

# SB2854



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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Election Code. Except for provisions with references to a committeeman and committeewoman, changes references from "committeeman" to "committeeperson" and makes related changes throughout the Code. Changes references from "chairman" to "chairperson" and makes related changes throughout the Code. Effective January 1, 2019.

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A BILL FOR

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,  
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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.

18 .....

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).

3 .....

4 .....

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 .....

8 .....

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.)

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:

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CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

.....	.....
(Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
	CANDIDATE SEEKS
	NOMINATION OR
	ELECTION

Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings  
and view all reasonably requested records relating to the  
conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is  
not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the  
voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making  
the signature comparison between the voter application and the  
voter registration record card; provided, however, that such  
pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in  
such close proximity to the judges of election so as to  
interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall  
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.



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