.

16 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons
17 ~~committeemen~~ when elected as provided in this Section shall
18 serve as though elected at large irrespective of any changes
19 that may be made in precinct, township or ward boundaries and
20 the voting strength of each committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall
21 remain as provided in this Section for the entire time for
22 which he is elected.

23 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in
24 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as
25 provided in this Act.

26 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be

1 called by the chairperson ~~chairman~~, or by not less than 25% of
2 the members of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to
3 members of such committee in writing designating the time and
4 place at which such special meeting is to be held and the
5 business which it is proposed to present at such special
6 meeting.

7 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a
8 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson
9 ~~committeeman~~ because no one was elected to that office or
10 because the precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ ceases to
11 reside in the precinct or for any other reason, the chairperson
12 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the appropriate
13 political party may fill the vacancy in such office by
14 appointment of a qualified resident of the county and the
15 appointed precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall serve as
16 though elected; however, no such appointment may be made
17 between the general primary election and the 30th day after the
18 general primary election.

19 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State
20 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of
21 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,
22 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a
23 political party which elects its State Central Committee by
24 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of
25 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve
26 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of

1 their terms.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9.1)

4 Sec. 7-9.1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
5 whenever a vacancy exists in the office of delegate to a State
6 or national nominating convention by reason of death or for any
7 other reason, then the alternate receiving the highest vote
8 shall succeed to the vacated office and exercise all the rights
9 and prerogatives and discharge all the duties of the office.
10 The vacated office of alternate shall be filled by the
11 congressional committee of the district.

12 (b) Vacancies, whether temporary or permanent, in the
13 office of delegate to the national nominating convention of a
14 political party whose State Central Committee uses Alternative
15 B of Section 7-14.1 shall be filled by alternate delegates in
16 the following order:

17 1. Alternates from the same District with same Presidential
18 preference;

19 2. Alternates from other Districts with same Presidential
20 preference;

21 3. Alternate at-large delegates with same Presidential
22 preference;

23 4. Alternates from the same District with different
24 Presidential preference;

25 5. Alternates from other Districts with different

1 Presidential preference;

2 6. Alternate at-large delegates with different
3 Presidential preference.

4 Unpledged delegates shall be replaced by unpledged
5 alternates.

6 Each delegate shall certify in writing the order of his
7 succession of alternates to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
8 State's delegation.

9 The delegation shall, as soon as practicable, fill a
10 vacancy in the position of alternate delegate by choosing, in
11 accord with its rules, a person of the same Presidential
12 preference and from the same political subdivision.

13 The alternate succeeding to the vacated office shall
14 exercise all the rights and prerogatives of the office and
15 discharge all the duties of the office.

16 (Source: P.A. 83-32.)

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

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

1 following form:

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

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

14 Name..... Address.....

15 State of Illinois)

16) ss.

17 County of.....)

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

1 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
2 stated, as above set forth.

3

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

5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 Statement of Candidacy

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

11 State of Illinois)

12) ss.

13 County of)

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

1 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
 2 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be
 3 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or
 4 election to in the case of committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and
 5 delegates and alternate delegates) such office.

6 Signed

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

9 Signed

10 (Official Character)

11 (Seal, if officer has one.)

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

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

23 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating
 24 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or
 25 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating

1 convention elected from the State at-large, then the
2 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000
3 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

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

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

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

12 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

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

1 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
2 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding
3 general election divided by the total number of county
4 board districts comprising the county board; provided that
5 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500
2 signatures in every other Judicial District.

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

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

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

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

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

1 party.

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

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

11 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

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

13 Sec. 7-11. Any candidate for President of the United States
14 may have his name printed upon the primary ballot of his
15 political party by filing in the office of the State Board of
16 Elections not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to
17 the date of the general primary, in any year in which a
18 Presidential election is to be held, a petition signed by not
19 less than 3000 or more than 5000 primary electors, members of
20 and affiliated with the party of which he is a candidate, and
21 no candidate for President of the United States, who fails to
22 comply with the provisions of this Article shall have his name
23 printed upon any primary ballot: Provided, however, that if the
24 rules or policies of a national political party conflict with
25 such requirements for filing petitions for President of the

1 United States in a presidential preference primary, the
2 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of the State central committee of such
3 national political party shall notify the State Board of
4 Elections in writing, citing by reference the rules or policies
5 of the national political party in conflict, and in such case
6 the Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in accordance
7 with the delegate selection plan adopted by the state central
8 committee of such national political party. Provided, further,
9 unless rules or policies of a national political party
10 otherwise provide, the vote for President of the United States,
11 as herein provided for, shall be for the sole purpose of
12 securing an expression of the sentiment and will of the party
13 voters with respect to candidates for nomination for said
14 office, and the vote of the state at large shall be taken and
15 considered as advisory to the delegates and alternates at large
16 to the national conventions of respective political parties;
17 and the vote of the respective congressional districts shall be
18 taken and considered as advisory to the delegates and
19 alternates of said congressional districts to the national
20 conventions of the respective political parties.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

25 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,

1 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a
2 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or
3 district which comprises more than one county or is partly
4 in one county and partly in another county or counties,
5 then, except as otherwise provided in this Section, such
6 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal
7 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 113
8 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of the
9 primary, but, in the case of petitions for nomination to
10 fill a vacancy by special election in the office of
11 representative in Congress from this State, such petition
12 for nomination shall be filed in the principal office of
13 the State Board of Elections not more than 85 days and not
14 less than 82 days prior to the date of the primary.

15 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,
16 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period
17 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,
18 petitions for nomination for the office in which the
19 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office
20 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less
21 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary
22 election.

23 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or
24 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,
25 then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the
26 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more

1 than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of
2 the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or
3 policies of a national political party conflict with such
4 requirements for filing petitions for nomination for
5 delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating
6 convention, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central
7 committee of such national political party shall notify the
8 Board in writing, citing by reference the rules or policies
9 of the national political party in conflict, and in such
10 case the Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in
11 accordance with the delegate selection plan adopted by the
12 state central committee of such national political party.

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

18 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal
19 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be
20 filed in the office of the local election official, not
21 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the
22 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's
23 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the
24 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
25 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office
26 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office

1 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election
2 authority.

3 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be filed in the
5 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more
6 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the
7 primary.

8 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or
9 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be filed in the
10 office of the county clerk not more than 113 nor less than
11 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

12 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various
13 election authorities and local election officials with
14 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall specify
15 the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt
16 shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which each
17 petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons waiting
18 in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as
19 of the normal opening hour of the office involved on such
20 day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal
21 opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail
22 and received after midnight of the first day for filing and
23 in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be
24 deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the
25 normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All
26 petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in

1 the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more petitions
2 filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be
3 deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are
4 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or
5 the various election authorities or local election
6 officials with whom such petitions are filed shall break
7 ties and determine the order of filing, by means of a
8 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random
9 selection approved by the State Board of Elections. Such
10 lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following the last
11 day for petition filing and shall be open to the public.
12 Seven days written notice of the time and place of
13 conducting such random selection shall be given by the
14 State Board of Elections to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
15 State central committee of each established political
16 party, and by each election authority or local election
17 official, to the County Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each
18 established political party, and to each organization of
19 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was
20 entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding
21 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of
22 election. The State Board of Elections, election authority
23 or local election official shall post in a conspicuous,
24 open and public place, at the entrance of the office,
25 notice of the time and place of such lottery. The State
26 Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations

1 governing the procedures for the conduct of such lottery.
2 All candidates shall be certified in the order in which
3 their petitions have been filed. Where candidates have
4 filed simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order
5 determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the
6 same office at a later time.

7 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate
8 election authority or local election official with whom
9 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the
10 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed of
11 the obligation to file statements of organization, reports
12 of campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign
13 contributions and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act.
14 Such notice shall be given in the manner prescribed by
15 paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

16 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not
17 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a
18 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
19 Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with
20 the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the
21 filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement
22 of economic interests in relation to the same governmental
23 unit with that officer within a year preceding the date on
24 which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination
25 papers of any candidate and the statement of economic
26 interest of that candidate are not required to be filed

1 with the same officer, the candidate must file with the
2 officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt
3 from the officer with whom the statement of economic
4 interests is filed showing the date on which such statement
5 was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than
6 the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

7 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or
8 for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or for delegate or
9 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention has
10 been filed may cause his name to be withdrawn by request in
11 writing, signed by him and duly acknowledged before an
12 officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, and
13 filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the
14 State Board of Elections or with the appropriate election
15 authority or local election official, not later than the
16 date of certification of candidates for the consolidated
17 primary or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn
18 shall be certified or printed on the primary ballot. If
19 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same
20 person with respect to more than one political party, his
21 name shall not be certified nor printed on the primary
22 ballot of any party. If petitions for nomination have been
23 filed for the same person for 2 or more offices which are
24 incompatible so that the same person could not serve in
25 more than one of such offices if elected, that person must
26 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices

1 within the 5 business days following the last day for
2 petition filing. A candidate in a judicial election may
3 file petitions for nomination for only one vacancy in a
4 subcircuit and only one vacancy in a circuit in any one
5 filing period, and if petitions for nomination have been
6 filed for the same person for 2 or more vacancies in the
7 same circuit or subcircuit in the same filing period, his
8 or her name shall be certified only for the first vacancy
9 for which the petitions for nomination were filed. If he
10 fails to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such
11 offices within such time his name shall not be certified,
12 nor printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the
13 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a
14 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

15 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
16 statute, no primary shall be held for an established
17 political party in any township, municipality, or ward
18 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every
19 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,
20 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a
21 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested
22 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted
23 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward
24 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in
25 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided
26 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices

1 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for
2 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this
3 Article, the nomination of an established political party
4 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to
5 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to
6 be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
7 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such
8 office.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
10 statute, no primary election shall be held for an
11 established political party for any special primary
12 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
13 office of representative in the United States Congress
14 where the nomination of such political party for said
15 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,
16 the nomination of an established political party of a
17 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be
18 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be
19 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
20 seeking the nomination of such established party for
21 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not
22 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly
23 scheduled election day.

24 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)
25 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has
26 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to

1 become a write-in candidate for a political party's
2 nomination for any office for which the nomination is
3 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that
4 intent with the State Board of Elections or the local
5 election official with whom nomination papers for such
6 office are filed, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a
7 primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or
8 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in
9 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary
10 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name
11 and address of the person intending to become a write-in
12 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified
13 primary elector of the political party from whom the
14 nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person
15 intends to become a write-in candidate for the party's
16 nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a
17 write-in candidate. An election authority shall have no
18 duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for
19 any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a
20 statement or notice meeting the requirements of this
21 Section is filed in a timely manner.

22 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed
23 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of
24 Elections, appropriate election authority or local
25 election official where the petitions are filed shall
26 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her

1 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3
2 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the
3 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority
4 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior
5 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State
6 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
7 local election official, the last set of petitions filed
8 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the
9 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
10 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the
11 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
12 election official then only the first set of petitions
13 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be
14 void.

15 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for
16 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of
17 not less than 6 months.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-221, eff. 7-31-15.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-13)

20 Sec. 7-13. The board of election commissioners in cities of
21 500,000 or more population having such board, shall constitute
22 an electoral board for the hearing and passing upon objections
23 to nomination petitions for ward committeepersons
24 ~~committeemen~~.

25 Such objections shall be filed in the office of the county

1 clerk within 5 business days after the last day for filing
2 nomination papers. The objection shall state the name and
3 address of the objector, who may be any qualified elector in
4 the ward, the specific grounds of objection and the relief
5 requested of the electoral board. Upon the receipt of the
6 objection, the county clerk shall forthwith transmit such
7 objection and the petition of the candidate to the board of
8 election commissioners. The board of election commissioners
9 shall forthwith notify the objector and candidate objected to
10 of the time and place for hearing hereon. After a hearing upon
11 the validity of such objections, the board shall certify to the
12 county clerk its decision stating whether or not the name of
13 the candidate shall be printed on the ballot and the county
14 clerk in his or her certificate to the board of election
15 commissioners shall leave off of the certificate the name of
16 the candidate for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ that the
17 election commissioners order not to be printed on the ballot.
18 However, the decision of the board of election commissioners is
19 subject to judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1.

20 The county electoral board composed as provided in Section
21 10-9 shall constitute an electoral board for the hearing and
22 passing upon objections to nomination petitions for precinct
23 and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. Such objections
24 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk within 5
25 business days after the last day for filing nomination papers.
26 The objection shall state the name and address of the objector

1 who may be any qualified elector in the precinct or in the
2 township or part of a township that lies outside of a city
3 having a population of 500,000 or more, the specific grounds of
4 objection and the relief requested of the electoral board. Upon
5 the receipt of the objection the county clerk shall forthwith
6 transmit such objection and the petition of the candidate to
7 the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board. The
8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board shall
9 forthwith notify the objector, the candidate whose petition is
10 objected to and the other members of the electoral board of the
11 time and place for hearing thereon. After hearing upon the
12 validity of such objections the board shall certify its
13 decision to the county clerk stating whether or not the name of
14 the candidate shall be printed on the ballot, and the county
15 clerk, in his or her certificate to the board of election
16 commissioners, shall leave off of the certificate the name of
17 the candidate ordered by the board not to be printed on the
18 ballot, and the county clerk shall also refrain from printing
19 on the official primary ballot, the name of any candidate whose
20 name has been ordered by the electoral board not to be printed
21 on the ballot. However, the decision of the board is subject to
22 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1.

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

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-14.1)

3 Sec. 7-14.1. Delegates and alternate delegates to national
4 nominating conventions shall be chosen according to one of the
5 following alternative methods of allocating delegates for
6 election. The State central committee of each political party
7 established pursuant to this Article 7 shall certify to the
8 State Board of Elections, not less than 30 days prior to the
9 first date for filing of petitions for election as delegate or
10 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention, which
11 of the following alternatives it wishes to be utilized in
12 allocating the delegates and alternate delegates to which
13 Illinois will be entitled at its national nominating
14 convention. The State Board of Elections shall meet promptly
15 and, not less than 20 days prior to the first date for filing
16 of such petitions, shall publish and certify to the county
17 clerk in each county the number of delegates or alternate
18 delegates to be elected from each congressional district or
19 from the State at large or State convention of a political
20 party, as the case may be, according to the method chosen by
21 each State central committee. If a State central committee
22 fails to certify to the State Board of Elections its choice of
23 one of the following methods prior to the aforementioned
24 meeting of the State Board of Elections, the State Board of
25 Elections shall certify delegates for that political party

1 pursuant to whichever of the alternatives below was used by
2 that political party pursuant to whichever of the alternatives
3 below was used by that political party in the most recent year
4 in which delegates were selected, subject to any subsequent
5 amendments.

6 Prior to the aforementioned meeting of the State Board of
7 Elections at which the Board shall publish and certify to the
8 county clerk the number of delegates or alternate delegates to
9 be elected from each congressional district or the State at
10 large or State convention, the Secretary of State shall
11 ascertain from the call of the national convention of each
12 political party the number of delegates and alternate delegates
13 to which Illinois will be entitled at the respective national
14 nominating conventions. The Secretary of State shall report the
15 number of delegates and alternate delegates to which Illinois
16 will be entitled at the respective national nominating
17 conventions to the State Board of Elections convened as
18 aforesaid to be utilized by the State Board of Elections in
19 calculating the number of delegates and alternates to be
20 elected from each congressional district in the State at large
21 or State convention, as the case may be.

22 Alternative A: The State Board of Elections shall allocate
23 the number of delegates and alternate delegates to which the
24 State is entitled among the congressional districts in the
25 State.

26 1. Of the number of delegates to which the State is

1 entitled, 10, plus those remaining unallocated under paragraph
2 2, shall be delegates at large. The State central committee of
3 the appropriate political party shall determine whether the
4 delegates at large shall be (a) elected in the primary from the
5 State at large, (b) selected by the State convention, or (c)
6 chosen by a combination of these 2 methods. If the State
7 central committee determines that all or a specified number of
8 the delegates at large shall be elected in the primary, the
9 committee shall file with the Board a report of such
10 determination at the same time it certifies the alternative it
11 wishes to use in allocating its delegates.

12 2. All delegates other than the delegates at large shall be
13 elected from the congressional districts. Two delegates shall
14 be allocated from this number to each district. After reserving
15 10 delegates to be delegates at large and allocating 2
16 delegates to each district, the Board shall allocate the
17 remaining delegates to the congressional districts pursuant to
18 the following formula:

19 (a) For each district, the number of remaining
20 delegates shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator
21 of which is the vote cast in the congressional district for
22 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election, and
23 the denominator of which is the vote cast in the State for
24 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election.

25 (b) The Board shall first allocate to each district a
26 number of delegates equal to the whole number in the

1 product resulting from the multiplication procedure in
2 subparagraph (a).

3 (c) The Board shall then allocate any remaining
4 delegates, one to each district, in the order of the
5 largest fractional remainder in the product resulting from
6 the multiplication procedure in subparagraph (a), omitting
7 those districts for which that product is less than 1.875.

8 (d) The Board shall then allocate any remaining
9 delegates, one to each district, in the order of the
10 largest fractional remainder in the product resulting from
11 the multiplication procedure in subparagraph (a), among
12 those districts for which that product is at least one but
13 less than 1.875.

14 (e) Any delegates remaining unallocated shall be
15 delegates at large and shall be selected as determined by
16 the State central committee under paragraph 1 of this
17 Alternative A.

18 3. The alternate delegates at large shall be allocated in
19 the same manner as the delegates at large. The alternate
20 delegates other than the alternate delegates at large shall be
21 allocated in the same manner as the delegates other than the
22 delegates at large.

23 Alternative B: the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State
24 central committee shall file with the State Board of Elections
25 a statement of the number of delegates and alternate delegates
26 to which the State is entitled and the number of such delegates

1 and alternate delegates to be elected from congressional
2 districts. The State Board of Elections shall allocate such
3 number of delegates and alternate delegates, as the case may
4 be, among the congressional districts in the State for election
5 from the congressional districts.

6 The Board shall utilize the sum of $1/3$ of each of the
7 following formulae to determine the number of delegates and
8 alternate delegates, as the case may be, to be elected from
9 each congressional district:

10 (1) Formula 1 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs
11 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

12 (a) The fraction derived by dividing the population of
13 the district by the population of the State and adding to
14 that fraction the following: $1/2$ of the fraction calculated
15 by dividing the total district vote for the party's
16 candidate in the most recent presidential election by the
17 total statewide vote for that candidate in that election,
18 plus $1/2$ of the fraction calculated by dividing the total
19 district vote for the party's candidate in the second most
20 recent Presidential election by the total statewide vote
21 for that candidate in that election;

22 (b) $1/2$;

23 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as
24 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the
25 party's national nominating convention.

26 (2) Formula 2 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs

1 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

2 (a) The fraction calculated by dividing the total
3 numbers of votes in the district for the party's candidate
4 in the most recent Gubernatorial election by the total
5 statewide vote for that candidate in that election, plus,
6 the fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote
7 for the party's candidate in the most recent presidential
8 election by the total statewide vote for that candidate in
9 that election;

10 (b) $1/2$;

11 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as
12 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the
13 party's national nominating convention.

14 (3) Formula 3 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs

15 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

16 (a) $1/2$ of the fraction calculated by dividing the
17 total district vote for the party's candidate in the most
18 recent presidential election by the total statewide vote
19 for that candidate in that election, plus $1/2$ of the
20 fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote for
21 the party's candidate in the second most recent
22 presidential election by the total statewide vote for that
23 candidate in that election. This sum shall be added to the
24 fraction calculated by dividing the total voter
25 registration of the party in the district by the total
26 voter registration of the party in the State as of January

1 1 of the year prior to the year in which the national
2 nominating convention is held;

3 (b) 1/2;

4 (c) The number of delegates or alternate delegates, as
5 the case may be, to which the State is entitled at the
6 party's national nominating convention.

7 Fractional numbers of delegates and alternate delegates
8 shall be rounded upward in rank order to the next whole number,
9 largest fraction first, until the total number of delegates and
10 alternate delegates, respectively, to be so chosen have been
11 allocated.

12 The remainder of the delegates and alternate delegates
13 shall be selected as determined by the State central committee
14 of the party and shall be certified to the State Board of
15 Elections by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State central
16 committee.

17 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein,
18 with respect to all aspects of the selection of delegates and
19 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention under
20 Alternative B, this Code shall be superseded by the delegate
21 selection rules and policies of the national political party
22 including, but not limited to, the development of an
23 affirmative action plan.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-17)

1 Sec. 7-17. Candidate ballot name procedures.

2 (a) Each election authority in each county shall cause to
3 be printed upon the general primary ballot of each party for
4 each precinct in his jurisdiction the name of each candidate
5 whose petition for nomination or for committeeperson
6 ~~committeeman~~ has been filed in the office of the county clerk,
7 as herein provided; and also the name of each candidate whose
8 name has been certified to his office by the State Board of
9 Elections, and in the order so certified, except as hereinafter
10 provided.

11 It shall be the duty of the election authority to cause to
12 be printed upon the consolidated primary ballot of each
13 political party for each precinct in his jurisdiction the name
14 of each candidate whose name has been certified to him, as
15 herein provided and which is to be voted for in such precinct.

16 (b) In the designation of the name of a candidate on the
17 primary ballot the candidate's given name or names, initial or
18 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,
19 or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the
20 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her
21 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in
22 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the
23 last day for filing the petition for nomination, nomination
24 papers, or certificate of nomination for that office, whichever
25 is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the primary
26 ballot must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior

1 names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list
2 date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition, papers,
3 or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit
4 stating the candidate's previous names during the period
5 specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was
6 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds
7 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the
8 ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as
9 appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name
10 changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's
11 or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or
12 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of
13 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation such
14 as a political slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting
15 or implying possession of a title, degree or professional
16 status, or similar information may be used in connection with
17 the candidate's surname. For purposes of this Section, a
18 "political slogan" is defined as any word or words expressing
19 or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate
20 may espouse, including but not limited to, any word or words
21 conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity
22 of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as
23 part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the
24 political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.

25 (c) The State Board of Elections, a local election
26 official, or an election authority shall remove any candidate's

1 name designation from a ballot that is inconsistent with
2 subsection (b) of this Section. In addition, the State Board of
3 Elections, a local election official, or an election authority
4 shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name
5 designation that is inconsistent with subsection (b) of this
6 Section.

7 (d) If the State Board of Elections, a local election
8 official, or an election authority removes a candidate's name
9 designation from a ballot under subsection (c) of this Section,
10 then the aggrieved candidate may seek appropriate relief in
11 circuit court.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-1090, eff. 6-1-07.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

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

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

23 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning not
24 less than one inch below designating words, the name of each
25 office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters. Such

1 names may be printed on the ballot either in a single column or
2 in 2 or more columns and in the following order, to-wit:

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

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

25 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or
26 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall

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

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

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

23 (Source: P.A. 95-862, eff. 8-19-08; 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-25)

25 Sec. 7-25. The tally sheets for each political party

1 participating in the primary election shall be substantially in
2 the following form:

3 "Tally sheet for(name of political party) for the
4 precinct, in the county of for a primary held on the
5 day of A.D."

6 The names of candidates for nomination and for State
7 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township, and precinct
8 and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and
9 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions, shall
10 be placed on the tally sheets of each political party by the
11 primary judges, in the order in which they appear on the
12 ballot.

13 (Source: Laws 1957, p. 1450.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

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

17 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to
18 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers must be
19 affiliated with the political party for which they are
20 pollwatching and must be a registered voter in Illinois.

21 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
22 pollwatchers per precinct. For Federal, State, county,
23 township, and municipal primary elections, the pollwatchers
24 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

25 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or

1 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
2 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
3 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
4 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
5 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
6 election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per
7 precinct. For all primary elections, the pollwatcher must be
8 registered to vote in Illinois.

9 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
10 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
11 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
12 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
13 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
14 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
15 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
16 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
17 election. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in
18 Illinois. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "State
19 nonpartisan civic organization" means any corporation,
20 unincorporated association, or organization that:

21 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
22 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
23 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
24 information and education, the protection of individual
25 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
26 elections;

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

3 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
4 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
5 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
6 without a current listed telephone number is not
7 sufficient).

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

15 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates for
16 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
17 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
18 resident of a county in which any part of the municipality is
19 situated shall be eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any
20 polling place located within such municipality, provided that
21 such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective
22 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this Section and
23 is a registered voter whose residence is within Illinois.

24 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
25 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
26 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile

1 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available
 2 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
 3 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile
 4 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate
 5 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the
 6 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or opponent group, as the
 7 case may be.

8 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
 9 following form:

10 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

11 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

21 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
 22 TITLE (party official, candidate,
 23 civic organization president,
 24 proponent or opponent group
 25 chairperson ~~chairman~~)

1 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
 2 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
 3 that he or she resides at (address) in the
 4 county of, (township or municipality) of
 5 (name), State of Illinois, and is duly registered to
 6 vote in Illinois.

7
 8 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 9 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

10 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
 11 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
 12 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
 13 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
 14 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
 15 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
 16 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
 17 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
 18 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
 19 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
 20 the course of the day, but established political parties,
 21 candidates, qualified civic organizations and proponents and
 22 opponents of a ballot proposition can have only as many
 23 pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this
 24 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the
 25 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election

1 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to
2 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have
3 closed, pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the
4 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only
5 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
6 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

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

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

1 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

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

4 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

5 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

12

13 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH
CANDIDATE SEEKS
NOMINATION OR
ELECTION

17 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
18 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
19 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
20 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
21 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
22 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
23 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
24 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in

1 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
2 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
3 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
4 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
5 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
6 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
7 violations of this Code.

8 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
9 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
10 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
11 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
12 number, except that each candidate and each established or new
13 political party shall be permitted to have at least one
14 pollwatcher present.

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

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

1 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
2 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in
3 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

6 Sec. 7-46. On receiving from the primary judges a primary
7 ballot of his party, the primary elector shall forthwith and
8 without leaving the polling place, retire alone to one of the
9 voting booths and prepare such primary ballot by marking a
10 cross (X) in the square in front of and opposite the name of
11 each candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, and
12 for delegates and alternate delegates to national nominating
13 conventions, and for committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if
14 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are being elected at such
15 primary. A cross (X) in the square in front of the bracket
16 enclosing the names of a team of candidates for Governor and
17 Lieutenant Governor counts as one vote for each of those
18 candidates.

19 Any primary elector may, instead of voting for any
20 candidate for nomination or for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~
21 or for delegate or alternate delegate to national nominating
22 conventions, whose name is printed on the primary ballot, write
23 in the name of any other person affiliated with such party as a
24 candidate for the nomination for any office, or for
25 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or for delegates or alternate

1 delegates to national nominating conventions, and indicate his
2 choice of such candidate or committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or
3 delegate or alternate delegate, by placing to the left of and
4 opposite the name thus written a square and placing in the
5 square a cross (X). A primary elector, however, may not by this
6 method vote separately for Governor and Lieutenant Governor but
7 must write in the names of candidates of his or her choice for
8 both offices and indicate his or her choice of those names by
9 placing a single square to the left of those names and placing
10 in that square a cross (X).

11 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
12 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as
13 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
14 is applicable.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/7-51) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-51)

17 Sec. 7-51. If the primary elector marks more names upon the
18 primary ballot than there are persons to be nominated as
19 candidates for an office, or for State central committeepersons
20 ~~committeemen~~, or precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or
21 township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or ward
22 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or delegates or alternate
23 delegates to National nominating conventions, or if for any
24 reason it is impossible to determine the primary elector's
25 choice of a candidate for the nomination for an office, or

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate, his primary ballot
2 shall not be counted for the nomination for such office or
3 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

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

6 No judge shall omit to endorse his initials on a primary
7 ballot, as required by this Article, nor shall any person not
8 authorized so to do initial a primary ballot knowing that he is
9 not so authorized.

10 Primary ballots not counted shall be marked "defective" on
11 the back thereof; and primary ballots to which objections have
12 been made by either of the primary judges or challengers shall
13 be marked "objected to" on the back thereof; and a memorandum,
14 signed by the primary judges, stating how it was counted, shall
15 be written on the back of each primary ballot so marked; and
16 all primary ballots marked "defective" or "objected to" shall
17 be enclosed in an envelope and securely sealed, and so marked
18 and endorsed as to clearly disclose its contents. The envelope
19 to be used for enclosing ballots marked "defective" or
20 "objected to" shall bear upon its face, in not less than 1 1/2
21 inch type, the legend: "This envelope is for use after 6:00
22 P.M. only." The envelope to be used for enclosing ballots
23 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote shall bear upon its
24 face, in not less than 1 1/2 inch type, the legend: "This
25 envelope is for use before 6:00 P.M. only."

26 All primary ballots not voted, and all that have been

1 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote, shall be returned
2 to the proper election authority by the primary judges, and a
3 receipt taken therefor, and shall be preserved 2 months. Such
4 official shall keep a record of the number of primary ballots
5 delivered for each polling place, and he or they shall also
6 enter upon such record the number and character of primary
7 ballots returned, with the time when and the persons by whom
8 they are returned.

9 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

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

11 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party
12 shall have been read and the votes of the political party
13 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in
14 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as
15 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of
16 the political party and for each candidate for State Central
17 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and precinct committeeperson
18 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or ward
19 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and delegate and alternate
20 delegate to National nominating conventions, and certify the
21 same to be correct. Thereupon, the primary judges shall set
22 down in a certificate of results on the tally sheet, under the
23 name of the political party, the name of each candidate voted
24 for upon the primary ballot, written at full length, the name
25 of the office for which he is a candidate for nomination or for

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate or alternate
 2 delegate to National nominating conventions, the total number
 3 of votes which the candidate received, and they shall also set
 4 down the total number of ballots voted by the primary electors
 5 of the political party in the precinct. The certificate of
 6 results shall be made substantially in the following form:

7 Party

8 At the primary election held in the precinct of the
 9 (1) *township of, or (2) *City of, or (3) *.... ward
 10 in the city of on (insert date), the primary electors of
 11 the party voted ballots, and the respective
 12 candidates whose names were written or printed on the primary
 13 ballot of the party, received respectively the following
 14 votes:

Name of	Title of Office,	No. of
Candidate,	Title of Office,	Votes
John Jones	Governor	100
Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	100
Sam Smith	Governor	70
Samantha Smythe	Lieutenant Governor	70
Frank Martin	Attorney General	150
William Preston	Rep. in Congress	200
Frederick John	Circuit Judge	50

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

25 And so on for each candidate.

26 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and

1 correct.

2 Dated (insert date).

3

4 Name Address

5

6 Name Address

7

8 Name Address

9

10 Name Address

11

12 Name Address

13 Judges of Primary

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

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-55) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-55)

20 Sec. 7-55. The primary poll books or the official poll
21 record, and the tally sheets with the certificates of the
22 primary judges written thereon, together with the envelopes
23 containing the ballots, including the envelope containing the
24 ballots marked "defective" or "objected to", shall be carefully

1 enveloped and sealed up together, properly endorsed, and the
2 primary judges shall elect 2 judges (one from each of the major
3 political parties), who shall immediately deliver the same to
4 the clerk from whom the primary ballots were obtained, which
5 clerk shall safely keep the same for 2 months, and thereafter
6 shall safely keep the poll books until the next primary. Each
7 election authority shall keep the office of the election
8 authority, or any receiving stations designated by such
9 authority, open for at least 12 consecutive hours after the
10 polls close, or until the judges of each precinct under the
11 jurisdiction of the election authority have delivered to the
12 election authority all the above materials sealed up together
13 and properly endorsed as provided herein. Materials delivered
14 to the election authority which are not in the condition
15 required by this Section shall not be accepted by the election
16 authority until the judges delivering the same make and sign
17 the necessary corrections. Upon acceptance of the materials by
18 the election authority, the judges delivering the same shall
19 take a receipt signed by the election authority and stamped
20 with the time and date of such delivery. The election judges
21 whose duty it is to deliver any materials as above provided
22 shall, in the event such materials cannot be found when needed,
23 on proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take
24 as above provided.

25 The county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
26 deliver a copy of each tally sheet to the county chairmen of

1 the two largest political parties.

2 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
3 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as
4 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever
5 is applicable.

6 (Source: P.A. 83-764.)

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

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

1 Board of Elections a certified copy of such tabulated statement
2 of returns. The election authority shall also determine and set
3 down as to each precinct the number of ballots voted by the
4 primary electors of each party at the primary.

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

21 Within 48 hours of conducting a canvass, as required by
22 this Code, of the consolidated primary, the election authority
23 shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local
24 election official, with respect to whose political
25 subdivisions nominations were made at such primary, for each
26 precinct in his jurisdiction in which such nominations were on

1 the ballot. Such original certificate of results need not
2 include any offices or nominations for any other political
3 subdivisions.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;
5 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-58) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-58)

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

1 The State Board of Elections shall issue a certificate of
2 election to each of the persons shown by the returns and the
3 proclamation thereof to be elected State central
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate
5 delegates to National nomination conventions; and the county
6 clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person
7 shown by the returns to be elected precinct, township or ward
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The certificate issued to such
9 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number
10 of ballots voted in his or her precinct by the primary electors
11 of his or her party at the primary at which he or she was
12 elected. The certificate issued to such township
13 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number of ballots
14 voted in his or her township or part of a township, as the case
15 may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the
16 primary at which he or she was elected. The certificate issued
17 to such ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the
18 number of ballots voted in his or her ward by the primary
19 electors of his or her party at the primary at which he or she
20 was elected.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

23 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of
24 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination
25 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such

1 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the
2 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,
3 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for
4 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons
5 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and
6 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the
7 following election.

8 Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,
9 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party
10 for State central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his
11 congressional district shall be declared elected State central
12 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said congressional district.

13 Unless a national political party specifies that delegates
14 and alternate delegates to a National nominating convention be
15 allocated by proportional selection representation according
16 to the results of a Presidential preference primary, the
17 requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of
18 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to
19 National nominating conventions from the State at large, and
20 the requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of
21 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to
22 National nominating conventions in their respective
23 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates
24 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions
25 of their party.

26 A political party which elects the members to its State

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

10 A political party which elects the members to its State
11 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of
12 Section 7-8 shall select its at large delegates and alternate
13 delegates to its national nominating convention by
14 proportional selection representation according to the results
15 of a Presidential preference primary in the whole State in the
16 manner provided by the rules of the national political party
17 and the State Central Committee, when the rules and policies of
18 the national political party so require.

19 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his
20 party for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his
21 precinct shall be declared elected precinct committeeperson
22 ~~committeeman~~ from said precinct.

23 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his
24 party for township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his
25 township or part of a township as the case may be, shall be
26 declared elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from

1 said township or part of a township as the case may be. In
2 cities where ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected,
3 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party
4 for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his ward shall be
5 declared elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said
6 ward.

7 When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest
8 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for
9 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the same political party, or
10 where more than one person of the same political party is to be
11 nominated as a candidate for office or committeeperson
12 ~~committeeman~~, if it appears that more than the number of
13 persons to be nominated for an office or elected
14 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ have the highest and an equal
15 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for
16 election as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, the election
17 authority by which the returns of the primary are canvassed
18 shall decide by lot which of said persons shall be nominated or
19 elected, as the case may be. In such case the election
20 authority shall issue notice in writing to such persons of such
21 tie vote stating therein the place, the day (which shall not be
22 more than 5 days thereafter) and the hour when such nomination
23 or election shall be so determined.

24 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who
25 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in
26 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities

1 not later than 61 days prior to the primary. However, whenever
2 an objection to a candidate's nominating papers or petitions
3 for any office is sustained under Section 10-10 after the 61st
4 day before the election, then write-in votes shall be counted
5 for that candidate if he or she has filed a notarized
6 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that
7 office with the proper election authority or authorities not
8 later than 7 days prior to the election.

9 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in
10 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. Such
11 declaration shall specify the office for which the person seeks
12 nomination or election as a write-in candidate.

13 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list
14 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election
15 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the primary.

16 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
17 Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been
18 printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to
19 an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the
20 party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the
21 primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's
22 primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to
23 the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a
24 result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of
25 votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures
26 required on a petition for nomination for that office; or

1 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of
2 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names
3 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or
4 election to the same office.

5 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply where
6 the number of candidates whose names have been printed on the
7 party's ballot for nomination for or election to the office at
8 the primary equals or exceeds the number of persons the party
9 is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the
10 primary.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60)

13 Sec. 7-60. Not less than 74 days before the date of the
14 general election, the State Board of Elections shall certify to
15 the county clerks the names of each of the candidates who have
16 been nominated as shown by the proclamation of the State Board
17 of Elections as a canvassing board or who have been nominated
18 to fill a vacancy in nomination and direct the election
19 authority to place upon the official ballot for the general
20 election the names of such candidates in the same manner and in
21 the same order as shown upon the certification, except as
22 otherwise provided in this Section.

23 Not less than 68 days before the date of the general
24 election, each county clerk shall certify the names of each of
25 the candidates for county offices who have been nominated as

1 shown by the proclamation of the county election authority or
2 who have been nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination and
3 declare that the names of such candidates for the respective
4 offices shall be placed upon the official ballot for the
5 general election in the same manner and in the same order as
6 shown upon the certification, except as otherwise provided by
7 this Section. Each county clerk shall place a copy of the
8 certification on file in his or her office and at the same time
9 issue to the State Board of Elections a copy of such
10 certification. In addition, each county clerk in whose county
11 there is a board of election commissioners shall, not less than
12 68 days before the date of the general election, issue to such
13 board a copy of the certification that has been filed in the
14 county clerk's office, together with a copy of the
15 certification that has been issued to the clerk by the State
16 Board of Elections, with directions to the board of election
17 commissioners to place upon the official ballot for the general
18 election in that election jurisdiction the names of all
19 candidates that are listed on such certifications, in the same
20 manner and in the same order as shown upon such certifications,
21 except as otherwise provided in this Section.

22 Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the
23 same political party for multiple offices for any board, the
24 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest
25 number of votes in the primary election as a candidate for such
26 office, as shown by the official election returns of the

1 primary, shall be certified first under the name of such
2 offices, and the names of the remaining candidates of such
3 party for such offices shall follow in the order of the number
4 of votes received by them respectively at the primary election
5 as shown by the official election results.

6 No person who is shown by the final proclamation to have
7 been nominated or elected at the primary as a write-in
8 candidate shall have his or her name certified unless such
9 person shall have filed with the certifying office or board
10 within 10 days after the election authority's proclamation a
11 statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10, a statement
12 pursuant to Section 7-10.1, and a receipt for the filing of a
13 statement of economic interests in relation to the unit of
14 government to which he or she has been elected or nominated.

15 Each county clerk and board of election commissioners shall
16 determine by a fair and impartial method of random selection
17 the order of placement of established political party
18 candidates for the general election ballot. Such determination
19 shall be made within 30 days following the canvass and
20 proclamation of the results of the general primary in the
21 office of the county clerk or board of election commissioners
22 and shall be open to the public. Seven days written notice of
23 the time and place of conducting such random selection shall be
24 given, by each such election authority, to the County
25 Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each established political party, and
26 to each organization of citizens within the election

1 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at the
2 next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on the
3 day of election. Each election authority shall post in a
4 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the
5 election authority office, notice of the time and place of such
6 lottery. However, a board of election commissioners may elect
7 to place established political party candidates on the general
8 election ballot in the same order determined by the county
9 clerk of the county in which the city under the jurisdiction of
10 such board is located.

11 Each certification shall indicate, where applicable, the
12 following:

13 (1) The political party affiliation of the candidates
14 for the respective offices;

15 (2) If there is to be more than one candidate elected
16 to an office from the State, political subdivision or
17 district;

18 (3) If the voter has the right to vote for more than
19 one candidate for an office;

20 (4) The term of office, if a vacancy is to be filled
21 for less than a full term or if the offices to be filled in
22 a political subdivision are for different terms.

23 The State Board of Elections or the county clerk, as the
24 case may be, shall issue an amended certification whenever it
25 is discovered that the original certification is in error.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60.1)

2 Sec. 7-60.1. Certification of Candidates - Consolidated
3 Election. Each local election official of a political
4 subdivision in which candidates for the respective local
5 offices are nominated at the consolidated primary shall, no
6 later than 5 days following the canvass and proclamation of the
7 results of the consolidated primary, certify to each election
8 authority whose duty it is to prepare the official ballot for
9 the consolidated election in that political subdivision the
10 names of each of the candidates who have been nominated as
11 shown by the proclamation of the appropriate election authority
12 or who have been nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination and
13 direct the election authority to place upon the official ballot
14 for the consolidated election the names of such candidates in
15 the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the
16 certification, except as otherwise provided by this Section.

17 Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the
18 same political party for multiple offices for any board, the
19 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest
20 number of votes in the consolidated primary election as a
21 candidate for such consolidated primary, shall be certified
22 first under the name of such office, and the names of the
23 remaining candidates of such party for such offices shall
24 follow in the order of the number of votes received by them
25 respectively at the consolidated primary election as shown by

1 the official election results.

2 No person who is shown by the election authority's
3 proclamation to have been nominated at the consolidated primary
4 as a write-in candidate shall have his or her name certified
5 unless such person shall have filed with the certifying office
6 or board within 5 days after the election authority's
7 proclamation a statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10
8 and a statement pursuant to Section 7-10.1.

9 Each board of election commissioners of the cities in which
10 established political party candidates for city offices are
11 nominated at the consolidated primary shall determine by a fair
12 and impartial method of random selection the order of placement
13 of the established political party candidates for the
14 consolidated ballot. Such determination shall be made within 5
15 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of
16 the consolidated primary and shall be open to the public. Three
17 days written notice of the time and place of conducting such
18 random selection shall be given, by each such election
19 authority, to the County Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each
20 established political party, and to each organization of
21 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was entitled,
22 under this Article, at the next preceding election, to have
23 pollwatchers present on the day of election. Each election
24 authority shall post in a conspicuous, open and public place,
25 at the entrance of the election authority office, notice of the
26 time and place of such lottery.

1 Each local election official of a political subdivision in
2 which established political party candidates for the
3 respective local offices are nominated by primary shall
4 determine by a fair and impartial method of random selection
5 the order of placement of the established political party
6 candidates for the consolidated election ballot and, in the
7 case of certain municipalities having annual elections, on the
8 general primary ballot for election. Such determination shall
9 be made prior to the canvass and proclamation of results of the
10 consolidated primary or special municipal primary, as the case
11 may be, in the office of the local election official and shall
12 be open to the public. Three days written notice of the time
13 and place of conducting such random selection shall be given,
14 by each such local election official, to the County Chairperson
15 ~~Chairman~~ of each established political party, and to each
16 organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction
17 which was entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding
18 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.
19 Each local election official shall post in a conspicuous, open
20 and public place notice of such lottery. Immediately
21 thereafter, the local election official shall certify the
22 ballot placement order so determined to the proper election
23 authorities charged with the preparation of the consolidated
24 election, or general primary, ballot for that political
25 subdivision.

26 Not less than 68 days before the date of the consolidated

1 election, each local election official of a political
2 subdivision in which established political party candidates
3 for the respective local offices have been nominated by caucus
4 or have been nominated because no primary was required to be
5 held shall certify to each election authority whose duty it is
6 to prepare the official ballot for the consolidated election in
7 that political subdivision the names of each of the candidates
8 whose certificates of nomination or nomination papers have been
9 filed in his or her office and direct the election authority to
10 place upon the official ballot for the consolidated election
11 the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same
12 order as shown upon the certification. Such local election
13 official shall, prior to certification, determine by a fair and
14 impartial method of random selection the order of placement of
15 the established political party candidates for the
16 consolidated election ballot. Such determination shall be made
17 in the office of the local election official and shall be open
18 to the public. Three days written notice of the time and place
19 of conducting such random selection shall be given by each such
20 local election official to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
21 each established political party, and to each organization of
22 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was entitled,
23 under this Article, at the next preceding election, to have
24 pollwatchers present on the day of election. Each local
25 election official shall post in a conspicuous, open and public
26 place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the time and

1 place of such lottery. The local election official shall
2 certify the ballot placement order so determined as part of his
3 official certification of candidates to the election
4 authorities whose duty it is to prepare the official ballot for
5 the consolidated election in that political subdivision.

6 The certification shall indicate, where applicable, the
7 following:

8 (1) The political party affiliation of the candidates
9 for the respective offices;

10 (2) If there is to be more than one candidate elected
11 or nominated to an office from the State, political
12 subdivision or district;

13 (3) If the voter has the right to vote for more than
14 one candidate for an office;

15 (4) The term of office, if a vacancy is to be filled
16 for less than a full term or if the offices to be filled in
17 a political subdivision or district are for different
18 terms.

19 The local election official shall issue an amended
20 certification whenever it is discovered that the original
21 certification is in error.

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/8-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-5)

24 Sec. 8-5. There shall be constituted one legislative
25 committee for each political party in each legislative district

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (Source: P.A. 84-352.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/8-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-6)

15 Sec. 8-6. In legislative or representative districts
16 wholly contained within counties having 2,000,000 or more
17 inhabitants each member of each legislative or representative
18 committee shall in its organization and proceedings be entitled
19 to one vote for each ballot voted in that portion of his
20 township or ward in the legislative or representative district
21 by the primary electors of his party at the last primary at
22 which members of the General Assembly were nominated. If a
23 portion of the legislative or representative district is within
24 a county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants then each
25 legislative or representative committee member shall be

1 entitled to vote as follows: (a) in the portion of the district
2 lying within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each
3 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to one vote for
4 each ballot voted in that portion of his township or ward in
5 the legislative or representative district by primary electors
6 of his party at the last primary at which township or ward
7 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ were elected; (b) in the portion
8 of the district lying outside a county of 2,000,000 or more
9 inhabitants, each chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a county central
10 committee shall be entitled to one vote for each ballot voted
11 in that portion of his county in the legislative or
12 representative district by the primary electors of his party at
13 the last primary at which members of the General Assembly were
14 nominated. In the remainder of the State, each member shall be
15 entitled to cast one vote for each ballot voted in that portion
16 of his county in the legislative or representative district by
17 the primary electors of his party at the last primary at which
18 members of the General Assembly were nominated. However, in
19 counties under 2,000,000 population, if the legislative or
20 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a
21 county, each legislative or representative committee member
22 shall be entitled to cast one vote.

23 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/8-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-7)

25 Sec. 8-7. The various political party committees now in

1 existence are hereby recognized and shall exercise the powers
2 and perform the duties herein prescribed until
3 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are chosen, in accordance with
4 the provisions of this article.

5 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.3)

7 Sec. 9-1.3. "Candidate" means any person who seeks
8 nomination for election, election to or retention in public
9 office, or any person who seeks election as ward or township
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more
11 population, whether or not such person is elected. A person
12 seeks nomination for election, election or retention if he (1)
13 takes the action necessary under the laws of this State to
14 attempt to qualify for nomination for election, election to or
15 retention in public office or election as ward or township
16 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more
17 population, or (2) receives contributions or makes
18 expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to receive
19 contributions or make expenditures with a view to bringing
20 about his nomination for election or election to or retention
21 in public office, or his or her election as ward or township
22 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more
23 population.

24 (Source: P.A. 89-405, eff. 11-8-95.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

2 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

3 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political
4 committee, a political party committee, a political action
5 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent
6 expenditure committee.

7 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate
8 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,
9 corporation, or other organization or group of persons
10 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes
11 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
12 exceeding \$5,000 on behalf of the candidate.

13 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central
14 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a
15 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee
16 formed by a ward or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of a
17 political party. For purposes of this Article, a "legislative
18 caucus committee" means a committee established for the purpose
19 of electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person
20 elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate,
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the
22 House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or
23 more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more
24 members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

25 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,
26 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or

1 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,
2 political party, candidate political committee, or political
3 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes
4 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
5 exceeding \$5,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate
6 or candidates for public office. "Political action committee"
7 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
8 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
9 persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate
10 political committee, or political party committee, that makes
11 electioneering communications during any 12-month period in an
12 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related to any candidate or
13 candidates for public office.

14 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural
15 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,
16 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
17 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any
18 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 in
19 support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to
20 be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"
21 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
22 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
23 persons that makes electioneering communications during any
24 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related
25 to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.
26 The \$5,000 threshold applies to any contributions or

1 expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a
2 place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of,
3 or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the
4 question of public policy, regardless of the method of
5 initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of
6 whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the
7 appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and
8 certified by the governing body.

9 (f) "Independent expenditure committee" means any trust,
10 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other
11 organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive
12 purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month
13 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 in support of or
14 in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election,
15 retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or
16 (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the
17 electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes
18 any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation,
19 or other organization or group of persons that makes
20 electioneering communications that are not made in connection,
21 consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion
22 of a public official or candidate, a public official's or
23 candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an
24 agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political
25 committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an
26 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related to (i) the nomination

1 for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public
2 official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to
3 be submitted to the voters.

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

5 (10 ILCS 5/9-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-2)

6 Sec. 9-2. Political committee designations.

7 (a) Every political committee shall be designated as a (i)
8 candidate political committee, (ii) political party committee,
9 (iii) political action committee, (iv) ballot initiative
10 committee, or (v) independent expenditure committee.

11 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, no public official or
12 candidate for public office may maintain or establish more than
13 one candidate political committee for each office that public
14 official or candidate holds or is seeking. The name of each
15 candidate political committee shall identify the name of the
16 public official or candidate supported by the candidate
17 political committee. If a candidate establishes separate
18 candidate political committees for each public office, the name
19 of each candidate political committee shall also include the
20 public office to which the candidate seeks nomination for
21 election, election, or retention. If a candidate establishes
22 one candidate political committee for multiple offices elected
23 at different elections, then the candidate shall designate an
24 election cycle, as defined in Section 9-1.9, for purposes of
25 contribution limitations and reporting requirements set forth

1 in this Article. No political committee, other than a candidate
2 political committee, may include the name of a candidate in its
3 name.

4 (c) Beginning January 1, 2011, no State central committee
5 of a political party, county central committee of a political
6 party, committee formed by a ward or township committeeperson
7 ~~committeeman~~, or committee established for the purpose of
8 electing candidates to the General Assembly may maintain or
9 establish more than one political party committee. The name of
10 the committee must include the name of the political party.

11 (d) Beginning January 1, 2011, no natural person, trust,
12 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other
13 organization or group of persons forming a political action
14 committee shall maintain or establish more than one political
15 action committee. The name of a political action committee must
16 include the name of the entity forming the committee. This
17 subsection does not apply to independent expenditure
18 committees.

19 (e) Beginning January 1, 2011, the name of a ballot
20 initiative committee must include words describing the
21 question of public policy and whether the group supports or
22 opposes the question.

23 (f) Every political committee shall designate a
24 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and a treasurer. The same person may serve
25 as both chairperson ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of any political
26 committee. A candidate who administers his own campaign

1 contributions and expenditures shall be deemed a political
2 committee for purposes of this Article and shall designate
3 himself as chairperson ~~chairman~~, treasurer, or both
4 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of such political
5 committee. The treasurer of a political committee shall be
6 responsible for keeping the records and filing the statements
7 and reports required by this Article.

8 (g) No contribution and no expenditure shall be accepted or
9 made by or on behalf of a political committee at a time when
10 there is a vacancy in the office of chairperson ~~chairman~~ or
11 treasurer thereof. No expenditure shall be made for or on
12 behalf of a political committee without the authorization of
13 its chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer, or their designated
14 agents.

15 (h) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this
16 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political
17 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory
18 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall make the designation
19 required by this Section by December 31, 2010.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 7-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

22 Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other reporting
23 organization funds.

24 (a) A political committee shall not make expenditures:

25 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of

1 this State.

2 (2) Clearly in excess of the fair market value of the
3 services, materials, facilities, or other things of value
4 received in exchange.

5 (3) For satisfaction or repayment of any debts other
6 than loans made to the committee or to the public official
7 or candidate on behalf of the committee or repayment of
8 goods and services purchased by the committee under a
9 credit agreement. Nothing in this Section authorizes the
10 use of campaign funds to repay personal loans. The
11 repayments shall be made by check written to the person who
12 made the loan or credit agreement. The terms and conditions
13 of any loan or credit agreement to a committee shall be set
14 forth in a written agreement, including but not limited to
15 the method and amount of repayment, that shall be executed
16 by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of the committee
17 at the time of the loan or credit agreement. The loan or
18 agreement shall also set forth the rate of interest for the
19 loan, if any, which may not substantially exceed the
20 prevailing market interest rate at the time the agreement
21 is executed.

22 (4) For the satisfaction or repayment of any debts or
23 for the payment of any expenses relating to a personal
24 residence. Campaign funds may not be used as collateral for
25 home mortgages.

26 (5) For clothing or personal laundry expenses, except

1 clothing items rented by the public official or candidate
2 for his or her own use exclusively for a specific
3 campaign-related event, provided that committees may
4 purchase costumes, novelty items, or other accessories
5 worn primarily to advertise the candidacy.

6 (6) For the travel expenses of any person unless the
7 travel is necessary for fulfillment of political,
8 governmental, or public policy duties, activities, or
9 purposes.

10 (7) For membership or club dues charged by
11 organizations, clubs, or facilities that are primarily
12 engaged in providing health, exercise, or recreational
13 services; provided, however, that funds received under
14 this Article may be used to rent the clubs or facilities
15 for a specific campaign-related event.

16 (8) In payment for anything of value or for
17 reimbursement of any expenditure for which any person has
18 been reimbursed by the State or any person. For purposes of
19 this item (8), a per diem allowance is not a reimbursement.

20 (9) For the purchase of or installment payment for a
21 motor vehicle unless the political committee can
22 demonstrate that purchase of a motor vehicle is more
23 cost-effective than leasing a motor vehicle as permitted
24 under this item (9). A political committee may lease or
25 purchase and insure, maintain, and repair a motor vehicle
26 if the vehicle will be used primarily for campaign purposes

1 or for the performance of governmental duties. A committee
2 shall not make expenditures for use of the vehicle for
3 non-campaign or non-governmental purposes. Persons using
4 vehicles not purchased or leased by a political committee
5 may be reimbursed for actual mileage for the use of the
6 vehicle for campaign purposes or for the performance of
7 governmental duties. The mileage reimbursements shall be
8 made at a rate not to exceed the standard mileage rate
9 method for computation of business expenses under the
10 Internal Revenue Code.

11 (10) Directly for an individual's tuition or other
12 educational expenses, except for governmental or political
13 purposes directly related to a candidate's or public
14 official's duties and responsibilities.

15 (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or
16 his or her family member unless for compensation for
17 services actually rendered by that person. The provisions
18 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a
19 political committee in an aggregate amount not exceeding
20 the amount of funds reported to and certified by the State
21 Board or county clerk as available as of June 30, 1998, in
22 the semi-annual report of contributions and expenditures
23 filed by the political committee for the period concluding
24 June 30, 1998.

25 (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate, upon
26 receipt of a verified complaint, violations of the provisions

1 of this Section. The Board may levy a fine on any person who
2 knowingly makes expenditures in violation of this Section and
3 on any person who knowingly makes a malicious and false
4 accusation of a violation of this Section. The Board may act
5 under this subsection only upon the affirmative vote of at
6 least 5 of its members. The fine shall not exceed \$500 for each
7 expenditure of \$500 or less and shall not exceed the amount of
8 the expenditure plus \$500 for each expenditure greater than
9 \$500. The Board shall also have the authority to render rulings
10 and issue opinions relating to compliance with this Section.

11 (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of
12 funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder or
13 by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable expenses
14 of an officeholder in connection with the performance of
15 governmental and public service functions.

16 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits the funds of a
17 political committee which is controlled by a person convicted
18 of a violation of any of the offenses listed in subsection (a)
19 of Section 10 of the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act
20 from being forfeited to the State under Section 15 of the
21 Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1019, eff. 1-1-11.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/9-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-11)

24 Sec. 9-11. Financial reports.

25 (a) Each quarterly report of campaign contributions,

1 expenditures, and independent expenditures under Section 9-10
2 shall disclose the following:

3 (1) the name and address of the political committee;

4 (2) the name and address of the person submitting the
5 report on behalf of the committee, if other than the
6 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer;

7 (3) the amount of funds on hand at the beginning of the
8 reporting period;

9 (4) the full name and mailing address of each person
10 who has made one or more contributions to or for the
11 committee within the reporting period in an aggregate
12 amount or value in excess of \$150, together with the
13 amounts and dates of those contributions, and, if the
14 contributor is an individual who contributed more than
15 \$500, the occupation and employer of the contributor or, if
16 the occupation and employer of the contributor are unknown,
17 a statement that the committee has made a good faith effort
18 to ascertain this information;

19 (5) the total sum of individual contributions made to
20 or for the committee during the reporting period and not
21 reported under item (4);

22 (6) the name and address of each political committee
23 from which the reporting committee received, or to which
24 that committee made, any transfer of funds in the aggregate
25 amount or value in excess of \$150, together with the
26 amounts and dates of all transfers;

1 (7) the total sum of transfers made to or from the
2 committee during the reporting period and not reported
3 under item (6);

4 (8) each loan to or from any person, political
5 committee, or financial institution within the reporting
6 period by or to the committee in an aggregate amount or
7 value in excess of \$150, together with the full names and
8 mailing addresses of the lender and endorsers, if any; the
9 dates and amounts of the loans; and, if a lender or
10 endorser is an individual who loaned or endorsed a loan of
11 more than \$500, the occupation and employer of that
12 individual or, if the occupation and employer of the
13 individual are unknown, a statement that the committee has
14 made a good faith effort to ascertain this information;

15 (9) the total amount of proceeds received by the
16 committee from (i) the sale of tickets for each dinner,
17 luncheon, cocktail party, rally, and other fund-raising
18 events; (ii) mass collections made at those events; and
19 (iii) sales of items such as political campaign pins,
20 buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,
21 literature, and similar materials;

22 (10) each contribution, rebate, refund, income from
23 investments, or other receipt in excess of \$150 received by
24 the committee not otherwise listed under items (4) through
25 (9) and, if the contributor is an individual who
26 contributed more than \$500, the occupation and employer of

1 the contributor or, if the occupation and employer of the
2 contributor are unknown, a statement that the committee has
3 made a good faith effort to ascertain this information;

4 (11) the total sum of all receipts by or for the
5 committee or candidate during the reporting period;

6 (12) the full name and mailing address of each person
7 to whom expenditures have been made by the committee or
8 candidate within the reporting period in an aggregate
9 amount or value in excess of \$150; the amount, date, and
10 purpose of each of those expenditures; and the question of
11 public policy or the name and address of, and the office
12 sought by, each candidate on whose behalf that expenditure
13 was made;

14 (13) the full name and mailing address of each person
15 to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and
16 reimbursed expenses in excess of \$150 has been made and
17 that is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date,
18 and purpose of the expenditure;

19 (14) the value of each asset held as an investment, as
20 of the final day of the reporting period;

21 (15) the total sum of expenditures made by the
22 committee during the reporting period; and

23 (16) the full name and mailing address of each person
24 to whom the committee owes debts or obligations in excess
25 of \$150 and the amount of those debts or obligations.

26 For purposes of reporting campaign receipts and expenses,

1 income from investments shall be included as receipts during
2 the reporting period they are actually received. The gross
3 purchase price of each investment shall be reported as an
4 expenditure at time of purchase. Net proceeds from the sale of
5 an investment shall be reported as a receipt. During the period
6 investments are held they shall be identified by name and
7 quantity of security or instrument on each semi-annual report
8 during the period.

9 (b) Each report of a campaign contribution of \$1,000 or
10 more required under subsection (c) of Section 9-10 shall
11 disclose the following:

12 (1) the name and address of the political committee;

13 (2) the name and address of the person submitting the
14 report on behalf of the committee, if other than the
15 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer; and

16 (3) the full name and mailing address of each person
17 who has made a contribution of \$1,000 or more.

18 (c) Each quarterly report shall include the following
19 information regarding any independent expenditures made during
20 the reporting period: (1) the full name and mailing address of
21 each person to whom an expenditure in excess of \$150 has been
22 made in connection with an independent expenditure; (2) the
23 amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure; (3) a statement
24 whether the independent expenditure was in support of or in
25 opposition to a particular candidate; (4) the name of the
26 candidate; (5) the office and, when applicable, district,

1 sought by the candidate; and (6) a certification, under penalty
2 of perjury, that such expenditure was not made in cooperation,
3 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion
4 of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such
5 committee. The report shall also include (I) the total of all
6 independent expenditures of \$150 or less made during the
7 reporting period and (II) the total amount of all independent
8 expenditures made during the reporting period.

9 (d) The Board shall by rule define a "good faith effort".

10 The reports of campaign contributions filed under this
11 Article shall be cumulative during the reporting period to
12 which they relate.

13 (e) Each report shall be verified, dated, and signed by
14 either the treasurer of the political committee or the
15 candidate on whose behalf the report is filed and shall contain
16 the following verification:

17 "I declare that this report (including any accompanying
18 schedules and statements) has been examined by me and, to the
19 best of my knowledge and belief, is a true, correct, and
20 complete report as required by Article 9 of the Election Code.
21 I understand that willfully filing a false or incomplete
22 statement is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000."

23 (f) A political committee may amend a report filed under
24 subsection (a) or (b). The Board may reduce or waive a fine if
25 the amendment is due to a technical or inadvertent error and
26 the political committee files the amended report, except that a

1 report filed under subsection (b) must be amended within 5
2 business days. The State Board shall ensure that a description
3 of the amended information is available to the public. The
4 Board may promulgate rules to enforce this subsection.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-15)

7 Sec. 9-15. It shall be the duty of the Board-

8 (1) to develop prescribed forms for filing statements
9 of organization and required reports;

10 (2) to prepare, publish, and furnish to the appropriate
11 persons a manual of instructions setting forth recommended
12 uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting under this
13 Article;

14 (3) to prescribe suitable rules and regulations to
15 carry out the provisions of this Article. Such rules and
16 regulations shall be published and made available to the
17 public;

18 (4) to send by first class mail, after the general
19 primary election in even numbered years, to the chairperson
20 ~~chairman~~ of each regularly constituted State central
21 committee, county central committee and, in counties with a
22 population of more than 3,000,000, to the committeepersons
23 ~~committeemen~~ of each township and ward organization of each
24 political party notice of their obligations under this
25 Article, along with a form for filing the statement of

1 organization;

2 (5) to promptly make all reports and statements filed
3 under this Article available for public inspection and
4 copying no later than 2 business days after their receipt
5 and to permit copying of any such report or statement at
6 the expense of the person requesting the copy;

7 (6) to develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing
8 system consistent with the purposes of this Article;

9 (7) to compile and maintain a list of all statements or
10 parts of statements pertaining to each candidate;

11 (8) to prepare and publish such reports as the Board
12 may deem appropriate;

13 (9) to annually notify each political committee that
14 has filed a statement of organization with the Board of the
15 filing dates for each quarterly report, provided that such
16 notification shall be made by first-class mail unless the
17 political committee opts to receive notification
18 electronically via email; and

19 (10) to promptly send, by first class mail directed
20 only to the officers of a political committee, and by
21 certified mail to the address of the political committee,
22 written notice of any fine or penalty assessed or imposed
23 against the political committee under this Article.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-1263, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/9-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-20)

1 Sec. 9-20. Any person who believes a violation of this
 2 Article has occurred may file a verified complaint with the
 3 Board. Such verified complaint shall be directed to a candidate
 4 or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of a political
 5 committee, and shall be subject to the following requirements:

6 (1) The complaint shall be in writing.

7 (2) The complaint shall state the name of the candidate or
 8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ or treasurer of a political committee
 9 against whom the complaint is directed.

10 (3) The complaint shall state the statutory provisions
 11 which are alleged to have been violated.

12 (4) The complaint shall state the time, place, and nature
 13 of the alleged offense.

14 The complaint shall be verified, dated, and signed by the
 15 person filing the complaint in substantially the following
 16 manner: VERIFICATION:

17 "I declare that this complaint (including any accompanying
 18 schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the
 19 best of my knowledge and belief is a true and correct complaint
 20 as required by Article 9 of The Election Code. I understand
 21 that the penalty for willfully filing a false complaint shall
 22 be a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in a penal
 23 institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed 6 months,
 24 or both fine and imprisonment."

25

26 (date of filing)

1 (signature of person filing the complaint)

2 (Source: P.A. 78-1183.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/10-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-2)

4 Sec. 10-2. The term "political party", as hereinafter used
5 in this Article 10, shall mean any "established political
6 party", as hereinafter defined and shall also mean any
7 political group which shall hereafter undertake to form an
8 established political party in the manner provided for in this
9 Article 10: Provided, that no political organization or group
10 shall be qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a
11 place on a ballot, which organization or group is associated,
12 directly or indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other
13 un-American principles and engages in activities or propaganda
14 designed to teach subservience to the political principles and
15 ideals of foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the
16 established constitutional form of government of the United
17 States and the State of Illinois.

18 A political party which, at the last general election for
19 State and county officers, polled for its candidate for
20 Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is
21 hereby declared to be an "established political party" as to
22 the State and as to any district or political subdivision
23 thereof.

24 A political party which, at the last election in any
25 congressional district, legislative district, county,

1 township, municipality or other political subdivision or
2 district in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire vote
3 cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as
4 the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of
5 officers to serve the respective territorial area of such
6 district or political subdivision, is hereby declared to be an
7 "established political party" within the meaning of this
8 Article as to such district or political subdivision.

9 Any group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new
10 political party throughout the State, or in any congressional,
11 legislative or judicial district, or in any other district or
12 in any political subdivision (other than a municipality) not
13 entirely within a single county, shall file with the State
14 Board of Elections a petition, as hereinafter provided; and any
15 such group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new
16 political party within any county shall file such petition with
17 the county clerk; and any such group of persons hereafter
18 desiring to form a new political party within any municipality
19 or township or within any district of a unit of local
20 government other than a county shall file such petition with
21 the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners
22 of such municipality, township or other unit of local
23 government, as the case may be. Any such petition for the
24 formation of a new political party throughout the State, or in
25 any such district or political subdivision, as the case may be,
26 shall declare as concisely as may be the intention of the

1 signers thereof to form such new political party in the State,
2 or in such district or political subdivision; shall state in
3 not more than 5 words the name of such new political party;
4 shall at the time of filing contain a complete list of
5 candidates of such party for all offices to be filled in the
6 State, or such district or political subdivision as the case
7 may be, at the next ensuing election then to be held; and, if
8 such new political party shall be formed for the entire State,
9 shall be signed by 1% of the number of voters who voted at the
10 next preceding Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified
11 voters, whichever is less. If such new political party shall be
12 formed for any district or political subdivision less than the
13 entire State, such petition shall be signed by qualified voters
14 equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who
15 voted at the next preceding regular election in such district
16 or political subdivision in which such district or political
17 subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to
18 serve its respective territorial area. However, whenever the
19 minimum signature requirement for a district or political
20 subdivision new political party petition shall exceed the
21 minimum number of signatures for State-wide new political party
22 petitions at the next preceding State-wide general election,
23 such State-wide petition signature requirement shall be the
24 minimum for such district or political subdivision new
25 political party petition.

26 For the first election following a redistricting of

1 congressional districts, a petition to form a new political
2 party in a congressional district shall be signed by at least
3 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. For the
4 first election following a redistricting of legislative
5 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a
6 legislative district shall be signed by at least 3,000
7 qualified voters of the legislative district. For the first
8 election following a redistricting of representative
9 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a
10 representative district shall be signed by at least 1,500
11 qualified voters of the representative district.

12 For the first election following redistricting of county
13 board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the
14 first election following the initial establishment of such
15 districts or wards in a county or municipality, a petition to
16 form a new political party in a county board district or in a
17 municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters
18 of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total
19 number of votes cast at the preceding general or municipal
20 election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal
21 office voted on throughout the county or municipality for which
22 the greatest total number of votes were cast for all
23 candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in
24 any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or
25 ward.

26 In the case of a petition to form a new political party

1 within a political subdivision in which officers are to be
2 elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall
3 consist of separate components for each district from which an
4 officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated
5 only within a district of the political subdivision and signed
6 only by qualified electors who are residents of such district.
7 Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the
8 names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be
9 filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets
10 comprising each component shall also contain the names of those
11 candidates to be elected from the particular district. Each
12 component of the petition for each district from which an
13 officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of
14 the district equalling in number not less than 5% of the number
15 of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in
16 such district at which an officer was elected to serve the
17 district. The entire petition, including all components, must
18 be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire
19 political subdivision equalling in number not less than 5% of
20 the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular
21 election in such political subdivision at which an officer was
22 elected to serve the political subdivision at large.

23 The filing of such petition shall constitute the political
24 group a new political party, for the purpose only of placing
25 upon the ballot at such next ensuing election such list or an
26 adjusted list in accordance with Section 10-11, of party

1 candidates for offices to be voted for throughout the State, or
2 for offices to be voted for in such district or political
3 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, under the
4 name of and as the candidates of such new political party.

5 If, at such ensuing election, the new political party's
6 candidate for Governor shall receive more than 5% of the entire
7 votes cast for Governor, then such new political party shall
8 become an "established political party" as to the State and as
9 to every district or political subdivision thereof. If, at such
10 ensuing election, the other candidates of the new political
11 party, or any other candidate or candidates of the new
12 political party shall receive more than 5% of all the votes
13 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates
14 at such election, in the State, or in any district or political
15 subdivision, as the case may be, then and in that event, such
16 new political party shall become an "established political
17 party" within the State or within such district or political
18 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, in which
19 such candidate or candidates received more than 5% of the votes
20 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates.
21 It shall thereafter nominate its candidates for public offices
22 to be filled in the State, or such district or political
23 subdivision, as the case may be, under the provisions of the
24 laws regulating the nomination of candidates of established
25 political parties at primary elections and political party
26 conventions, as now or hereafter in force.

1 A political party which continues to receive for its
2 candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for
3 Governor, shall remain an "established political party" as to
4 the State and as to every district or political subdivision
5 thereof. But if the political party's candidate for Governor
6 fails to receive more than 5% of the entire vote cast for
7 Governor, or if the political party does not nominate a
8 candidate for Governor, the political party shall remain an
9 "established political party" within the State or within such
10 district or political subdivision less than the State, as the
11 case may be, only so long as, and only in those districts or
12 political subdivisions in which, the candidates of that
13 political party, or any candidate or candidates of that
14 political party, continue to receive more than 5% of all the
15 votes cast for the office or offices for which they were
16 candidates at succeeding general or consolidated elections
17 within the State or within any district or political
18 subdivision, as the case may be.

19 Any such petition shall be filed at the same time and shall
20 be subject to the same requirements and to the same provisions
21 in respect to objections thereto and to any hearing or hearings
22 upon such objections that are hereinafter in this Article 10
23 contained in regard to the nomination of any other candidate or
24 candidates by petition. If any such new political party shall
25 become an "established political party" in the manner herein
26 provided, the candidate or candidates of such new political

1 party nominated by the petition hereinabove referred to for
2 such initial election, shall have power to select any such
3 party committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons
4 ~~committeemen~~ as shall be necessary for the creation of a
5 provisional party organization and provisional managing
6 committee or committees for such party within the State, or in
7 any district or political subdivision in which the new
8 political party has become established; and the party
9 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~
10 so selected shall constitute a provisional party organization
11 for the new political party and shall have and exercise the
12 powers conferred by law upon any party committeeperson
13 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ to manage and
14 control the affairs of such new political party until the next
15 ensuing primary election at which the new political party shall
16 be entitled to nominate and elect any party committeeperson
17 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the State, or
18 in such district or political subdivision under any parts of
19 this Act relating to the organization of political parties.

20 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a
21 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated
22 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is
23 ineligible for nomination as a candidate of a new political
24 party for election in that general election.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-875.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6.2)

2 Sec. 10-6.2. The State Board of Elections, the election
3 authority or the local election official with whom petitions
4 for nomination are filed pursuant to this Article 10 shall
5 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt
6 shall endorse thereon the day and the hour at which each
7 petition was filed. Except as provided by Article 9 of The
8 School Code, all petitions filed by persons waiting in line as
9 of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as of the normal
10 opening hour of the office involved on such day, shall be
11 deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour, as the
12 case may be. Petitions filed by mail and received after
13 midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail
14 delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00
15 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day,
16 as the case may be. All petitions received thereafter shall be
17 deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more
18 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline
19 shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions
20 are received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections, the
21 election authority or the local election official with whom
22 such petitions are filed shall break ties and determine the
23 order of filing by means of a lottery or other fair and
24 impartial method of random selection approved by the State
25 Board of Elections. Such lottery shall be conducted within 9
26 days following the last day for petition filing and shall be

1 open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and
2 place of conducting such random selection shall be given, by
3 the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or local
4 election official, to the Chairperson ~~Chairman~~ of each
5 political party, and to each organization of citizens within
6 the election jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Code,
7 at the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on
8 the day of election. The State Board of Elections, the election
9 authority or local election official shall post in a
10 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the
11 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The State
12 Board of Elections shall adopt rules and regulations governing
13 the procedures for the conduct of such lottery. All candidates
14 shall be certified in the order in which their petitions have
15 been filed and in the manner prescribed by Section 10-14 and
16 10-15 of this Article. Where candidates have filed
17 simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order determined
18 by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the same office or
19 offices at a later time. Certificates of nomination filed
20 within the period prescribed in Section 10-6(2) for candidates
21 nominated by caucus for township or municipal offices shall be
22 subject to the ballot placement lottery for established
23 political parties prescribed in Section 7-60 of this Code.

24 If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a
25 candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections,
26 appropriate election authority or local election official

1 where the petitions are filed shall within 2 business days
2 notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings
3 and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the
4 notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate
5 election authority or local election official that he or she
6 may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies
7 the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
8 local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall
9 be the only petitions to be considered valid by the State Board
10 of Elections, election authority or local election official. If
11 the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections,
12 appropriate election authority or local election official then
13 only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all
14 subsequent petitions shall be void.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

17 Sec. 10-8. Certificates of nomination and nomination
18 papers, and petitions to submit public questions to a
19 referendum, being filed as required by this Code, and being in
20 apparent conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be
21 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in
22 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing
23 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition
24 for a public question, with the following exceptions:

25 A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the

1 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a
2 period of 35 business days after the last day for the
3 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

4 B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of
5 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire
6 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after
7 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which
8 objections can be filed.

9 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district in
10 which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or
11 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed
12 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory
13 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire
14 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or
15 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's
16 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal office
17 or the permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections,
18 or in the office of the election authority or local election
19 official with whom the certificate of nomination, nomination
20 papers or petitions are on file. Objection petitions that do
21 not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the
22 case of nomination papers or certificates of nomination, the
23 State Board of Elections, election authority or local election
24 official shall note the day and hour upon which such objector's
25 petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the
26 second business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by

1 registered mail or receipted personal delivery the certificate
2 of nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's
3 petition to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the proper electoral
4 board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized
5 agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail or
6 receipted personal delivery of the objector's petition, to the
7 candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers
8 are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated
9 in said certificate of nomination or nomination papers. In the
10 case of objections to a petition for a proposed amendment to
11 Article IV of the Constitution or for an advisory public
12 question to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the
13 State Board of Elections shall note the day and hour upon which
14 such objector's petition is filed and shall transmit a copy of
15 the objector's petition by registered mail or receipted
16 personal delivery to the person designated on a certificate
17 attached to the petition as the principal proponent of such
18 proposed amendment or public question, or as the proponents'
19 attorney, for the purpose of receiving notice of objections. In
20 the case of objections to a petition for a public question, to
21 be submitted to the voters of a political subdivision, or
22 district thereof, the election authority or local election
23 official with whom such petition is filed shall note the day
24 and hour upon which such objector's petition was filed, and
25 shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day
26 after receipt of the petition, transmit by registered mail or

1 received personal delivery the petition for the public
2 question and the original objector's petition to the
3 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the proper electoral board designated
4 in Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized agent, and shall
5 transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal
6 delivery, of the objector's petition to the person designated
7 on a certificate attached to the petition as the principal
8 proponent of the public question, or as the proponent's
9 attorney, for the purposes of receiving notice of objections.

10 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and
11 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the
12 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination
13 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest
14 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the
15 electoral board.

16 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10
17 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to
18 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,
19 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to which
20 it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions for
21 the submission of public questions under Article 28.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/10-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-9)

24 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated
25 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's

1 petition described in Section 10-8.

2 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon
3 objections to the nominations of candidates for State
4 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional or
5 legislative offices that are in more than one county or are
6 wholly located within a single county with a population of
7 less than 3,000,000 and judicial offices of districts,
8 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,
9 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's
10 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be
11 elected from more than one county, and petitions for
12 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of
13 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the
14 Constitution.

15 2. The county officers electoral board of a county with
16 a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass upon
17 objections to the nominations of candidates for county
18 offices and judicial offices of a district, subcircuit, or
19 circuit coterminous with or less than a county, for any
20 school district offices, for the office of multi-township
21 assessor where candidates for such office are nominated in
22 accordance with this Code, and for all special district
23 offices, shall be composed of the county clerk, or an
24 assistant designated by the county clerk, the State's
25 attorney of the county or an Assistant State's Attorney
26 designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk of the

1 circuit court, or an assistant designated by the clerk of
2 the circuit court, of the county, of whom the county clerk
3 or his designee shall be the chairperson ~~chairman~~, except
4 that in any county which has established a county board of
5 election commissioners that board shall constitute the
6 county officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school
7 district is located in 2 or more counties, the county
8 officers electoral board of the county in which the
9 principal office of the school district is located shall
10 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates
11 for school district office in that school district.

12 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county
13 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass
14 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county
15 offices, candidates for congressional and legislative
16 offices if the district is wholly within a county with a
17 population of 3,000,000 or more, unless the district is
18 wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of a municipal
19 board of election commissioners, and judicial offices of a
20 district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less
21 than a county, for any school district offices, for the
22 office of multi-township assessor where candidates for
23 such office are nominated in accordance with this Code, and
24 for all special district offices, shall be composed of the
25 county clerk, or an assistant designated by the county
26 clerk, the State's Attorney of the county or an Assistant

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

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

24 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon
25 objections to the nominations of township officers shall be
26 composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk, and

1 that eligible town trustee elected in the township who has
2 had the longest term of continuous service as town trustee,
3 of whom the township supervisor shall be the chairperson
4 ~~chairman~~.

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

13 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,
14 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or
15 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal
16 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all
17 cases where the school district or special district is
18 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of
19 election commissioners and in all cases where the
20 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the
21 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
22 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall
23 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

24 For special districts situated in more than one county, the
25 county officers electoral board of the county in which the
26 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction to

1 hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this Section,
2 "special districts" means all political subdivisions other
3 than counties, municipalities, townships and school and
4 community college districts.

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

10 a. In the county officers electoral board by the county
11 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the
12 sheriff of the county.

13 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the
14 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member
15 who has served the second greatest number of years as a
16 city council or board of trustees member.

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

20 d. In the education officers electoral board by the
21 eligible elected community college district board member
22 who has had the second longest term of continuous service
23 as a board member.

24 In the event that the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the electoral
25 board is ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she
26 is a candidate for the office with relation to which the

1 objector's petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under
2 the provisions of this Section shall be the chairperson
3 ~~chairman~~; In this case, the officer or board with whom the
4 objector's petition is filed, shall transmit the certificate of
5 nomination or nomination papers as the case may be, and the
6 objector's petition to the substitute chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
7 the electoral board.

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

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

24 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

1 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the
2 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or proposed
3 question of public policy, as the case may be, and the
4 objector's petition, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the electoral
5 board other than the State Board of Elections shall send a call
6 by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the
7 electoral board, and to the objector who filed the objector's
8 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of
9 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
10 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of a question of
11 public policy, as the case may be, whose petitions are objected
12 to, and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties
13 in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of
14 such call upon each of such officers and persons, which call
15 shall set out the fact that the electoral board is required to
16 meet to hear and pass upon the objections to nominations made
17 for the office, designating it, and shall state the day, hour
18 and place at which the electoral board shall meet for the
19 purpose, which place shall be in the county court house in the
20 county in the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the
21 Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers
22 Electoral Board or the Education Officers Electoral Board,
23 except that the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the
24 Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers
25 Electoral Board may meet at the location where the governing
26 body of the municipality, township, or community college

1 district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled
2 meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter
3 records may be removed from the offices of an election
4 authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of
5 the election authority. In those cases where the State Board of
6 Elections is the electoral board designated under Section 10-9,
7 the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the State Board of Elections shall,
8 within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of
9 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed
10 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed
11 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered
12 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's
13 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of
14 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
15 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed
16 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public
17 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the
18 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be
19 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent branch
20 office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be
21 less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the
22 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the
23 objector's petition by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
24 electoral board.

25 The electoral board shall have the power to administer
26 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the request

1 of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of its
2 members, may authorize the chairperson ~~chairman~~ to issue
3 subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas
4 duces tecum requiring the production of such books, papers,
5 records and documents as may be evidence of any matter under
6 inquiry before the electoral board, in the same manner as
7 witnesses are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

8 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or
9 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and
10 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by
11 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes
12 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served
13 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena, or
14 to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a petition
15 in the circuit court of the county in which such hearing is to
16 be heard, or has been attempted to be heard, setting forth the
17 facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect, and accompanying the
18 petition with a copy of the citation and the answer, if one has
19 been filed, together with a copy of the subpoena and the return
20 of service thereon, and shall apply for an order of court
21 requiring such person to attend and testify, and forthwith
22 produce books and papers, before the electoral board. Any
23 circuit court of the state, excluding the judge who is sitting
24 on the electoral board, upon such showing shall order such
25 person to appear and testify, and to forthwith produce such
26 books and papers, before the electoral board at a place to be

1 fixed by the court. If such person shall knowingly fail or
2 refuse to obey such order of the court without lawful excuse,
3 the court shall punish him or her by fine and imprisonment, as
4 the nature of the case may require and may be lawful in cases
5 of contempt of court.

6 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall
7 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and
8 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,
9 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the
10 objection or by other interested persons.

11 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on
12 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the
13 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
14 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy
15 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the
16 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election
17 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of
18 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and
19 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of
20 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed in
21 the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12 of
22 this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at
23 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular
24 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of
25 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party
26 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or

1 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,
2 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election
3 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of valid
4 to invalid signatures within the particular election
5 jurisdiction.

6 The electoral board shall take up the question as to
7 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination
8 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they
9 were filed within the time and under the conditions required by
10 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of
11 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they purport
12 to be, and whether or not in the case of the certificate of
13 nomination in question it represents accurately the decision of
14 the caucus or convention issuing it, and in general shall
15 decide whether or not the certificate of nomination or
16 nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether the
17 objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of a
18 majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to
19 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral
20 board must state its findings in writing and must state in
21 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of
22 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the
23 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If
24 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the
25 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent
26 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally

1 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is
2 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or
3 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party affected
4 by the decision or to such party's attorney of record, if any,
5 at the address on record for such person in the files of the
6 electoral board.

7 Upon the expiration of the period within which a proceeding
8 for judicial review must be commenced under Section 10-10.1,
9 the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for judicial
10 review has been commenced within such period, transmit, by
11 registered or certified mail, a certified copy of its ruling,
12 together with the original certificate of nomination or
13 nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's
14 petition, to the officer or board with whom the certificate of
15 nomination or nomination papers or petitions, as objected to,
16 were on file, and such officer or board shall abide by and
17 comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-78,
19 eff. 7-20-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/11-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-6)

21 Sec. 11-6. Within 60 days after July 1, 2014 (the effective
22 date of Public Act 98-691), each election authority shall
23 transmit to the principal office of the State Board of
24 Elections and publish on any website maintained by the election
25 authority maps in electronic portable document format (PDF)

1 showing the current boundaries of all the precincts within its
2 jurisdiction. Whenever election precincts in an election
3 jurisdiction have been redivided or readjusted, the county
4 board or board of election commissioners shall prepare maps in
5 electronic portable document format (PDF) showing such
6 election precinct boundaries no later than 90 days before the
7 next scheduled election. The maps shall show the boundaries of
8 all political subdivisions and districts. The county board or
9 board of election commissioners shall immediately forward
10 copies thereof to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county
11 central committee in the county, to each township, ward, or
12 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and each local election
13 official whose political subdivision is wholly or partly in the
14 county and, upon request, shall furnish copies thereof to each
15 candidate for political or public office in the county and
16 shall transmit copies thereof to the principal office of the
17 State Board of Elections and publish copies thereof on any
18 website maintained by the election authority.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

21 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the
22 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in
23 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5
24 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of
25 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting

1 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems
2 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
3 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable
4 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general
5 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered
6 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team
7 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election
8 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
9 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
10 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
11 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board
12 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in
13 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this
14 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
15 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
16 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
17 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
18 nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county board
19 passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of election
20 to 3 for primary elections. The tally judges 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 judges of election.

24 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of
25 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,
26 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be

1 appointed in the same manner and with the same division between
2 political parties as is provided for other judges of election.
3 The number of such panels of judges required shall be
4 determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections which
5 shall base the required numbers of special panels on the number
6 of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of vote
7 by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any combination
8 of such factors.

9 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as
10 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3
11 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges
12 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The
13 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county
14 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as
15 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified
16 list, furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the County
17 Central Committee of the first leading political party in such
18 precinct; and the county board of commissioners shall also
19 select and approve 2 persons as judges of election in each
20 election precinct from a certified list, furnished by the
21 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the
22 second leading political party. However, if only 3 judges of
23 election serve in each election precinct, no more than 2
24 persons of the same political party shall be judges of election
25 in the same election precinct; and which political party is
26 entitled to 2 judges of election and which political party is

1 entitled to one judge of election shall be determined in the
2 same manner as set forth in the next two preceding sentences
3 with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct. Such
4 certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not less
5 than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board of
6 commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to
7 precincts. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each county central
8 committee shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside
9 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.
10 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of
11 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county
12 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,
13 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the
14 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3
15 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the
16 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2
17 judges. The county board of commissioners shall acknowledge in
18 writing to each county chairperson ~~chairman~~ the names of all
19 persons submitted on such certified list and the total number
20 of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or such
21 list is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient number
22 of names are furnished for certain election precincts), the
23 county board of commissioners shall make or complete such list
24 from the names contained in the supplemental list provided for
25 in Section 13-1.1. The election judges shall hold their office
26 for 2 years from their appointment, and until their successors

1 are duly appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The
2 county board of commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the
3 office of judge of election at any time in the manner provided
4 in this Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/13-1.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1.1)

7 Sec. 13-1.1. In addition to the list provided for in
8 Section 13-1 or 13-2, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county
9 central committee, or each township committeeperson in a county
10 with a population of more than 3,000,000, of each of the two
11 leading political parties shall submit to the county board a
12 supplemental list, arranged according to precincts in which
13 they are to serve, of persons available as judges of election,
14 the names and number of all persons listed thereon to be
15 acknowledged in writing to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or
16 township committeeperson, as the case may be, submitting such
17 list by the county board. Vacancies among the judges of
18 election shall be filled by selection from this supplemental
19 list of persons qualified under Section 13-4. If the list
20 provided for in Section 13-1 or 13-2 for any precinct is
21 exhausted, then selection shall be made from the supplemental
22 list submitted by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county
23 central committee, or each township committeeperson in a county
24 with a population of more than 3,000,000, of the party. If such
25 supplemental list is exhausted for any precinct, then selection

1 shall be made from any of the persons on the supplemental list
2 without regard to the precincts in which they are listed to
3 serve. No selection or appointment from the supplemental list
4 shall be made more than 21 days prior to the date of precinct
5 registration for those judges needed as precinct registrars,
6 and more than 60 days prior to the date of an election for
7 those additional persons needed as election judges. In any case
8 where selection cannot be made from the supplemental list
9 without violating Section 13-4, selection shall be made from
10 outside the supplemental list of some person qualified under
11 Section 13-4.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

14 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the
15 county board shall at its meeting in July in each even-numbered
16 year except in counties containing a population of 3,000,000
17 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are appointed
18 by election commissioners, select in each election precinct in
19 the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be judges of
20 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this
21 Act for such judges. Where neither voting machines nor
22 electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems are used, the
23 county board may, for any precinct with respect to which the
24 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of
25 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any

1 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
2 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.
3 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the
4 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally
5 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated
6 pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the
7 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same
8 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and
9 with the same division between political parties as is provided
10 for judges of election.

11 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election
12 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required
13 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in
14 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or
15 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in
16 the office of representative in the United States Congress or
17 to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county
18 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of
19 election to 3 for primary elections.

20 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall
21 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
22 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
23 and with the same division between political parties as is
24 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
25 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of
26 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required

1 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
2 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at
3 recent elections or any combination of such factors.

4 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
5 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
6 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various
7 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The
8 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges
9 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the
10 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the
11 first leading political party in such election precinct and
12 shall also select and approve 2 judges of election in each
13 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the
14 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the
15 second leading political party in such election precinct.
16 However, if only 3 judges of election serve in each election
17 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party
18 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct; and
19 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
20 which political party is entitled to one judge of election
21 shall be determined in the same manner as set forth in the next
22 two preceding sentences with regard to 5 election judges in
23 each precinct. The respective County Central Committee
24 chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall notify the county board by June 1 of
25 each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual
26 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list

1 will be filed by such chairperson ~~chairman~~. Such list shall be
2 arranged according to precincts. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
3 each county central committee shall, insofar as possible, list
4 persons who reside within the precinct in which they are to
5 serve as judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion,
6 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct but
7 within the county embracing the precinct in which they are to
8 serve. He must, however, submit the names of at least 2
9 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
10 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one
11 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
12 is to have 2 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be
13 filed with the county clerk not less than 20 days before the
14 annual meeting of the county board. The county board shall
15 acknowledge in writing to each county chairperson ~~chairman~~ the
16 names of all persons submitted on such certified list and the
17 total number of persons listed thereon. If no such list is
18 filed or the list is incomplete (that is, no names or an
19 insufficient number of names are furnished for certain election
20 precincts), the county board shall make or complete such list
21 from the names contained in the supplemental list provided for
22 in Section 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in any case where a
23 township has been or shall be redistricted, in whole or in
24 part, subsequent to one general election for Governor, and
25 prior to the next, the judges of election to be selected for
26 all new or altered precincts shall be selected in that one of

1 the methods above detailed, which shall be applicable according
2 to the facts and circumstances of the particular case, but the
3 majority of such judges for each such precinct shall be
4 selected from the first leading political party, and the
5 minority judges from the second leading political party.
6 Provided, further, that in counties having a population of
7 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the selection of judges of
8 election shall be made in the same manner in all respects as in
9 other counties, except that the provisions relating to tally
10 judges are inapplicable to such counties and except that the
11 county board shall meet during the month of January for the
12 purpose of making such selection, each township
13 committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities given to the
14 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee in this
15 Section for the precincts within his or her township, and the
16 township committeeperson shall notify the county board by the
17 preceding October 1 whether or not the certified list will be
18 filed. Such judges of election shall hold their office for 2
19 years from their appointment and until their successors are
20 duly appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county
21 board shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
22 elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

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

25 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/13-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-3)

2 Sec. 13-3. After the judges of election have been selected
3 and approved as hereinbefore provided, a report of such
4 selections shall be made by the county board and filed in the
5 circuit court, and application shall then be made by the county
6 board to the court for their confirmation and appointment,
7 whereupon the court shall enter an order that cause be shown,
8 if any exists, against the confirmation and appointment of such
9 persons so named on or before the opening of the court on a day
10 to be fixed by the court. The county board shall immediately
11 give notice of such order and the names of all such judges so
12 reported to such court for confirmation and their residence and
13 the precinct for which they were selected by causing a notice
14 to be published in one or more newspapers in the county and if
15 no newspaper be published therein then by posting such notice
16 in 5 of the most public places in the county. The notice shall
17 state that a list of judges of election is available for public
18 inspection in the office of the election authority. If no cause
19 to the contrary is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in
20 each precinct, at least one judge representing each of the two
21 major political parties has been certified by the county clerk
22 as having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6
23 months the training course and examination for judges of
24 election, as provided in Section 13-2.1 and 13-2.2 of this Act,
25 such appointment shall be confirmed by order entered by that
26 court.

1 If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so
2 certified by the county clerk as having satisfactorily
3 completed such course and examination, the county clerk shall
4 immediately notify all judges in that precinct, to whose
5 appointment there is no other objection, that all such judges
6 shall attend the next such course. The county clerk shall then
7 certify to the court that all such judges have been so notified
8 (and such certification need contain no detail other than a
9 mere recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be
10 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so
11 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,
12 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from
13 office at the option of the election authority.

14 If objections to the appointment of any judge be filed
15 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,
16 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence
17 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to
18 confirm such nominations as the interests of the public may
19 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If
20 any vacancy exists at any time the county board shall, subject
21 to the provisions of Section 13-1.1, further report and
22 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the
23 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider
24 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the
25 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such
26 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such

1 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms
2 shall be prepared by the county clerk of each county for such
3 purpose and furnished to the county board, and after
4 confirmation and acceptance of such commission, such judges
5 shall thereupon become officers of such court. If a vacancy
6 occurs so late that nomination by the county board and
7 application to and confirmation by the court cannot be had
8 before the election, then the court shall, subject to the
9 provisions of Section 13-1.1, make an appointment and issue a
10 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed
11 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and
12 subject to the same rules as if nominated by the county board
13 and confirmed by the court, and any judge, however appointed,
14 and at whatever time, shall be considered an officer of court
15 and be subject to the same control and punishment in case of
16 misbehavior. Not more than 10 business days after the day of
17 election, the county clerk shall compile a list containing the
18 name, address and party affiliation of each judge of election
19 who served on the day of election, and shall preserve such list
20 and make it available for public inspection and copying for a
21 period of not more than one year from the date of receipt of
22 such list. Copies of such list shall be available for purchase
23 at a cost not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board has
24 the right, at any time, in case of misbehavior or neglect of
25 duty, to remove any judge of election and cause such vacancy to
26 be filled in accordance with this Act. Except for judges

1 appointed under subsection (b) of Section 13-4, the board shall
2 have the right, at any time, to remove any judge of election
3 for failing to vote the primary ballot of the political party
4 he represents, at a primary election at which he served as such
5 judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance
6 with this Act. The board shall remove any judge of election
7 who, twice during the same term of office, fails to provide for
8 the opening of the polling place at the time prescribed in
9 Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is applicable, unless
10 such delay can be demonstrated by the judge of election to be
11 beyond his or her control. In the event that any judge of
12 election is removed for cause, the board shall specify such
13 cause in writing and make such writing a matter of public
14 record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county
15 chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the
16 election judge. If any vacancies occur or exist more than 15
17 days before election the judges appointed to such places must
18 be confirmed by such court. The county board shall not
19 voluntarily remove any judge within 15 days of such election
20 except for flagrant misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and
21 the reason therefor must afterward be reported in writing to
22 such court and made a matter of public record, with a copy to
23 be sent to the appropriate county chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made
24 the initial recommendation of the election judge. Provided
25 further that where a vacancy in the office of judge of election
26 exists 20 days or less prior to any election in counties having

1 a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, or where such
2 vacancy exists 10 days or less prior to any election in
3 counties having less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the county
4 clerk shall, subject to the provisions of Section 13-1.1,
5 appoint a person of the same major political party to fill such
6 vacancy and issue a commission thereto. The name of the officer
7 so appointed shall be reported to the court as a matter of
8 record and after acceptance of such commission such person
9 shall be liable in the same manner as officers regularly
10 appointed by the county board and confirmed by the court. The
11 county clerk shall have the power on election day to remove
12 without cause any judge of election appointed by the other
13 judges of election pursuant to Section 13-7 and to appoint
14 another judge of election to serve for that election. Such
15 substitute judge of election must be selected, where possible,
16 pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-1.1 and must be
17 qualified in accordance with Section 13-4.

18 If any precinct has increased in voter registration beyond
19 the maximum of 800 provided in Section 11-2, the county clerk
20 may appoint one additional judge of election from each
21 political party for each 200 voters in excess of 800.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/13-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-4)

24 Sec. 13-4. Qualifications.

25 (a) All persons elected or chosen judge of election must:

1 (1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at
2 the next election, except as provided in subsection (b) or (c);
3 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to the
4 registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act;
5 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English language; (4)
6 be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic; (5) be
7 of good understanding and capable; (6) not be candidates for
8 any office at the election and not be elected committeepersons
9 ~~committeemen~~; and (7) reside in the precinct in which they are
10 selected to act, except that in each precinct, not more than
11 one judge of each party may be appointed from outside such
12 precinct. Any judge selected to serve in any precinct in which
13 he is not entitled to vote must reside within and be entitled
14 to vote elsewhere within the county which encompasses the
15 precinct in which such judge is appointed, except as provided
16 in subsection (b) or (c). Such judge must meet the other
17 qualifications of this Section.

18 (b) An election authority may establish a program to permit
19 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an
20 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the
21 person serves as a judge, he or she:

22 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

23 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in
24 a public or private secondary school;

25 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
26 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

1 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the
2 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
3 appointment;

4 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
5 legal guardian;

6 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course
7 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and
8 13-2.2; and

9 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
10 service as an election judge.

11 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
12 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
13 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
14 certify in writing to the election authority the political
15 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

16 Students appointed as election judges under this
17 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
18 day they serve as judges.

19 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit
20 a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or county
21 to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date of the
22 election at which the person serves as a judge, he or she:

23 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

24 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as
25 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or
26 private Illinois university or college;

1 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
2 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

3 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course
4 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and
5 13-2.2; and

6 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
7 service as an election judge.

8 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
9 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
10 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
11 certify in writing to the election authority the political
12 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

13 Students appointed as election judges under this
14 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
15 day they serve as judges.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;
17 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

19 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners
20 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and
21 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5
22 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct
23 in such city, village or incorporated town.

24 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical
25 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election

1 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the
2 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of
3 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any
4 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
5 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.
6 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the
7 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally
8 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated
9 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the
10 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same
11 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and
12 with the same division between political parties as is provided
13 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to
14 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties
15 with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

16 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

17 (1) be citizens of the United States;

18 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to
19 the registration requirement of the Sex Offender
20 Registration Act;

21 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English
22 language;

23 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of
24 arithmetic;

25 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

26 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election

1 and not be elected committeepersons ~~committeemen~~;

2 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in
3 which they are selected to serve, except that in each
4 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be
5 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so
6 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not
7 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within
8 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such
9 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the
10 qualifications of this Section, except as provided in
11 subsection (c) or (c-5).

12 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit
13 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an
14 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the
15 person serves as a judge, he or she:

16 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

17 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in
18 a public or private secondary school;

19 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
20 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

21 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the
22 secondary school he or she attends at the time of
23 appointment;

24 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or
25 legal guardian;

26 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course

1 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,
2 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

3 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
4 service as an election judge.

5 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
6 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
7 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
8 certify in writing to the election authority the political
9 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

10 Students appointed as election judges under this
11 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
12 day they serve as judges.

13 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to
14 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or
15 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date
16 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or
17 she:

18 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

19 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as
20 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or
21 private Illinois university or college;

22 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to
23 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

24 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course
25 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,
26 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

1 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and
2 service as an election judge.

3 No more than one election judge qualifying under this
4 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to
5 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must
6 certify in writing to the election authority the political
7 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

8 Students appointed as election judges under this
9 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the
10 day they serve as judges.

11 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2
12 additional judges of election, one from each of the major
13 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any
14 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section
15 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications
16 prescribed in this Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;
18 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.1)

20 Sec. 14-3.1. The board of election commissioners shall,
21 during the month of July of each even-numbered year, select for
22 each election precinct within the jurisdiction of the board 5
23 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the
24 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. The
25 selection shall be made by a county board of election

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

25 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election
26 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party

1 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and
2 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
3 which political party is entitled to one judge of election
4 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county
5 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges
6 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of
7 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each
8 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such
9 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall
10 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
11 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
12 and with the same division between political parties as is
13 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
14 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of
15 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
16 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
17 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at
18 recent elections or any combination of such factors. A
19 municipal board of election commissioners shall make the
20 selections of persons qualified under Section 14-1 from
21 certified lists furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
22 respective county central committees, or each ward
23 committeeperson in a municipality of 500,000 or more
24 inhabitants, of the 2 leading political parties. Lists
25 furnished by chairmen of county central committees or ward
26 committeepersons, as the case may be, under this Section shall

1 be arranged according to precincts. The chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
2 each county central committee or ward committeepersons, as the
3 case may be, shall, insofar as possible, list persons who
4 reside within the precinct in which they are to serve as
5 judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the
6 names of persons who reside outside the precinct but within the
7 county embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He
8 must, however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the
9 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3
10 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the
11 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2
12 judges. The board of election commissioners shall no later than
13 March 1 of each even-numbered year notify the chairmen of the
14 respective county central committees or ward committeepersons,
15 as the case may be, of their responsibility to furnish such
16 lists, and each such chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall furnish the
17 board of election commissioners with the list for his party on
18 or before May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of
19 election commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
20 county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or ward committeepersons, as the
21 case may be, the names of all persons submitted on such
22 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
23 If no such list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient
24 number of names are furnished for certain precincts, the board
25 of election commissioners shall make or complete such list from
26 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in

1 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for
2 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are
3 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of
4 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of
5 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
6 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

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

9 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.2)

11 Sec. 14-3.2. In addition to the list provided for in
12 Section 14-3.1, the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
13 committee, or each ward committeeperson in a municipality of
14 500,000 or more inhabitants, of each of the 2 leading political
15 parties shall furnish to the board of election commissioners a
16 supplemental list, arranged according to precinct in which they
17 are to serve, of persons available as judges of election, the
18 names and number of all persons listed thereon to be
19 acknowledged in writing to the county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or
20 ward committeepersons, as the case may be, submitting such list
21 by the board of election commissioners. The board of election
22 commissioners shall select from this supplemental list persons
23 qualified under Section 14-1, to fill vacancies among the
24 judges of election. If the list provided for in Section 14-3.1
25 for any precinct is exhausted, then selection shall be made

1 from the supplemental list furnished by the chairperson
2 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee or ward
3 committeepersons, as the case may be, of the party. If such
4 supplemental list is exhausted for any precinct, then selection
5 shall be made from any of the persons on the supplemental list
6 without regard to the precincts in which they are listed to
7 serve. No selection or appointment from the supplemental list
8 shall be made more than 21 days prior to the date of precinct
9 registration for those judges needed as precinct registrars,
10 and more than 60 days prior to the date of an election for
11 those additional persons needed as election judges. In any case
12 where selection cannot be made from the supplemental list
13 without violating Section 14-1, selection shall be made from
14 outside the supplemental list of some person qualified under
15 Section 14-1.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

18 Sec. 14-5. After the judges are selected and have agreed to
19 serve as provided in Sections 14-1 to 14-4, inclusive, then a
20 report of such selections shall be made and filed in the court,
21 and application shall then be made by the board to the circuit
22 court for their confirmation and appointment, whereupon the
23 court shall enter an order that cause be shown, if any exists,
24 against the confirmation and appointment of such persons so
25 named, on or before the opening of the court on a day to be

1 fixed by the court. And the board of commissioners shall
2 immediately give notice of such order and the names of all such
3 judges so reported to such court for confirmation, and their
4 residence and the precinct for which they were selected, by
5 causing a notice to be published in one or more newspapers in
6 such city, village or incorporated town, and if no newspaper be
7 published in such city, village or incorporated town, then by
8 posting such notice in 3 of the most public places in such
9 city, village or town. The notice shall state that a list of
10 judges of election is available for public inspection in the
11 office of the election authority. If no cause to the contrary
12 is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in each precinct, at
13 least one judge representing each of the two major political
14 parties has been certified by the board of commissioners as
15 having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6 months
16 the training course and examination for judges of election, as
17 provided in Section 14-4.1 of this Act such appointments shall
18 be confirmed by order entered by that court.

19 If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so
20 certified by the board of commissioners as having
21 satisfactorily completed such course and examination, the
22 board of commissioners shall immediately notify all judges in
23 that precinct, to whose appointment there is no other
24 objection, that all such judges shall attend the next such
25 course. The board of commissioners shall then certify to the
26 court that all such judges have been so notified (and such

1 certification need contain no detail other than a mere
2 recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be
3 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so
4 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,
5 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from
6 office at the option of the election authority.

7 If objections to the appointment of any such judge is filed
8 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,
9 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence
10 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to
11 confirm such nominations, as the interests of the public may
12 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If
13 any vacancies exist by reason of the action of such board or
14 otherwise, at any time, the board of commissioners shall,
15 subject to the provisions of Section 14-3.2, further report and
16 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the
17 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider
18 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the
19 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such
20 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such
21 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms
22 shall be prepared by the board of commissioners for such
23 purpose. After such confirmation and acceptance of such
24 commission, such judges shall thereupon become officers of such
25 court. If a vacancy occurs so late that application to and
26 confirmation by the court cannot be had before the election,

1 then the board of commissioners shall, subject to the
2 provisions of Section 14-3.2, make an appointment and issue a
3 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed
4 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and
5 subject to the same rules and punishment, in case of
6 misbehavior, as if confirmed by the court, and any judge,
7 however appointed, and at whatever time, shall be considered an
8 officer of court, and be subject to the same control and
9 punishment in case of misbehavior. Not more than 10 business
10 days after the day of election, the board of election
11 commissioners shall compile a list containing the name, address
12 and party affiliation of each judge of election who served on
13 the day of election, and shall preserve such list and make it
14 available for public inspection and copying for a period of not
15 more than one year from the date of receipt of such list.
16 Copies of such list shall be available for purchase at a cost
17 not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board of
18 commissioners has the right at any time, in case of misbehavior
19 or neglect of duty, to remove any judge of election, and shall
20 cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance with this Act.
21 Except for judges appointed under subsection (c) of Section
22 14-1, the board has the right, at any time, to remove any judge
23 of election for failing to vote the primary ballot of the
24 political party he represents at a primary election at which he
25 served as such judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled
26 in accordance with this Act. The board shall remove any judge

1 of election who, twice during the same term of office, fails to
2 provide for the opening of the polling place at the time
3 prescribed in Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is
4 applicable, unless such delay can be demonstrated by the judge
5 of election to be beyond his or her control. In the event that
6 any judge of election is removed for cause, the board shall
7 specify such cause in writing and make such writing a matter of
8 public record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county
9 chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the
10 election judges. The judges of election must be appointed and
11 confirmed at least 35 days prior to the next election.

12 If any vacancy shall occur or exist, more than 5 days
13 before election the judges appointed to such places must be
14 confirmed by such court. Such commissioners shall not
15 voluntarily remove any judge within 5 days of such election,
16 except for flagrant misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and
17 the reasons therefor must afterwards be reported in writing to
18 such court and made a matter of public record, with a copy to
19 be sent to the appropriate county chairperson ~~chairman~~ who made
20 the initial recommendation of the election judge. If such
21 removal be wilful and without cause, the commissioners shall be
22 punished for contempt of court and subject to removal. The
23 board of election commissioners shall have the power on
24 election day to remove without cause any judge of election
25 appointed by the other judges of election pursuant to Section
26 14-6 and to appoint another judge of election to serve for that

1 election. Such substitute judge of election must be selected,
2 where possible, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-3.2
3 and must be qualified in accordance with Section 14-1.

4 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

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

6 Sec. 17-18.1. Wherever the judicial retention ballot to be
7 used in any general election contains the names of more than 15
8 judges on a separate paper ballot, the County Clerk or Board of
9 Election Commissioners as the case may be, shall designate
10 special judges of election for the purpose of tallying and
11 canvassing the votes cast for and against the propositions for
12 the retention of judges in office in such places and at such
13 times as the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners
14 determine. Special judges of election shall be designated from
15 certified lists submitted by the respective chairmen of the
16 county central committees of the two leading political parties.
17 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
18 Commissioners as the case may be, decides that the counting of
19 the retention ballots shall be performed in the precinct where
20 such ballots are cast, 2 special judges of election shall be
21 designated to tally and canvass the vote of each precinct with
22 one being named from each of the 2 leading political parties.

23 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
24 Commissioners decides that the judicial retention ballots from
25 several precincts shall be tallied and canvassed in a central

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

15 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall
16 apply to the Circuit Court for the confirmation of the special
17 judges of election designated under this Section. The court
18 shall confirm or refuse to confirm such designations as the
19 interest of the public may require. Those confirmed shall be
20 officers of the court and subject to its disciplinary powers.

21 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall,
22 in the exercise of sound discretion, prescribe the forms,
23 materials and supplies together with the procedures for
24 completion and return thereof for use in such election by
25 special judges of election. The special judges of election
26 designated under this Section shall have full responsibility

1 and authority for tallying and canvassing the votes pertaining
2 to the retention of judges and the return of ballots and
3 supplies.

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

1 respective time periods. Before a ballot box may be reused, it
2 shall in the presence of all of the judges of election be
3 verified to be empty, whereupon it shall be resealed. After the
4 close of the polls, and after the tally of votes cast by vote
5 by mail voters, the special judges of election shall add
6 together the tallies of all the ballot boxes used throughout
7 the day, and complete the canvass of votes for retention of
8 judges in the manner established by this Act. All of these
9 procedures shall be carried out within the clear view of the
10 other judges of election. The sealed containers of used
11 retention ballots shall be returned with other voted ballots to
12 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners in the
13 manner provided by this Act.

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

16 This Section does not affect any other office or the
17 conduct of any other election held at the same time as the
18 election for the retention of judges in office.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/17-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-22)

21 Sec. 17-22. The judges of election shall make the tally
22 sheet and certificate of results in triplicate. If, however,
23 the number of established political parties, as defined in
24 Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one additional copy shall be made for
25 each established political party in excess of 2. One list of

1 voters, or other proper return with such certificate written
2 thereon, and accompanying tally sheet footed up so as to show
3 the correct number of votes cast for each person voted for,
4 shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up by the judges of
5 election, 2 of whom (one from each of the 2 major political
6 parties) shall immediately deliver same to the county clerk, or
7 his deputy, at the office of the county clerk, or to an
8 officially designated receiving station established by the
9 county clerk where a duly authorized representative of the
10 county clerk shall receive said envelopes for immediate
11 transmission to the office of county clerk, who shall safely
12 keep them. The other certificates of results and accompanying
13 tally sheet shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up and duly
14 directed, respectively, to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
15 county central committee of each then existing established
16 political party, and by another of the judges of election
17 deposited immediately in the nearest United States letter
18 deposit. However, if any county chairperson ~~chairman~~ notifies
19 the county clerk not later than 10 days before the election of
20 his desire to receive the envelope addressed to him at the
21 point and at the time same are delivered to the county clerk,
22 his deputy or receiving station designee the envelopes shall be
23 delivered to such county chairperson ~~chairman~~ or his designee
24 immediately upon receipt thereof by the county clerk, his
25 deputy or his receiving station designee. The person or persons
26 so designated by a county chairperson ~~chairman~~ shall sign an

1 official receipt acknowledging receipt of said envelopes. The
2 poll book and tally list filed with the county clerk shall be
3 kept one year, and certified copies thereof shall be evidence
4 in all courts, proceedings and election contests. Before the
5 returns are sealed up, as aforesaid, the judges shall compare
6 the tally papers, footings and certificates and see that they
7 are correct and duplicates of each other, and certify to the
8 correctness of the same.

9 At the consolidated election, the judges of election shall
10 make a tally sheet and certificate of results for each
11 political subdivision for which candidates or public questions
12 are on the ballot at such election, and shall sign, seal in a
13 marked envelope and deliver them to the county clerk with the
14 other certificates of results herein required. Such tally
15 sheets and certificates of results may be duplicates of the
16 tally sheet and certificate of results otherwise required by
17 this Section, showing all votes for all candidates and public
18 questions voted for or upon in the precinct, or may be on
19 separate forms prepared by the election authority and showing
20 only those votes cast for candidates and public questions of
21 each such political subdivision.

22 Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the
23 consolidated election, the county clerk shall transmit an
24 original, sealed tally sheet and certificate of results from
25 each precinct in his jurisdiction in which candidates or public
26 questions of a political subdivision were on the ballot to the

1 local election official of such political subdivision. Each
2 local election official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of
3 the tally sheets and certificates of results for all precincts
4 in which candidates or public questions of his political
5 subdivision were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed
6 tally sheets and certificates of results to the canvassing
7 board for that political subdivision.

8 In the case of referenda for the formation of a political
9 subdivision, the tally sheets and certificates of results shall
10 be transmitted by the county clerk to the circuit court that
11 ordered the proposition submitted or to the officials
12 designated by the court to conduct the canvass of votes. In the
13 case of school referenda for which a regional superintendent of
14 schools is responsible for the canvass of votes, the county
15 clerk shall transmit the tally sheets and certificates of
16 results to the regional superintendent of schools.

17 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
18 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as
19 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
20 is applicable.

21 Only judges appointed under the provisions of subsection
22 (a) of Section 13-4 or subsection (b) of Section 14-1 may make
23 any delivery required by this Section from judges of election
24 to a county clerk, or his or her deputy, at the office of the
25 county clerk or to a county clerk's duly authorized
26 representative at the county clerk's officially designated

1 receiving station.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1003, eff. 7-6-10.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (4) In any general election held to elect 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 Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a

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

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

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

1 information concerning pollwatchers before making credentials
2 available to such persons or organizations.

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

5 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

6 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

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

22 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
23 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
24 that he or she resides at (address) in the

1 county of, (township or municipality)
 2 of (name), State of Illinois, and is duly
 3 registered to vote in Illinois.

4
 5 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 6 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

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

1 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
2 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

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

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

25 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
26 following form:

1 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

2 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

9

10 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH
CANDIDATE SEEKS
NOMINATION OR
ELECTION

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

1 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
2 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
3 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
4 violations of this Code.

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

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

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/18-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-1)

2 Sec. 18-1. The provisions of this Article 18 shall be
3 applicable only to and in municipalities operating under
4 Article 6 of this Act.

5 At every election in any municipality operating under
6 Article 6 of this Act, each of the political parties shall have
7 the right to designate a canvasser for each election precinct,
8 who may make a canvass of the precinct in which he is appointed
9 to act, not less than 20 nor more than 31 days previous to such
10 election, for the purpose of ascertaining the names and
11 addresses of the legal voters residing in such precinct. An
12 authority signed by the executive director of the board of
13 election commissioners, shall be sufficient evidence of the
14 right of such canvasser to make a canvass of the precinct in
15 which he is appointed to act. The executive director of the
16 board of election commissioners shall issue such certificate of
17 authority to any person designated in a written request signed
18 by the recognized chairperson ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of
19 the chief managing committee of a political party in such city,
20 village or incorporated town; and a record shall be kept in the
21 office of the election commissioners of all appointments of
22 such canvassers. In making such canvass no person shall refuse
23 to answer questions and give the information asked for and
24 known to him or her.

25 (Source: P.A. 82-373.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/18-14) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-14)

2 Sec. 18-14. The judges of election shall make duplicate
3 statements of the result of the canvass, which shall be written
4 or partly written and partly printed. Each of the statements
5 shall contain a caption stating the day on which, and the
6 number of the election precinct and the ward, city and county,
7 in relation to which such statements shall be made, and the
8 time of opening and closing of the polls of such election
9 precinct. It shall also contain a statement showing the whole
10 number of votes given for each person, designating the office
11 for which they were given, which statement shall be written, or
12 partly written and partly printed, in words at length; and in
13 case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at
14 such election, such statements shall also show the whole number
15 of votes cast for or against such proposition, written out or
16 partly written and partly printed, in words at length, and at
17 the end thereof a certificate that such statement is correct in
18 all respects; which certificate, and each sheet of paper
19 forming part of the statement, shall be subscribed by the
20 judges. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he
21 shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof,
22 signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of
23 the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall
24 then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive
25 material; and each of the judges shall write his name across

1 every fold at which the envelope, if unfastened, could be
2 opened. One of the envelopes shall be directed to the county
3 clerk and one to the comptroller of the city, or to the officer
4 of such city whose duties correspond with those of comptroller.
5 The judges of election shall make quadruplicate sets of
6 tallies, and each set of tallies shall also be signed by the
7 judges of the election. If, however, the number of established
8 political parties, as defined in Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one
9 additional set of tallies shall be made and signed for each
10 established political party in excess of 2. Each set shall be
11 enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed and signed in like
12 manner; and one of the envelopes shall be directed on the
13 outside to the election commissioners and the other to the
14 city, village or town clerk; the other two envelopes shall be
15 addressed, respectively, to the chairmen of the county central
16 committees of the established political parties. On the outside
17 of every envelope shall be endorsed whether it contains the
18 statements of the votes cast or the tallies, and for what
19 precinct and ward, village or town.

20 However, in those jurisdictions where electronic voting
21 systems utilizing in-precinct counting equipment are used, one
22 such envelope shall be transmitted to the chairperson ~~chairman~~
23 of the county central committee of each established political
24 party and 2 such envelopes shall be transmitted to the board of
25 election commissioners.

26 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are

1 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as
2 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
3 is applicable.

4 At the nonpartisan and consolidated elections, the judges
5 of election shall make a tally sheet and certificate of results
6 for each political subdivision as to which candidates or public
7 questions are on the ballot at such election, except where such
8 votes are to be canvassed by the board of election
9 commissioners or by the city canvassing board provided in
10 Section 22-8. The judges shall sign, seal in a marked envelope
11 and deliver them to the county clerk with the other
12 certificates of results herein required. Such tally sheets and
13 certificates of results may be duplicates of the tally sheet
14 and certificate of results otherwise required by this Section,
15 showing all votes for all candidates and public questions voted
16 for or upon in the precinct, or may be on separate forms
17 prepared by the election authority and showing only those votes
18 cast for candidates and public questions of each such political
19 subdivision.

20 Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the
21 consolidated and nonpartisan elections, the board of election
22 commissioners shall transmit an original, sealed tally sheet
23 and certificate of results from each precinct in its
24 jurisdiction in which candidates or public questions of a
25 political subdivision were on the ballot to the local election
26 official of such political subdivision where a local canvassing

1 board is designated to canvass such votes. Each local election
2 official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of the tally sheets
3 and certificates of results for all precincts in which
4 candidates or public questions of his political subdivision
5 were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed tally sheets and
6 certificates of results to the canvassing board for that
7 political subdivision.

8 In the case of referenda for the formation of a political
9 subdivision the tally sheets and certificates of results shall
10 be transmitted by the board of election commissioners to the
11 circuit court that ordered the proposition submitted or to the
12 officials designated by the court to conduct the canvass of
13 votes. In the case of school referenda for which a regional
14 superintendent of schools is responsible for the canvass of
15 votes, the board of election commissioners shall transmit the
16 tally sheets and certificates of results to the regional
17 superintendent.

18 (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

20 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President
21 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the
22 following manner:

23 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of
24 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in
25 this State shall choose by its State Convention or State

1 central committee electors of President and Vice-President of
2 the United States and such State Convention or State central
3 committee of such party or group shall also choose electors at
4 large, if any are to be appointed for this State and such State
5 Convention or State central committee of such party or group
6 shall by its chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretary certify the
7 total list of such electors together with electors at large so
8 chosen to the State Board of Elections.

9 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such
10 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the
11 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such
12 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided in
13 choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President of
14 the United States.

15 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political
16 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President
17 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the
18 election to be held on the day in this Act above named. In lieu
19 of the names of the candidates for such electors of President
20 and Vice-President, immediately under the appellation of party
21 name of a party or group in the column of its candidates on the
22 official ballot, to be voted at said election first above named
23 in subsection (1) of Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there
24 shall be printed within a bracket the name of the candidate for
25 President and the name of the candidate for Vice-President of
26 such party or group with a square to the left of such bracket.

1 Each voter in this State from the several lists or sets of
2 electors so chosen and selected by the said respective
3 political parties or groups, may choose and elect one of such
4 lists or sets of electors by placing a cross in the square to
5 the left of the bracket aforesaid of one of such parties or
6 groups. Placing a cross within the square before the bracket
7 enclosing the names of President and Vice-President shall not
8 be deemed and taken as a direct vote for such candidates for
9 President and Vice-President, or either of them, but shall only
10 be deemed and taken to be a vote for the entire list or set of
11 electors chosen by that political party or group so certified
12 to the State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by
13 means of placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the
14 appellation or title of the particular political party or
15 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the
16 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,
17 but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the entire
18 list or set of electors chosen by that political party or group
19 so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein
20 provided.

21 (c) Such certification by the respective political parties
22 or groups in this State of electors of President and
23 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections
24 within 2 days after such State convention or meeting of the
25 State central committee in which the electors were chosen.

26 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and

1 selection of electors of the same political party or group be
2 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it shall
3 be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10 days
4 after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to meet
5 and determine which set of nominees for electors of such party
6 or group was chosen and selected by the authorized convention
7 of such party or group. The Board, after notice to the
8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and secretaries or managers of the
9 conventions or groups and after a hearing shall determine which
10 set of electors was so chosen by the authorized convention and
11 shall so announce and publish the fact, and such decision shall
12 be final and the set of electors so determined upon by the
13 electoral board to be so chosen shall be the list or set of
14 electors to be deemed elected if that party shall be successful
15 at the polls, as herein provided.

16 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a
17 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the
18 executive committee of the party or group for such
19 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to
20 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the
21 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the
22 State committee of such political party or group, and certified
23 by it to the State Board of Elections.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

1 Sec. 22-1. Abstracts of votes. Within 21 days after the
2 close of the election at which candidates for offices
3 hereinafter named in this Section are voted upon, the election
4 authorities of the respective counties shall open the returns
5 and make abstracts of the votes on a separate sheet for each of
6 the following:

7 A. For Governor and Lieutenant Governor;

8 B. For State officers;

9 C. For presidential electors;

10 D. For United States Senators and Representatives to
11 Congress;

12 E. For judges of the Supreme Court;

13 F. For judges of the Appellate Court;

14 G. For judges of the circuit court;

15 H. For Senators and Representatives to the General
16 Assembly;

17 I. For State's Attorneys elected from 2 or more
18 counties;

19 J. For amendments to the Constitution, and for other
20 propositions submitted to the electors of the entire State;

21 K. For county officers and for propositions submitted
22 to the electors of the county only;

23 L. For Regional Superintendent of Schools;

24 M. For trustees of Sanitary Districts; and

25 N. For Trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees.

26 Each sheet shall report the returns by precinct or ward.

1 Multiple originals of each of the sheets shall be prepared
2 and one of each shall be turned over to the chairperson
3 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each of the then
4 existing established political parties, as defined in Section
5 10-2, or his duly authorized representative immediately after
6 the completion of the entries on the sheets and before the
7 totals have been compiled.

8 The foregoing abstracts shall be preserved by the election
9 authority in its office.

10 Whenever any county clerk is unable to canvass the vote,
11 the deputy county clerk or a designee of the county clerk shall
12 serve in his or her place.

13 The powers and duties of the election authority canvassing
14 the votes are limited to those specified in this Section.

15 No person who is shown by the election authority's
16 proclamation to have been elected at the consolidated election
17 or general election as a write-in candidate shall take office
18 unless that person has first filed with the certifying office
19 or board a statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10 or
20 Section 10-5, a statement pursuant to Section 7-10.1, and a
21 receipt for filing a statement of economic interests in
22 relation to the unit of government to which he or she has been
23 elected. For officers elected at the consolidated election, the
24 certifying officer shall notify the election authority of the
25 receipt of those documents, and the county clerk shall issue
26 the certification of election under the provisions of Section

1 22-18.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;
3 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/22-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-4)

5 Sec. 22-4. On the day appointed, the clerk and the
6 chairperson ~~chairmen~~ (or vice-chairperson ~~vice-chairman~~ or
7 secretary, as the case may be) of the county central committees
8 of the Republican and Democratic parties and other canvassers,
9 or, in case of their absence the state's attorney or sheriff,
10 shall attend, and the parties interested shall appear and
11 determine by lot which of them is to be declared elected; and
12 the clerk shall issue his certificate of election to the person
13 thus declared elected.

14 (Source: Laws 1955, p. 1015.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/22-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-8)

16 Sec. 22-8. In municipalities operating under Article 6 of
17 this Act, within 21 days after the close of such election, the
18 board of election commissioners shall open all returns and
19 shall make abstracts or statements of the votes for all offices
20 and questions voted on at the election.

21 Each abstract or statement shall report the returns by
22 precinct or ward.

23 Multiple originals of each of the abstracts or statements
24 shall be prepared and one of each shall be turned over to the

1 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each of
2 the then existing established political parties, as defined in
3 Section 10-2.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;
5 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/22-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15)

7 Sec. 22-15. The election authority shall, upon request, and
8 by mail if so requested, furnish free of charge to any
9 candidate for any office, whose name appeared upon the ballot
10 within the jurisdiction of the election authority, a copy of
11 the abstract of votes by precinct or ward for all candidates
12 for the office for which such person was a candidate. Such
13 abstract shall be furnished no later than 2 days after the
14 receipt of the request or 8 days after the completing of the
15 canvass, whichever is later.

16 Within one calendar day following the canvass and
17 proclamation of each general primary election and general
18 election, each election authority shall transmit to the
19 principal office of the State Board of Elections copies of the
20 abstracts of votes by precinct or ward for the offices of ward,
21 township, and precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ via
22 overnight mail so that the abstract of votes arrives at the
23 address the following calendar day. Each election authority
24 shall also transmit to the principal office of the State Board
25 of Elections copies of current precinct poll lists.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;
2 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/22-15.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15.1)

4 Sec. 22-15.1. (a) Within 60 days following the canvass of
5 the general election within each election jurisdiction, the
6 election authority shall prepare, in typewritten or legible
7 computer-generated form, a report of the abstracts of votes by
8 precinct for all offices and questions of public policy in
9 connection with which votes were cast within the election
10 jurisdiction at the general election. The report shall include
11 the total number of ballots cast within each precinct or ward
12 and the total number of registered voters within each precinct
13 or ward. The election authority shall provide a copy of the
14 report to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
15 committee of each established political party in the county
16 within which the election jurisdiction is contained, and shall
17 make a reasonable number of copies of the report available for
18 distribution to the public.

19 (b) Within 60 days after the effective date of this
20 amendatory Act of 1985, each election authority shall prepare,
21 in typewritten or legible computer-generated form, a report of
22 the type required by subsection (a) concerning the general
23 election of 1984. The election authority shall provide a copy
24 of the report to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
25 committee of each established political party in the county in

1 which the election jurisdiction is contained, and shall make a
2 reasonable number of copies of the report available for
3 distribution to the public.

4 (c) An election authority may charge a fee to reimburse the
5 actual cost of duplicating each copy of a report provided
6 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b).

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/24-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-13)

9 Sec. 24-13. Four sets of ballot labels for use in each
10 voting machine shall be provided for each polling place for
11 each election by the election authority. There shall also be
12 furnished all other necessary materials or supplies for the
13 proper use of the voting machines, including durable
14 transparent noninflammable covering at least 1/16 inch thick
15 with which all the ballot labels shall be securely covered to
16 prevent shifting, tampering with or mutilations of the ballot
17 labels, facsimile diagrams, return sheets, certificates, forms
18 and materials of all kinds provided for in this Article. The
19 election authority shall before the day of election, cause the
20 proper ballot labels, together with the transparent protective
21 covering for same, to be put upon each machine, corresponding
22 with the sample ballot labels herein provided for, and the
23 machine in every way to be put in order, set and adjusted,
24 ready for use in voting when delivered at the precinct polling
25 places and for the purpose of so labeling the machine, putting

1 in order, setting and adjusting the same, they may employ one
2 competent person to be known as the voting machine custodian
3 and additional deputy custodians as required. The election
4 authority shall, preceding each election day, holding a meeting
5 or meetings for the purpose of instructing all election
6 precinct officials who are to serve in an election precinct
7 where voting machines are to be used. Before preparing any
8 voting machines for any election, the election authority shall
9 cause written notices to be sent to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
10 the county central committee of each political party having a
11 candidate or candidates on the ballot, or the chairperson
12 ~~chairman~~ of each municipal or township committee of each
13 political party having candidates on the ballot, in the case of
14 a municipal or township election, stating the times when, and
15 the place or places where, the voting machines will be prepared
16 for the election; they shall also cause written notices to be
17 sent to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of any
18 organization of citizens within the county, or other political
19 subdivision, having as its purpose, or among its purposes or
20 interests, the prevention, investigation or prosecution of
21 election frauds, which has registered its name and address and
22 the names of its principal officers with the officer, officers
23 or board having charge of the preparation of the machines for
24 the election, at least 40 days before such election, stating
25 the times when, and the place or places where, the voting
26 machines will be prepared for the election, at which times and

1 place or places, one representative of each such political
2 party, certified by the respective chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
3 county managing committee of each such political party, or the
4 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the municipal or township committee in
5 the case of a municipal or township election, and one
6 representative of each such candidate, certified by such
7 candidate, and one representative of each organization of
8 citizens, certified by the respective chairperson ~~chairman~~ or
9 presiding officers of such organizations shall be entitled to
10 be present and see that the machines are properly prepared and
11 tested and placed in proper condition and order for use at the
12 election. The custodian or custodians of voting machines and
13 the party representatives shall take the constitutional oath of
14 office. It shall be the privilege of such party and
15 organization representatives to be present at the preparation
16 of the voting machines for the election and to see that each
17 machine is tested for accuracy and is properly prepared and
18 that all registering counters are set at zero. The custodian
19 shall, in the presence of the party and candidate and
20 organization representatives, prepare the voting machine for
21 the election and set all registering counters at zero, and he
22 shall then, assisted by the watchers, test each such
23 registering counter for accuracy by casting votes upon it, and
24 such testing shall be done in the presence of the watchers,
25 until each such registering counter is correctly registering
26 each vote cast upon it, and each certificate for each machine

1 shall state that this has been done, and the custodians shall
2 then, in the presence of the party and candidate and
3 organization representatives, reset each registering counter
4 to zero, and shall then immediately seal the voting machine
5 with a numbered metal seal, and a record of the number on the
6 seal shall then and there be made by the custodian on the
7 certificate for that machine and the seal shall be so placed as
8 to prevent operation of the machine or its registering counters
9 without breaking the seal, and the custodian shall then
10 immediately make a record on the certificate for that machine
11 of the reading shown on the protective counter. Immediately
12 after each machine has been so tested and prepared for the
13 election, it shall be the duty of such custodian or custodians
14 to make a certificate in writing which shall be filed in the
15 office of the election authority, stating the serial number of
16 each voting machine, whether or not such machine has all the
17 registering counters set at zero, whether or not such machine
18 has been tested by voting on each registering counter so as to
19 prove that each such registering counter is in perfect and
20 accurate working condition, the number registered on the
21 protective counter, and the number on the metal seal with which
22 the machine is sealed against operation. Unless objection is
23 filed, within 2 days, with the election authority, to the use
24 of a particular machine or machines, such voting machine or
25 machines when certified to be correct by the custodian shall be
26 conclusively presumed to have been properly prepared for use at

1 the election for which they were prepared. Any objection filed
2 shall particularly set forth the number of the machine objected
3 to, and the particulars or basis for the objection. The machine
4 shall then be locked so that it cannot be operated or voted
5 upon without first unlocking it and the keys shall be at once
6 returned to the custody of the election authority, and the
7 election authority shall cause the machine so labeled in order,
8 set and adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place,
9 together with all necessary furniture and appliances that go
10 with the same, not later than one hour before the hour at which
11 the polls are to be opened. The election authority shall
12 deliver the keys, which unlock the voting mechanism and the
13 registering counters or counter compartment of the voting
14 machine, to the precinct election board, not earlier than noon
15 on the Saturday preceding the election day, nor later than one
16 hour before the opening of the polls, and shall receive and
17 file a receipt therefor. The keys shall be enclosed in a sealed
18 envelope on which shall be written or printed: (1) The name,
19 number of or designation of the election precinct or district;
20 (2) The number of the voting machine; (3) The number of the
21 seal with which the machine is sealed; (4) The number
22 registered on the protective counter or device as reported by
23 the custodian. No precinct election official shall break the
24 seal of such envelope except in the presence of all members of
25 the precinct election board, and such envelope shall not be
26 opened until it shall have been examined by each member of the

1 precinct election board to see that it has not been previously
2 opened. Such envelope shall not be opened until it shall have
3 been found that the numbers and records recorded thereon are
4 correct and agree in every respect with the numbers and records
5 as shown on the machine. If any such number is found not to
6 agree with the numbers on the machine, the envelope shall not
7 be opened until the precinct election officials shall have
8 notified the election authority, and until the election
9 authority or some other person authorized by the election
10 authority shall have presented himself at the polling place for
11 the purpose of re-examining the machine, and shall have
12 certified that it is properly arranged after testing and
13 examining it. On the morning of the election the precinct
14 election officials shall meet in the polling place at least one
15 hour before the time for opening the polls. They shall see that
16 the sample ballot labels and instructions for voting are posted
17 properly, and prominently so that the voters can have easy
18 access to them and that the instruction model is placed on the
19 precinct election officials' table and that everything is in
20 readiness for voting at the hour of opening the polls. They
21 shall also see that the voting machine is properly illuminated
22 in accordance with the equipment furnished. The precinct
23 election officials shall compare the ballot labels on the
24 machine with the sample ballots and return sheets, see that
25 they are correct, examine and see that all the registering
26 counters in the machine are set at zero (0) or if the machine

1 is equipped with a device which will automatically record the
2 number on the registering columns on the back of the machine to
3 recording sheets of paper and the said paper can be removed
4 without opening the back of the machine, that all of the said
5 registering counters for each candidate as appears on the said
6 recording sheet registers (0) and that the public counter is
7 also set at zero (0) and that the machine is otherwise in
8 perfect order and they shall compare and record the number on
9 the metal seal with which the voting machine is sealed, with
10 the number furnished them as recorded on the envelope
11 containing the keys, by the election authority, and if the
12 number on the seal and the number on the protective counter do
13 not agree with the numbers supplied to them, they shall not
14 open the polls, but shall notify the election authority, and
15 the election authority or its authorized representatives or
16 custodian, shall, as soon as may be, test, examine and set the
17 machine in the same manner as is provided in this section for
18 the testing, setting and preparation of voting machines for an
19 election. If, after being so tested and examined, it is found
20 that such voting machine is in perfect working order, all
21 registering counters shall be set at zero (0), the reading of
22 the protective counter shall be read and recorded and the
23 precinct election officials may proceed with the opening of the
24 polls. If such machine be found not to be in perfect working
25 order as hereinbefore provided, it shall not be used in the
26 election, but shall be replaced with another machine which is

1 in perfect working order, properly set, tested and sealed, and
2 the election board shall then proceed to examine such machine
3 in the same manner as is provided in this section for the
4 examination of each voting machine by the election board before
5 the opening of the polls. They shall not thereafter permit the
6 counters to be operated or moved except by electors in voting,
7 and they shall also see that all necessary arrangements and
8 adjustments are made for voting irregular ballots on the
9 machine. Each precinct election official shall sign a
10 certificate which shall certify that he has complied with all
11 the provisions of this Article, and that, before the polls were
12 declared open, he found the ballot labels to be in their proper
13 places and to exactly agree with the facsimile diagrams and
14 return or recording sheet belonging to that precinct; all
15 registering counters set at zero (0); the number on the metal
16 seal and the number on the protective counter exactly agree
17 with the records furnished by the election authority; the metal
18 seal actually was sealed so as to prevent movement of the
19 voting machine mechanism without first breaking the seal; all
20 ballot labels were clean and without marks of any kind upon
21 them and they were in no way defaced or mutilated. When voting
22 machines are used in an election precinct, the watchers or
23 challengers representing the various political parties,
24 candidates and citizens' organizations, provided by law to be
25 present shall be permitted to be present from the time the
26 precinct election board convenes on election morning until the

1 completion of the canvass after the close of the polls. Such
2 watchers shall be permitted to carefully examine each voting
3 machine before the polls are declared open and to compare the
4 number of the metal seal and the number on the protective
5 counter with their own records, and to see that all ballot
6 labels are in their proper places, and that the machine
7 registering counters are all set at zero (0), and that the
8 machine or machines are in every way ready for voting at the
9 opening of the polls. If it is found that the ballot labels are
10 not in their proper places on the machine, or that they fail to
11 conform in any respect, with the facsimile diagrams and return
12 sheets belonging to the precinct, the precinct election
13 officials shall not use such machine but shall at once notify
14 the proper election authority, and such machine shall not be
15 used until the election authority or person authorized by it,
16 shall have supplied the proper ballot labels, and shall have
17 placed such proper ballot labels in their proper places, and
18 they shall have been found to be correct by the precinct
19 election officials and watchers. If any registering counter
20 shall be found not to be set at zero (0), the precinct election
21 officials shall immediately notify the custodian or officer or
22 officers or board having charge of the preparation of the
23 voting machines for the election or primary, and the election
24 authority or person authorized by him or them or it shall
25 adjust such registering counter or counters to zero (0), in the
26 presence of all the precinct election officials and watchers

1 serving in such election district.

2 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/24A-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-10)

4 Sec. 24A-10. (1) In an election jurisdiction which has
5 adopted an electronic voting system, the election official in
6 charge of the election shall select one of the 3 following
7 procedures for receiving, counting, tallying, and return of the
8 ballots:

9 (a) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
10 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes cast
11 on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot box is
12 for all votes cast on paper ballots, including any paper
13 ballots required to be voted other than on the electronic
14 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box shall
15 be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere provided in
16 "The Election Code," as amended, for the counting and handling
17 of paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
18 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
19 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the election.
20 Such slip shall be signed by all the judges of election and
21 shall be inserted by them in the first ballot box. The judges
22 of election shall thereupon immediately lock each ballot box;
23 provided, that if such box is not of a type which may be
24 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
25 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box

1 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way, and in such
2 manner that the seal completely covers the slot in the ballot
3 box, and each of the judges shall sign such seal. Thereupon two
4 of the judges of election, of different political parties,
5 shall forthwith and by the most direct route transport both
6 ballot boxes to the counting location designated by the county
7 clerk or board of election commissioners.

8 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the electronic
9 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened at
10 the central counting station by the two precinct transport
11 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, such team shall first count
12 the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are folded
13 together so as to appear to have been cast by the same person,
14 all of the ballots so folded together shall be marked and
15 returned with the other ballots in the same condition, as near
16 as may be, in which they were found when first opened, but
17 shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots are found to
18 exceed the number of persons voting in the precinct as shown by
19 the slip signed by the judges of election, the ballots shall be
20 replaced in the box, and the box closed and well shaken and
21 again opened and one of the precinct transport judges shall
22 publicly draw out so many ballots unopened as are equal to such
23 excess.

24 Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not Counted"
25 and signed by the two precinct transport judges and shall be
26 placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The

1 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section
2 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be
3 counted in the total of "defective" ballots.

4 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
5 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and
6 tabulate the write-in vote; or

7 (b) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
8 shall be used. All ballots which are not to be tabulated on the
9 electronic voting system shall be counted, tallied, and
10 returned as elsewhere provided in "The Election Code," as
11 amended, for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

12 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
13 electronic voting system shall be processed as follows:

14 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the precinct
15 judges of election then shall open the ballot box and canvass
16 the votes polled to determine that the number of ballots
17 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by the
18 applications for ballot or if the same do not agree the judges
19 of election shall make such ballots agree with the applications
20 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of "The
21 Election Code." The judges of election shall then examine all
22 ballot cards and ballot card envelopes which are in the ballot
23 box to determine whether the ballot cards and ballot card
24 envelopes bear the initials of a precinct judge of election. If
25 any ballot card or ballot card envelope is not initialed, it
26 shall be marked on the back "Defective," initialed as to such

1 label by all judges immediately under such word "Defective,"
2 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that
3 purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope."

4 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a
5 ballot card, before separating the ballot cards from their
6 respective covering envelopes, the judges of election shall
7 examine the ballot card envelopes for write-in votes. When the
8 voter has voted a write-in vote, the judges of election shall
9 compare the write-in vote with the votes on the ballot card to
10 determine whether such write-in results in an overvote for any
11 office. In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of
12 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
13 election of each of the two major political parties, shall make
14 a true duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card except
15 for the office which is overvoted, by using the ballot label
16 booklet of the precinct and one of the marking devices of the
17 precinct so as to transfer all votes of the voter except for
18 the office overvoted, to an official ballot card of that kind
19 used in the precinct at that election. The original ballot card
20 and envelope upon which there is an overvote shall be clearly
21 labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear the same serial
22 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of election,
23 commencing with number 1 and continuing consecutively for the
24 ballots of that kind in that precinct. The judges of election
25 shall initial the "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballot cards and
26 shall place them in the box for return of the ballots. The

1 "Overvoted Ballot" ballots and their envelopes shall be placed
2 in the "Duplicate Ballots" envelope. Envelopes bearing
3 write-in votes marked in the place designated therefor and
4 bearing the initials of a precinct judge of election and not
5 resulting in an overvote and otherwise complying with the
6 election laws as to marking shall be counted, tallied, and
7 their votes recorded on a tally sheet provided by the election
8 official in charge of the election. The ballot cards and ballot
9 card envelopes shall be separated and all except any defective
10 or overvoted shall be placed separately in the box for return
11 of the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
12 ballots and ballot cards to determine if any is damaged or
13 defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic
14 tabulating equipment. If any ballot or ballot card is damaged
15 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the
16 automatic tabulating equipment, the judges of election,
17 consisting in each case of at least one judge of election of
18 each of the two major political parties, shall make a true
19 duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card by using the
20 ballot label booklet of the precinct and one of the marking
21 devices of the precinct. The original ballot or ballot card and
22 envelope shall be clearly labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the
23 ballot or ballot card so produced "Duplicate Damaged Ballot,"
24 and each shall bear the same number which shall be placed
25 thereon by the judges of election, commencing with number 1 and
26 continuing consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the

1 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate
2 Damaged Ballot" ballot or ballot cards, and shall place them in
3 the box for return of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots
4 or ballot cards and their envelopes shall be placed in the
5 "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip indicating the number of
6 voters voting in person shall be made out, signed by all judges
7 of election, and inserted in the box for return of the ballots.
8 The tally sheets recording the write-in votes shall be placed
9 in this box. The judges of election thereupon immediately shall
10 securely lock the ballot box or other suitable box furnished
11 for return of the ballots by the election official in charge of
12 the election; provided that if such box is not of a type which
13 may be securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament
14 tape provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around
15 the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A
16 separate adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of
17 election of the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to
18 cover any slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct;
19 and if such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein
20 rather than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box
21 as provided herein, but in such manner that the separate
22 adhesive seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges
23 may not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
24 disturbing the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the
25 judges of election, of different major political parties,
26 forthwith shall by the most direct route transport the box for

1 return of the ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the
2 central counting location designated by the election official
3 in charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
4 adequate parking facilities at the central counting location or
5 for any other reason, it is impossible or impracticable for the
6 boxes from all the polling places to be delivered directly to
7 the central counting location, the election official in charge
8 of the election may designate some other location to which the
9 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at
10 such other location the boxes shall be in the care and custody
11 of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each
12 of the two major political parties, designated for such purpose
13 by the election official in charge of elections from
14 recommendations by the appropriate political party
15 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
16 transported from such other location to the central counting
17 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2
18 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated for such
19 purpose by the election official in charge of elections from
20 recommendations by the appropriate political party
21 organizations.

22 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated Ballots"
23 envelope each shall be securely sealed and the flap or end
24 thereof of each signed by the precinct judges of election and
25 returned to the central counting location with the box for
26 return of the ballots, enclosed ballots and returns.

1 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
2 designated by the election official in charge of the election
3 shall check the box returned containing the ballots to
4 determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open
5 the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number of
6 ballots so delivered against the total number of voters of the
7 precinct who voted, remove the ballots or ballot cards and
8 deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic
9 tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of
10 ballots and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
11 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges; or

12 (c) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
13 shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
14 precinct judges of election shall securely lock the ballot box;
15 provided that if such box is not of a type which may be
16 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
17 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box
18 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate
19 adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of election of
20 the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to cover any
21 slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if
22 such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein rather
23 than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
24 provided herein, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
25 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may not
26 be removed without breaking the filament tape and disturbing

1 the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the judges of
2 election, of different major political parties, shall
3 forthwith by the most direct route transport the box for return
4 of the ballots and enclosed vote by mail and early ballots and
5 returns to the central counting location designated by the
6 election official in charge of the election. If however,
7 because of the lack of adequate parking facilities at the
8 central counting location or for some other reason, it is
9 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the polling
10 places to be delivered directly to the central counting
11 location, the election official in charge of the election may
12 designate some other location to which the boxes shall be
13 delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at such other
14 location the boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or
15 more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the
16 two major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
17 election official in charge of elections from recommendations
18 by the appropriate political party organizations. As soon as
19 possible, the boxes shall be transported from such other
20 location to the central counting location by one or more teams,
21 each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major
22 political parties, designated for such purpose by the election
23 official in charge of the election from recommendations by the
24 appropriate political party organizations.

25 At the central counting location there shall be one or more
26 teams of tally judges who possess the same qualifications as

1 tally judges in election jurisdictions using paper ballots. The
2 number of such teams shall be determined by the election
3 authority. Each team shall consist of 5 tally judges, 3
4 selected and approved by the county board from a certified list
5 furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central
6 committee of the party with the majority of members on the
7 county board and 2 selected and approved by the county board
8 from a certified list furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of
9 the county central committee of the party with the second
10 largest number of members on the county board. At the central
11 counting location a team of tally judges shall open the ballot
12 box and canvass the votes polled to determine that the number
13 of ballot sheets therein agree with the number of voters voting
14 as shown by the applications for ballot; and, if the same do
15 not agree, the tally judges shall make such ballots agree with
16 the number of applications for ballot in the manner provided by
17 Section 17-18 of the Election Code. The tally judges shall then
18 examine all ballot sheets which are in the ballot box to
19 determine whether they bear the initials of the precinct judge
20 of election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall be marked
21 on the back "Defective", initialed as to such label by all
22 tally judges immediately under such word "Defective", and not
23 counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that purpose
24 labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one
25 office shall invalidate only the vote or count of that
26 particular office.

1 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
2 designated by the election official in charge of the election
3 shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians operating
4 the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
5 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be noted
6 on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally
7 judges.

8 (2) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection
9 (1) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
10 to transport the ballots, properly signed and sealed as
11 provided herein, shall ensure that the ballots are delivered to
12 the central counting station no later than 12 hours after the
13 polls close. At the central counting station a team of tally
14 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
15 election shall examine the ballots so transported and shall not
16 accept ballots for tabulating which are not signed and sealed
17 as provided in subsection (1) of this Section until the judges
18 transporting the same make and sign the necessary corrections.
19 Upon acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
20 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
21 same shall take a receipt signed by the election official in
22 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
23 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
24 any ballots shall, in the event such ballots cannot be found
25 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
26 are to take as above provided.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/24A-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-11)

3 Sec. 24A-11. All proceedings at the location for central
4 counting shall be under the direction of the county clerk or
5 board of election commissioners, as the case may be. Except for
6 any specially trained technicians required for the operation of
7 the automatic tabulating equipment, the employees at the
8 counting station shall be equally divided between members of
9 the 2 leading political parties and all duties performed by
10 such employees shall be by teams consisting of an equal number
11 of members of each political party. Thirty days before an
12 election the county clerk or board of election commissioners
13 shall submit to the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political
14 party, for his approval or disapproval, a list of persons of
15 his party proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~
16 fails to notify the election authority of his disapproval of
17 any proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the
18 list shall be deemed approved.

19 (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/24A-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-15)

21 Sec. 24A-15. The precinct return printed by the automatic
22 tabulating equipment shall include the number of ballots cast
23 and votes cast for each candidate and proposition and shall
24 constitute the official return of each precinct. In addition to

1 the precinct return, the election authority shall provide the
2 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the
3 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each
4 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the
5 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the
6 election authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct
7 return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy with respect to
8 the total number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the
9 ballots for such precinct retabulated to correct the return.
10 The procedures for retabulation shall apply prior to and after
11 the proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation
12 of results, the election authority must obtain a court order to
13 unseal voted ballots except for election contests and discovery
14 recounts. In those election jurisdictions that utilize
15 in-precinct counting equipment, the certificate of results,
16 which has been prepared by the judges of election after the
17 ballots have been tabulated, shall be the document used for the
18 canvass of votes for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy
19 exists during the canvass of votes between the unofficial
20 results and the certificate of results, or whenever a
21 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the
22 certificate of results and the set of totals which has been
23 affixed to such certificate of results, the ballots for such
24 precinct shall be retabulated to correct the return. As an
25 additional part of this check prior to the proclamation, in
26 those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is

1 utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total
2 number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election
3 jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early
4 voting. The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated
5 shall be selected after election day on a random basis by the
6 State Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the
7 election jurisdiction and every voting device used in early
8 voting has an equal mathematical chance of being selected. The
9 State Board of Elections shall design a standard and scientific
10 random method of selecting the precincts and voting devices
11 which are to be retabulated. The State central committee
12 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party shall
13 be given prior written notice of the time and place of such
14 random selection procedure and may be represented at such
15 procedure. Such retabulation shall consist of counting the
16 ballot cards which were originally counted and shall not
17 involve any determination as to which ballot cards were, in
18 fact, properly counted. The ballots from the precincts selected
19 for such retabulation shall remain at all times under the
20 custody and control of the election authority and shall be
21 transported and retabulated by the designated staff of the
22 election authority.

23 As part of such retabulation, the election authority shall
24 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the
25 selected early voting devices. Such test shall be conducted by
26 processing a preaudited group of ballots so punched so as to

1 record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate
2 and on each public question, and shall include for each office
3 one or more ballots which have votes in excess of the number
4 allowed by law in order to test the ability of the equipment to
5 reject such votes. If any error is detected, the cause therefor
6 shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall
7 be made prior to the official canvass and proclamation of
8 election results.

9 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
10 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county
11 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and
12 qualified civic organizations shall be given prior written
13 notice of the time and place of such retabulation and may be
14 represented at such retabulation.

15 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the
16 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
17 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Act.
18 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority
19 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation
20 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic
21 tabulating equipment. Such comparison shall be done for each
22 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing
23 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that
24 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the public.
25 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24B-10)

2 Sec. 24B-10. Receiving, Counting, Tallying and Return of
3 Ballots; Acceptance of Ballots by Election Authority.

4 (a) In an election jurisdiction which has adopted an
5 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
6 system, the election official in charge of the election shall
7 select one of the 3 following procedures for receiving,
8 counting, tallying, and return of the ballots:

9 (1) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
10 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes
11 cast on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot
12 box is for all votes cast on other ballots, including any
13 paper ballots required to be voted other than on the
14 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology electronic
15 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box
16 shall be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere
17 provided in this Code for the counting and handling of
18 paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
19 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
20 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the
21 election. The slip shall be signed by all the judges of
22 election and shall be inserted by them in the first ballot
23 box. The judges of election shall thereupon immediately
24 lock each ballot box; provided, that if the box is not of a
25 type which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed
26 with filament tape provided for the purpose that shall be

1 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
2 twice each way, and in a manner that the seal completely
3 covers the slot in the ballot box, and each of the judges
4 shall sign the seal. Two of the judges of election, of
5 different political parties, shall by the most direct route
6 transport both ballot boxes to the counting location
7 designated by the county clerk or board of election
8 commissioners.

9 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the
10 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
11 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened
12 at the central counting station by the 2 precinct transport
13 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, the team shall first
14 count the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are
15 folded together to appear to have been cast by the same
16 person, all of the ballots folded together shall be marked
17 and returned with the other ballots in the same condition,
18 as near as may be, in which they were found when first
19 opened, but shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots
20 are found to exceed the number of persons voting in the
21 precinct as shown by the slip signed by the judges of
22 election, the ballots shall be replaced in the box, and the
23 box closed and well shaken and again opened and one of the
24 precinct transport judges shall publicly draw out so many
25 ballots unopened as are equal to the excess.

26 The excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not

1 Counted" and signed by the 2 precinct transport judges and
2 shall be placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots
3 Envelope". The number of excess ballots shall be noted in
4 the remarks section of the Certificate of Results. "Excess"
5 ballots shall not be counted in the total of "defective"
6 ballots.

7 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
8 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and
9 tabulate the write-in vote.

10 (2) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
11 cast, shall be used. All ballots which are not to be
12 tabulated on the electronic voting system shall be counted,
13 tallied, and returned as elsewhere provided in this Code
14 for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

15 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
16 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
17 voting system shall be processed as follows:

18 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
19 precinct judges of election shall open the ballot box and
20 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of
21 ballots agree with the number of voters voting as shown by
22 the applications for ballot, or if the same do not agree
23 the judges of election shall make such ballots agree with
24 the applications for ballot in the manner provided by
25 Section 17-18 of this Code.

26 In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of

1 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
2 election of each of the 2 major political parties, shall
3 make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot
4 except for the office which is overvoted, by using the
5 ballot of the precinct and one of the marking devices, or
6 equivalent ballot, of the precinct to transfer all votes of
7 the voter except for the office overvoted, to an official
8 ballot of that kind used in the precinct at that election.
9 The original ballot upon which there is an overvote shall
10 be clearly labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear
11 the same serial number which shall be placed thereon by the
12 judges of election, beginning with number 1 and continuing
13 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in that
14 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the
15 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballots and shall place them
16 in the box for return of the ballots. The "Overvoted
17 Ballot" ballots shall be placed in the "Duplicate Ballots"
18 envelope. The ballots except any defective or overvoted
19 ballot shall be placed separately in the box for return of
20 the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
21 ballots to determine if any is damaged or defective so that
22 it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment.
23 If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot
24 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment,
25 the judges of election, consisting in each case of at least
26 one judge of election of each of the 2 major political

1 parties, shall make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on
2 such ballot by using the ballot of the precinct and one of
3 the marking devices, or equivalent ballot, of the precinct.
4 The original ballot and ballot envelope shall be clearly
5 labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the ballot so produced
6 "Duplicate Damaged Ballot", and each shall bear the same
7 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of
8 election, commencing with number 1 and continuing
9 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the precinct.
10 The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate Damaged
11 Ballot" ballot and shall place them in the box for return
12 of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots shall be
13 placed in the "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip
14 indicating the number of voters voting in person and the
15 total number of voters of the precinct who voted at the
16 election shall be made out, signed by all judges of
17 election, and inserted in the box for return of the
18 ballots. The tally sheets recording the write-in votes
19 shall be placed in this box. The judges of election
20 immediately shall securely lock the ballot box or other
21 suitable box furnished for return of the ballots by the
22 election official in charge of the election; provided that
23 if the box is not of a type which may be securely locked,
24 the box shall be sealed with filament tape provided for the
25 purpose which shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise
26 and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate adhesive

1 seal label signed by each of the judges of election of the
2 precinct shall be affixed to the box to cover any slot
3 therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if the
4 box is sealed with filament tape as provided rather than
5 locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
6 provided, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
7 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may
8 not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
9 disturbing the signature of the judges. Two of the judges
10 of election, of different major political parties, shall by
11 the most direct route transport the box for return of the
12 ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the central
13 counting location designated by the election official in
14 charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
15 adequate parking facilities at the central counting
16 location or for any other reason, it is impossible or
17 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to
18 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the
19 election official in charge of the election may designate
20 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered
21 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the
22 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more
23 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2
24 major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
25 election official in charge of elections from
26 recommendations by the appropriate political party

1 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
2 transported from the other location to the central counting
3 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4
4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,
5 designated for the purpose by the election official in
6 charge of elections from recommendations by the
7 appropriate political party organizations.

8 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated
9 Ballots" envelope each shall be securely sealed and the
10 flap or end of each envelope signed by the precinct judges
11 of election and returned to the central counting location
12 with the box for return of the ballots, enclosed ballots
13 and returns.

14 At the central counting location, a team of tally
15 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
16 election shall check the box returned containing the
17 ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and shall
18 open the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number
19 of ballots so delivered against the total number of voters
20 of the precinct who voted, remove the ballots and deliver
21 them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating
22 equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots
23 and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
24 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges.

25 (3) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
26 cast, shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the

1 polls, the precinct judges of election shall securely lock
2 the ballot box; provided that if such box is not of a type
3 which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed with
4 filament tape provided for the purpose which shall be
5 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
6 twice each way. A separate adhesive seal label signed by
7 each of the judges of election of the precinct shall be
8 affixed to the box to cover any slot therein and to
9 identify the box of the precinct; and if the box is sealed
10 with filament tape as provided rather than locked, such
11 tape shall be wrapped around the box as provided, but in a
12 manner that the separate adhesive seal label affixed to the
13 box and signed by the judges may not be removed without
14 breaking the filament tape and disturbing the signature of
15 the judges. Two of the judges of election, of different
16 major political parties, shall by the most direct route
17 transport the box for return of the ballots and enclosed
18 vote by mail and early ballots and returns to the central
19 counting location designated by the election official in
20 charge of the election. If however, because of the lack of
21 adequate parking facilities at the central counting
22 location or for some other reason, it is impossible or
23 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to
24 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the
25 election official in charge of the election may designate
26 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered

1 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the
2 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more
3 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2
4 major political parties, designated for the purpose by the
5 election official in charge of elections from
6 recommendations by the appropriate political party
7 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
8 transported from the other location to the central counting
9 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4
10 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,
11 designated for the purpose by the election official in
12 charge of the election from recommendations by the
13 appropriate political party organizations.

14 At the central counting location there shall be one or
15 more teams of tally judges who possess the same
16 qualifications as tally judges in election jurisdictions
17 using paper ballots. The number of the teams shall be
18 determined by the election authority. Each team shall
19 consist of 5 tally judges, 3 selected and approved by the
20 county board from a certified list furnished by the
21 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the
22 party with the majority of members on the county board and
23 2 selected and approved by the county board from a
24 certified list furnished by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the
25 county central committee of the party with the second
26 largest number of members on the county board. At the

1 central counting location a team of tally judges shall open
2 the ballot box and canvass the votes polled to determine
3 that the number of ballot sheets therein agree with the
4 number of voters voting as shown by the applications for
5 ballot and, if the same do not agree, the tally judges
6 shall make such ballots agree with the number of
7 applications for ballot in the manner provided by Section
8 17-18 of this Code. The tally judges shall then examine all
9 ballot sheets that are in the ballot box to determine
10 whether they bear the initials of the precinct judge of
11 election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall be
12 marked on the back "Defective", initialed as to that label
13 by all tally judges immediately under the word "Defective",
14 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for
15 that purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope". An
16 overvote for one office shall invalidate only the vote or
17 count for that particular office.

18 At the central counting location, a team of tally
19 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
20 election shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians
21 operating the automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
22 Technology tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
23 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be
24 noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by
25 the tally judges.

26 (b) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection

1 (a) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
2 to transport the ballots properly signed and sealed, shall
3 ensure that the ballots are delivered to the central counting
4 station no later than 12 hours after the polls close. At the
5 central counting station, a team of tally judges designated by
6 the election official in charge of the election shall examine
7 the ballots so transported and shall not accept ballots for
8 tabulating which are not signed and sealed as provided in
9 subsection (a) of this Section until the judges transporting
10 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon
11 acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
12 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
13 ballots shall take a receipt signed by the election official in
14 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
15 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
16 any ballots shall, in the event the ballots cannot be found
17 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
18 are to take as above provided.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/24B-11)

21 Sec. 24B-11. Proceedings at Location for Central Counting;
22 Employees; Approval of List. All proceedings at the location
23 for central counting shall be under the direction of the county
24 clerk or board of election commissioners. Except for any
25 specially trained technicians required for the operation of the

1 automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
2 tabulating equipment, the employees at the counting station
3 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading
4 political parties and all duties performed by the employees
5 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of
6 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county
7 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the
8 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her
9 approval or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party
10 proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~ fails to
11 notify the election authority of his or her disapproval of any
12 proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the
13 list shall be deemed approved.

14 (Source: P.A. 89-394, eff. 1-1-97.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

16 Sec. 24B-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;
17 Retabulation. The precinct return printed by the automatic
18 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology tabulating
19 equipment shall include the number of ballots cast and votes
20 cast for each candidate and proposition and shall constitute
21 the official return of each precinct. In addition to the
22 precinct return, the election authority shall provide the
23 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the
24 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each
25 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the

1 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the
2 election authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct
3 return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy regarding the
4 total number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the
5 ballots for that precinct retabulated to correct the return.
6 The procedures for retabulation shall apply prior to and after
7 the proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation
8 of results, the election authority must obtain a court order to
9 unseal voted ballots except for election contests and discovery
10 recounts. In those election jurisdictions that use in-precinct
11 counting equipment, the certificate of results, which has been
12 prepared by the judges of election after the ballots have been
13 tabulated, shall be the document used for the canvass of votes
14 for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the
15 canvass of votes between the unofficial results and the
16 certificate of results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during
17 the canvass of votes between the certificate of results and the
18 set of totals which has been affixed to the certificate of
19 results, the ballots for that precinct shall be retabulated to
20 correct the return. As an additional part of this check prior
21 to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct
22 counting equipment is used, the election authority shall
23 retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the
24 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of
25 the voting devices used in early voting. The precincts and the
26 voting devices to be retabulated shall be selected after

1 election day on a random basis by the State Board of Elections,
2 so that every precinct in the election jurisdiction and every
3 voting device used in early voting has an equal mathematical
4 chance of being selected. The State Board of Elections shall
5 design a standard and scientific random method of selecting the
6 precincts and voting devices which are to be retabulated. The
7 State central committee chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each
8 established political party shall be given prior written notice
9 of the time and place of the random selection procedure and may
10 be represented at the procedure. The retabulation shall consist
11 of counting the ballots which were originally counted and shall
12 not involve any determination of which ballots were, in fact,
13 properly counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for
14 the retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody
15 and control of the election authority and shall be transported
16 and retabulated by the designated staff of the election
17 authority.

18 As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall
19 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the
20 selected early voting devices. The test shall be conducted by
21 processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a
22 predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on
23 each public question, and shall include for each office one or
24 more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed
25 by law to test the ability of the equipment and the marking
26 device to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the

1 cause shall be determined and corrected, and an errorless count
2 shall be made prior to the official canvass and proclamation of
3 election results.

4 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
5 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county
6 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and
7 qualified civic organizations shall be given prior written
8 notice of the time and place of the retabulation and may be
9 represented at the retabulation.

10 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the
11 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
12 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.
13 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority
14 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation
15 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic
16 tabulating equipment. The comparison shall be done for each
17 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing
18 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that
19 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the public.
20 Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall be open
21 to the public.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/24C-13)

24 Sec. 24C-13. Vote by Mail ballots; Early voting ballots;
25 Proceedings at Location for Central Counting; Employees;

1 Approval of List.

2 (a) All jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic
3 Voting Systems shall use paper ballots or paper ballot sheets
4 approved for use under Articles 16, 24A or 24B of this Code
5 when conducting vote by mail voting. All vote by mail ballots
6 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
7 election authority. The provisions of Section 24A-9, 24B-9 and
8 24C-9 of this Code shall apply to the testing and notice
9 requirements for central count tabulation equipment, including
10 comparing the signature on the ballot envelope with the
11 signature of the voter on the permanent voter registration
12 record card taken from the master file. Vote results shall be
13 recorded by precinct and shall be added to the vote results for
14 the precinct in which the vote by mail voter was eligible to
15 vote prior to completion of the official canvass.

16 (b) All proceedings at the location for central counting
17 shall be under the direction of the county clerk or board of
18 election commissioners. Except for any specially trained
19 technicians required for the operation of the Direct Recording
20 Electronic Voting System, the employees at the counting station
21 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading
22 political parties and all duties performed by the employees
23 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of
24 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county
25 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the
26 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her

1 approval or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party
2 proposed to be employed. If a chairperson ~~chairman~~ fails to
3 notify the election authority of his or her disapproval of any
4 proposed employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the
5 list shall be deemed approved.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

8 Sec. 24C-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;
9 Audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording
10 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include
11 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate
12 and public question and shall constitute the official return of
13 each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the election
14 authority shall provide the number of applications for ballots
15 in each precinct, the total number of ballots and vote by mail
16 ballots counted in each precinct for each political subdivision
17 and district and the number of registered voters in each
18 precinct. However, the election authority shall check the
19 totals shown by the precinct return and, if there is an obvious
20 discrepancy regarding the total number of votes cast in any
21 precinct, shall have the ballots for that precinct audited to
22 correct the return. The procedures for this audit shall apply
23 prior to and after the proclamation is completed; however,
24 after the proclamation of results, the election authority must
25 obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots or voting devices

1 except for election contests and discovery recounts. The
2 certificate of results, which has been prepared and signed by
3 the judges of election after the ballots have been tabulated,
4 shall be the document used for the canvass of votes for such
5 precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
6 votes between the unofficial results and the certificate of
7 results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
8 votes between the certificate of results and the set of totals
9 reflected on the certificate of results, the ballots for that
10 precinct shall be audited to correct the return.

11 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall
12 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts
13 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting
14 devices used in early voting. The precincts and the voting
15 devices to be tested shall be selected after election day on a
16 random basis by the State Board of Elections, so that every
17 precinct and every device used in early voting in the election
18 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being
19 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard
20 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and
21 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central
22 committee chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political
23 party shall be given prior written notice of the time and place
24 of the random selection procedure and may be represented at the
25 procedure.

26 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked on

1 the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested
2 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each
3 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with
4 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by the
5 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test precinct.
6 The election authority shall test count these votes either by
7 hand or by using an automatic tabulating device other than a
8 Direct Recording Electronic voting device that has been
9 approved by the State Board of Elections for that purpose and
10 tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election authority
11 shall print the results of each test count. If any error is
12 detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected, and an
13 errorless count shall be made prior to the official canvass and
14 proclamation of election results. If an errorless count cannot
15 be conducted and there continues to be difference in vote
16 results between the certificate of results produced by the
17 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and the count of the
18 permanent paper records or if an error was detected and
19 corrected, the election authority shall immediately prepare
20 and forward to the appropriate canvassing board a written
21 report explaining the results of the test and any errors
22 encountered and the report shall be made available for public
23 inspection.

24 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
25 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county
26 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and

1 qualified civic organizations shall be given prior written
2 notice of the time and place of the test and may be represented
3 at the test.

4 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in
5 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
6 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.
7 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/25-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-6)

9 Sec. 25-6. (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of State
10 Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, the vacancy
11 shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the
12 legislative or representative committee of that legislative or
13 representative district of the political party of which the
14 incumbent was a candidate at the time of his election. The
15 appointee shall be a member of the same political party as the
16 person he succeeds was at the time of his election, and shall
17 be otherwise eligible to serve as a member of the General
18 Assembly.

19 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a legislator
20 elected other than as a candidate of a political party, the
21 vacancy shall be filled within 30 days of such occurrence by
22 appointment of the Governor. The appointee shall not be a
23 member of a political party, and shall be otherwise eligible to
24 serve as a member of the General Assembly. Provided, however,
25 the appropriate body of the General Assembly may, by

1 resolution, allow a legislator elected other than as a
2 candidate of a political party to affiliate with a political
3 party for his term of office in the General Assembly. A vacancy
4 occurring in the office of any such legislator who affiliates
5 with a political party pursuant to resolution shall be filled
6 within 30 days of such occurrence by appointment of the
7 appropriate legislative or representative committee of that
8 legislative or representative district of the political party
9 with which the legislator so affiliates. The appointee shall be
10 a member of the political party with which the incumbent
11 affiliated.

12 (c) For purposes of this Section, a person is a member of a
13 political party for 23 months after (i) signing a candidate
14 petition, as to the political party whose nomination is sought;
15 (ii) signing a statement of candidacy, as to the political
16 party where nomination or election is sought; (iii) signing a
17 Petition of Political Party Formation, as to the proposed
18 political party; (iv) applying for and receiving a primary
19 ballot, as to the political party whose ballot is received; or
20 (v) becoming a candidate for election to or accepting
21 appointment to the office of ward, township, precinct or state
22 central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

23 (d) In making appointments under this Section, each
24 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the appropriate legislative or
25 representative committee shall be entitled to one vote for each
26 vote that was received, in that portion of the legislative or

1 representative district which he represents on the committee,
2 by the Senator or Representative whose seat is vacant at the
3 general election at which that legislator was elected to the
4 seat which has been vacated and a majority of the total number
5 of votes received in such election by the Senator or
6 Representative whose seat is vacant is required for the
7 appointment of his successor; provided, however, that in making
8 appointments in legislative or representative districts
9 comprising only one county or part of a county other than a
10 county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to cast only one
12 vote.

13 (e) Appointments made under this Section shall be in
14 writing and shall be signed by members of the legislative or
15 representative committee whose total votes are sufficient to
16 make the appointments or by the Governor, as the case may be.
17 Such appointments shall be filed with the Secretary of State
18 and with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the
19 Secretary of the Senate, whichever is appropriate.

20 (f) An appointment made under this Section shall be for the
21 remainder of the term, except that, if the appointment is to
22 fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator and the vacancy
23 occurs with more than 28 months remaining in the term, the term
24 of the appointment shall expire at the time of the next general
25 election at which time a Senator shall be elected for a new
26 term commencing on the determination of the results of the

1 election and ending on the second Wednesday of January in the
2 second odd-numbered year next occurring. Whenever a Senator has
3 been appointed to fill a vacancy and was thereafter elected to
4 that office, the term of service under the authority of the
5 election shall be considered a new term of service, separate
6 from the term of service rendered under the authority of the
7 appointment.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/25-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-11)

10 Sec. 25-11. When a vacancy occurs in any elective county
11 office, or in a county of less than 3,000,000 population in the
12 office of clerk of the circuit court, in a county which is not
13 a home rule unit, the county board or board of county
14 commissioners shall declare that such vacancy exists and
15 notification thereof shall be given to the county central
16 committee or the appropriate county board or board of county
17 commissioners district committee of each established political
18 party within 3 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The
19 vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the
20 chairperson ~~chairman~~ of the county board or board of county
21 commissioners with the advice and consent of the county board
22 or board of county commissioners. In counties in which forest
23 preserve district commissioners are elected by districts and
24 are not also members of the county board, however, vacancies in
25 the office of forest preserve district commissioner shall be

1 filled within 60 days by appointment of the president of the
2 forest preserve district board of commissioners with the advice
3 and consent of the forest preserve district board of
4 commissioners. In counties in which the forest preserve
5 district president is not also a member of the county board,
6 vacancies in the office of forest preserve district president
7 shall be filled within 60 days by the forest preserve district
8 board of commissioners by appointing one of the commissioners
9 to serve as president. The appointee shall be a member of the
10 same political party as the person he succeeds was at the time
11 of his election and shall be otherwise eligible to serve. The
12 appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
13 However, if more than 28 months remain in the term, the
14 appointment shall be until the next general election at which
15 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the
16 remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy in a seat on a
17 county board or board of county commissioners which has been
18 divided into districts under Section 2-3003 or 2-4006.5 of the
19 Counties Code, the appointee must also be a resident of the
20 county board or county commission district. If a county
21 commissioner ceases to reside in the district that he or she
22 represents, a vacancy in that office exists.

23 Except as otherwise provided by county ordinance or by law,
24 in any county which is a home rule unit, vacancies in elective
25 county offices, other than the office of chief executive
26 officer, and vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit

1 court in a county of less than 3,000,000 population, shall be
2 filled by the county board or board of county commissioners.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-189, eff. 8-1-01; 92-583, eff. 6-26-02.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/28-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-13)

5 Sec. 28-13. Each political party and civic organization as
6 well as the registered proponents and opponents of a proposed
7 statewide advisory public question shall be entitled to one
8 watcher in the office of the election authority to observe the
9 conduct of the sample signature verification. However, in those
10 election jurisdictions where a 10% sample is required, the
11 proponents and opponents may appoint no more than 5 assistant
12 watchers in addition to the 1 principal watcher permitted
13 herein.

14 Within 7 days following the last day for filing of the
15 original petition, the proponents and opponents shall certify
16 in writing to the Board that they publicly support or oppose
17 the proposed statewide advisory public question. The
18 proponents and opponents of such questions shall register the
19 name and address of its group and the name and address of its
20 chairperson ~~chairman~~ and designated agent for acceptance of
21 service of notices with the Board. Thereupon, the Board shall
22 prepare a list of the registered proponents and opponents and
23 shall adopt a standard proponents' and opponents' watcher
24 credential form. A copy of such list and sufficient copies of
25 such credentials shall be transmitted with the list for the

1 sample signature verification to the appropriate election
2 authorities. Those election authorities shall issue
3 credentials to the permissible number of watchers for each
4 proponent and opponent group; provided, however, that a
5 prospective watcher shall first present to the election
6 authority a letter of authorization signed by the chairperson
7 ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or opponent group he or she
8 represents.

9 Political party and qualified civic organization watcher
10 credentials shall be substantially in the form and shall be
11 authorized in the manner prescribed in Section 7-34 of this
12 Code.

13 The rights and limitations of pollwatchers as prescribed by
14 Section 7-34 of this Code, insofar as they may be made
15 applicable, shall be applicable to watchers at the conduct of
16 the sample signature verification.

17 The principal watcher for the proponents and opponents may
18 make signed written objections to the Board relating to
19 procedures observed during the conduct of the sample signature
20 verification which could materially affect the results of the
21 sample. Such written objections shall be presented to the
22 election authority and a copy mailed to the Board and shall be
23 attached to the certificate of sample results transmitted by
24 the election authority to the Board.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/29B-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly Ch.
2 46, par. 1103)

3 Sec. 29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a
4 political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its
5 statements of organization, the State Board of Elections, in
6 the case of a state political committee or a political
7 committee acting as both a state political committee and a
8 local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of
9 a local political committee, shall give the political committee
10 a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy
11 of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections
12 or county clerk shall inform each political committee that
13 subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the Code
14 shall read as follows:

15 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

16 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair
17 play that every candidate for public office in the State of
18 Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order
19 that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted
20 campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional
21 right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the
22 people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

23 THEREFORE:

24 (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and
25 limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his
26 record.

1 (2) I will not use or permit the use of character
2 defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or
3 scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family
4 life.

5 (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative
6 prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or
7 national origin.

8 (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that
9 misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor
10 will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at
11 creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the
12 personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.

13 (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or
14 unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our
15 American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents
16 the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

17 (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified
18 American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral
19 process.

20 (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and
21 tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to
22 use or condone. I shall take firm action against any
23 subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws
24 governing elections.

25 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office
26 in the State of Illinois or chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political

1 committee in support of or opposition to a question of public
2 policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly
3 pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the
4 above principles and practices.

5 _____
6 Date Signature

7 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/29B-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-20; formerly Ch.
9 46, par. 1105)

10 Sec. 29B-20. Acceptance of completed forms; retentions for
11 public inspection. The State Board of Elections and the county
12 clerks shall accept, at all times prior to an election, all
13 completed copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices that
14 are properly subscribed to by a candidate or the chairperson
15 ~~chairman~~ of a political committee in support of or opposition
16 to a question of public policy, and shall retain them for
17 public inspection until 30 days after the election.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/29B-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-25; formerly Ch.
20 46, par. 1106)

21 Sec. 29B-25. Subscribed forms as public records. Every copy
22 of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices subscribed to by a
23 candidate or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political committee
24 in support of or opposition to a question of public policy

1 under this Article is a public record open for public
2 inspection.

3 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/29B-30) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-30; formerly Ch.
5 46, par. 1107)

6 Sec. 29B-30. Subscription to Code voluntary. The
7 subscription by a candidate or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a
8 political committee in support of or opposition to a question
9 of public policy is voluntary.

10 A candidate, or the chairperson ~~chairman~~ of a political
11 committee, who has filed a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign
12 Practices may so indicate on any campaign literature or
13 advertising in a form to be determined by the State Board of
14 Elections.

15 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
17 1, 2019.