



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5984

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/8-8	from Ch. 46, par. 8-8
10 ILCS 5/10-4	from Ch. 46, par. 10-4

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a person must be 17 years of age or older (currently, 18 years of age or older) to circulate petitions for nomination.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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 7-10, 8-8, and 10-4 as follows:

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

7 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
8 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or
9 township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward
10 committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate
11 delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed
12 upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has
13 been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in
14 substantially the following form:

15 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the
16 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in
17 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois,
18 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons
19 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the
20 nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for election to)
21 the office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at
22 the primary election to be held on (insert date).

23 Name Office Address

1	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
2	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	Peoria, Ill.
3	Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

4 Name..... Address.....

5 State of Illinois)

6) ss.

7 County of.....)

8 I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No.
 9 street, in the of, county of, and State of
 10, that I am 17 ~~18~~ years of age or older, that I am a
 11 citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this
 12 sheet were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to
 13 the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were
 14 at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
 15 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
 16 stated, as above set forth.

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

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20 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of
 21 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size
 22 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate
 23 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or

1 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the
2 office, the political party represented and place of residence;
3 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

4 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors
5 residing in the political division for which the nomination is
6 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the
7 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be
8 written or printed. The residence address required to be
9 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's
10 name shall include the street address or rural route number of
11 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,
12 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or
13 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors
14 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors
15 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village
16 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in
17 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.
18 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
19 circulator statement signed by a person 17 ~~18~~ years of age or
20 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street
21 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as
22 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying
23 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed
24 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are
25 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that
26 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last

1 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that
2 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90
3 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and
4 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief
5 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the
6 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a
7 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before
8 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

12 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
13 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
14 signature from the petition, provided that:

15 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the
16 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

17 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
18 certification listing the page number and line number of
19 each signature struck from the petition. Such
20 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

21 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened
22 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and
23 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable
24 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.
25 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
26 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition

1 State of Illinois)

2) ss.

3 County of)

4 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
5 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county of,
6 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a
7 qualified primary voter of the party; that I am a
8 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of
9 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the
10 office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be
11 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including
12 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility
13 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold
14 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the
15 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic
16 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act
17 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official
18 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case
19 of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates)
20 such office.

21 Signed

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

24 Signed

25 (Official Character)

1 (Seal, if officer has one.)

2 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added
3 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation
4 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election
5 authority or local election official with whom the petition is
6 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.
7 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required
8 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction
9 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

10 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must
11 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on
12 his or her petition for nomination.

13 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating
14 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or
15 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating
16 convention elected from the State at-large, then the
17 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000
18 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

19 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a
20 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for
21 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or
22 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating
23 convention elected from a congressional district, then the
24 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
25 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary

1 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional
2 district. In the first primary election following a
3 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's
4 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of
5 qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party
6 in his or her congressional district.

7 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any
8 countywide office, including but not limited to county board
9 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large
10 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's
11 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
12 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or
13 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election
14 in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county
15 board member elected from a county board district, then the
16 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
17 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary
18 electors of his or her party in the county board district. In
19 the first primary election following a redistricting of county
20 board districts or the initial establishment of county board
21 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain
22 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
23 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who
24 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by
25 the total number of county board districts comprising the
26 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of

1 signatures be less than 25.

2 (d) County office; Cook County only.

3 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office
4 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for
5 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
6 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
7 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in
8 Cook County.

9 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
10 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination
11 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to
12 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party
13 in his or her county board district. In the first primary
14 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of
15 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for
16 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
17 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
18 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding
19 general election divided by the total number of county
20 board districts comprising the county board; provided that
21 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

22 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
23 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property
25 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
26 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of

1 the total number of registered voters in his or her board
2 of review district in the last general election at which a
3 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from
4 that board of review district. In no event shall the number
5 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number
6 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County
7 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first
8 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County
9 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for
10 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at
11 least the number of signatures required for a countywide
12 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the
13 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

14 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to
15 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's
16 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
17 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
18 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a
19 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the
20 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
21 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary
22 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary
23 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or
24 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial
25 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for
26 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at

1 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate
2 of that political party who received the highest number of
3 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election
4 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
5 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or
6 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less
7 than 25.

8 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to
9 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's
10 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of
11 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her
12 congressional district.

13 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run
14 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not
15 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for
16 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal
17 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the
18 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a
19 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,
20 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at
21 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary
22 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary
23 district. In the first primary election following
24 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a
25 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
26 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward

1 of that sanitary district.

2 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for
3 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition
4 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to
5 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the
6 candidate for his or her political party for the office of
7 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was
8 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a
9 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or
10 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
11 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number
12 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her
13 political party who received the highest number of votes at the
14 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same
15 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,
16 but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and
17 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500
18 signatures in every other Judicial District.

19 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a
20 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the
21 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10
22 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the
23 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,
24 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no
25 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary
26 electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%

1 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of
2 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is
3 greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township
4 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination
5 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%
6 of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,
7 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the
8 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum
9 number, whichever is greater.

10 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools
11 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's
12 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more
13 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination
14 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of
15 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory
16 comprising the counties.

17 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other
18 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
19 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
20 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or
21 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,
22 whichever is greater.

23 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors
24 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the
25 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party
26 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the

1 last general election in the State at which electors for
2 President of the United States were elected. For political
3 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be
4 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
5 that political party who received the highest number of votes
6 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at
7 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
8 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political
9 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be
10 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
11 that political party who received the highest number of votes
12 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which
13 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward
14 or district.

15 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
16 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
17 party.

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

21 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein
22 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the
23 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for
24 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of
25 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including
26 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/8-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-8)

3 Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
4 candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary
5 ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed
6 in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such
7 petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by
8 Section 7-10.1 of this Act and a statement of candidacy by the
9 candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This
10 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the
11 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the
12 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which
13 the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified and
14 has filed a statement of economic interests as required by the
15 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the
16 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall
17 be subscribed and sworn by such candidate before some officer
18 authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in this State and
19 may be in substantially the following form:

20 State of Illinois)

21) ss.

22 County)

23 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
24 street in the city (or village of) in the county of
25 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a

1 qualified primary voter of party; that I am a candidate
 2 for nomination to the office of to be voted upon at the
 3 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally
 4 qualified to hold such office and that I have filed a statement
 5 of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental
 6 Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon
 7 the official primary ballot for nomination for such office.

8 Signed

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

11 Signed (Official Character)

12 (Seal if officer has one.)

13 The receipt issued by the Secretary of State indicating
 14 that the candidate has filed the statement of economic
 15 interests required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act must
 16 be filed with the petitions for nomination as provided in
 17 subsection (8) of Section 7-12 of this Code.

18 All petitions for nomination for the office of State
 19 Senator shall be signed by at least 1,000 but not more than
 20 3,000 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's
 21 party in his legislative district.

22 All petitions for nomination for the office of
 23 Representative in the General Assembly shall be signed by at
 24 least 500 but not more than 1,500 of the qualified primary
 25 electors of the candidate's party in his or her representative
 26 district.

1 Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector
2 who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State
3 Representative or State Senator such elector's residence
4 address shall be written or printed. The residence address
5 required to be written or printed opposite each qualified
6 primary elector's name shall include the street address or
7 rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well
8 as the signer's county and city, village or town.

9 For the purposes of this Section, the number of primary
10 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in
11 the applicable district, for the candidate for such political
12 party who received the highest number of votes, state-wide, at
13 the last general election in the State at which electors for
14 President of the United States were elected.

15 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
16 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
17 party.

18 In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the petition
19 circulator, who shall be a person 17 ~~18~~ years of age or older
20 who is a citizen of the United States, shall state his or her
21 street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as
22 well as his or her county, city, village or town, and state;
23 and shall certify that the signatures on that sheet of the
24 petition were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify
25 that the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that to the
26 best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing

1 were at the time of signing the petition qualified primary
2 voters for which the nomination is sought.

3 In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet, the
4 petition circulator shall either (1) indicate the dates on
5 which he or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the
6 first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3)
7 certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed
8 more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the
9 petition. No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90
10 days preceding the last day provided in Section 8-9 for the
11 filing of such petition.

12 All petition sheets which are filed with the State Board of
13 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed
14 by the voters and by the circulator, and not photocopies or
15 duplicates of such sheets.

16 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
17 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
18 signature from the petition, provided that:

19 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the
20 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

21 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
22 certification listing the page number and line number of
23 each signature struck from the petition. Such
24 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/10-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-4)

2 Sec. 10-4. Form of petition for nomination. All petitions
3 for nomination under this Article 10 for candidates for public
4 office in this State, shall in addition to other requirements
5 provided by law, be as follows: Such petitions shall consist of
6 sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall contain, above the
7 space for signature, an appropriate heading, giving the
8 information as to name of candidate or candidates in whose
9 behalf such petition is signed; the office; the party; place of
10 residence; and such other information or wording as required to
11 make same valid, and the heading of each sheet shall be the
12 same. Such petition shall be signed by the qualified voters in
13 their own proper persons only, and opposite the signature of
14 each signer his residence address shall be written or printed.
15 The residence address required to be written or printed
16 opposite each qualified primary elector's name shall include
17 the street address or rural route number of the signer, as the
18 case may be, as well as the signer's county, and city, village
19 or town, and state. However, the county or city, village or
20 town, and state of residence of such electors may be printed on
21 the petition forms where all of the electors signing the
22 petition reside in the same county or city, village or town,
23 and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the
24 residence address, including street number, if any. No
25 signature shall be valid or be counted in considering the
26 validity or sufficiency of such petition unless the

1 requirements of this Section are complied with. At the bottom
2 of each sheet of such petition shall be added a circulator's
3 statement, signed by a person 17 ~~18~~ years of age or older who
4 is a citizen of the United States; stating the street address
5 or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as the
6 county, city, village or town, and state; certifying that the
7 signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or
8 her presence; certifying that the signatures are genuine; and
9 either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was
10 circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on which
11 the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of the
12 signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding
13 the last day for the filing of the petition; and certifying
14 that to the best of his knowledge and belief the persons so
15 signing were at the time of signing the petition duly
16 registered voters under Articles 4, 5 or 6 of the Code of the
17 political subdivision or district for which the candidate or
18 candidates shall be nominated, and certifying that their
19 respective residences are correctly stated therein. Such
20 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to
21 administer oaths in this State. No petition sheet shall be
22 circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided in
23 Section 10-6 for the filing of such petition. Such sheets,
24 before being presented to the electoral board or filed with the
25 proper officer of the electoral district or division of the
26 state or municipality, as the case may be, shall be neatly

1 fastened together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile
2 and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and
3 suitable manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered
4 consecutively. The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them
5 together end to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll.
6 All petition sheets which are filed with the proper local
7 election officials, election authorities or the State Board of
8 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed
9 by the voters and by the circulator, and not photocopies or
10 duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when presented or filed,
11 shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added to, and no signature
12 shall be revoked except by revocation in writing presented or
13 filed with the officers or officer with whom the petition is
14 required to be presented or filed, and before the presentment
15 or filing of such petition. Whoever forges any name of a signer
16 upon any petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery, and on
17 conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly. The word
18 "petition" or "petition for nomination", as used herein, shall
19 mean what is sometimes known as nomination papers, in
20 distinction to what is known as a certificate of nomination.
21 The words "political division for which the candidate is
22 nominated", or its equivalent, shall mean the largest political
23 division in which all qualified voters may vote upon such
24 candidate or candidates, as the state in the case of state
25 officers; the township in the case of township officers et
26 cetera. Provided, further, that no person shall circulate or

1 certify petitions for candidates of more than one political
2 party, or for an independent candidate or candidates in
3 addition to one political party, to be voted upon at the next
4 primary or general election, or for such candidates and parties
5 with respect to the same political subdivision at the next
6 consolidated election.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)