

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/1A-6.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-6.1)

18 Sec. 1A-6.1. The chair ~~chairman~~ of the State Board of  
19 Elections shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except  
20 that the vice chair ~~chairman~~ shall preside at any meeting when  
21 the chair ~~chairman~~ is absent. The salary of the chair ~~chairman~~  
22 shall be \$25,000 per year, or as set by the Compensation Review  
23 Board, whichever is greater, and the salary of the vice-chair  
24 ~~vice-chairman~~ shall be \$20,000 per year, or as set by the  
25 Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. The salary of

1 the other Board members shall be \$15,000 per year, or as set by  
2 the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. Each  
3 member shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the  
4 performance of his duties.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-7)

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

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

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

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

23 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
24 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or

1 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

2 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
3 United States;

4 (2) United States Senator and United States  
5 Representative;

6 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

7 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

8 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
9 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
10 elected President of the County Board or County Chief  
11 Executive;

12 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

13 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in  
14 counties or educational service regions in which that  
15 office has been abolished;

16 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
17 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and  
18 newly created judicial offices;

19 (9) (Blank);

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

22 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
23 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
24 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual  
25 election and permits or requires election of candidates of  
26 political parties.

1 (b) At the general primary election:

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

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

17 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality  
18 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal  
19 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article  
20 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal  
21 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of  
22 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held  
23 on the date of the general primary election, provided that  
24 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election  
25 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan  
26 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to

1           nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at  
2           the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6  
3           weeks preceding that election.

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

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

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

23          (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

24          (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

25          (4) Commissioners of park districts;

26          (5) Trustees of public library districts;

1           (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
2           designated in this section, where the statute creating or  
3           authorizing the creation of the district permits or  
4           requires election of candidates of political parties;

5           (7) Township officers, including township park  
6           commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
7           managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
8           Assessors;

9           (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

10          (9) Members of school boards in school districts which  
11          adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

12          (10) The directors and chair ~~chairman~~ of the Chain O  
13          Lakes - Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

14          (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected  
15          under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District  
16          Act;

17          (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
18          trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
19          trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
20          counties or educational service regions having a  
21          population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of  
22          boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school  
23          districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

24          (13) Members of Community College district boards;

25          (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

26          (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan

1           Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

2           (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
3           Districts;

4           (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
5           otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
6           governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
7           political parties.

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

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

25          At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
26          odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or



1 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by  
2 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality  
3 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

4 (e) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
11 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
12 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
13 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

14 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named  
15 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
16 persons:

17 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
18 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
19 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
20 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
21 at such library.

22 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
23 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
24 vocational school situated within the election  
25 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any

1 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The county  
2 clerk shall notify every principal and vice-principal of  
3 each high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
4 situated within the election jurisdiction of their  
5 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
6 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
7 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
8 every election.

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

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

20 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide  
21 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
22 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
23 designated by such official, who may accept the  
24 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
25 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
26 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population

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

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

23 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
24 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
25 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
26 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified

1 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

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

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

12 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
13 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
14 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
15 the convenience of the public is served, giving due  
16 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some  
17 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that  
18 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political  
19 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
20 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
21 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chair  
22 ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the applicant's  
23 political party. A Chair ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee  
24 shall submit a list of applicants to the county clerk by  
25 November 30 of each year. The county clerk may require a Chair  
26 ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee to furnish a

1 supplemental list of applicants.

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

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

14 .....  
15 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

16 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
17 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
18 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
19 filed with the county clerk.

20 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
21 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
22 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
23 election of each even-numbered year; except that the terms of  
24 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
25 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
26 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms

1 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
2 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
3 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
4 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
5 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

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

14 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
15 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall  
16 be returned to the appointing election authority by first-class  
17 mail within 2 business days or personal delivery within 7 days,  
18 except that completed registration materials received by the  
19 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
20 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
21 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
22 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
23 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
24 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
25 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
26 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of

1 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
2 the close of registration.

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

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

11 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
12 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
13 deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
14 county clerk.

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

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

21 (10 ILCS 5/4-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-11)

22 Sec. 4-11. At least 2 weeks prior to the general November  
23 election in each even numbered year and the consolidated  
24 election in each odd-numbered year the county clerk shall cause  
25 a list to be made for each precinct of all names upon the



1 registration record cards not marked or erased, in alphabetical  
2 order, with the address, provided, that such list may be  
3 arranged geographically, by street and number, in numerical  
4 order, with respect to all precincts in which all, or  
5 substantially all residences of voters therein shall be located  
6 upon and numbered along streets, avenues, courts, or other  
7 highways which are either named or numbered, upon direction  
8 either of the county board or of the circuit court. On the  
9 list, the county clerk shall indicate, by italics, asterisk, or  
10 other means, the names of all persons who have registered since  
11 the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated  
12 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this  
13 Act. The county clerk shall cause such precinct lists to be  
14 printed or typed in sufficient numbers to meet all reasonable  
15 demands, and upon application a copy of the same shall be given  
16 to any person applying therefor. By such time, the county clerk  
17 shall give the precinct lists to the chair ~~chairman~~ of a county  
18 central committee of an established political party, as such  
19 party is defined in Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chair's  
20 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative. Within 30 days of  
21 the effective date of this Amendatory Act of 1983, the county  
22 clerk shall give the precinct lists compiled prior to the  
23 general November election of 1982 to the chair ~~chairman~~ of  
24 county central committee of an established political party or  
25 to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

26 Prior to the opening of the polls for other elections, the

1 county clerk shall transmit or deliver to the judges of  
2 election of each polling place a corrected list of registered  
3 voters in the precinct, or the names of persons added to and  
4 erased or withdrawn from the list for such precinct. At other  
5 times such list, currently corrected, shall be kept available  
6 for public inspection in the office of the county clerk.

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

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

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/4-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-12)

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

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

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

22 (Signed) .....

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

24 .....

25 .....

26 ....."

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

14           A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons  
15 making the application to have the name upon such register  
16 erased to appear and show cause why said name should be erased,  
17 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
18 voter making such application fails to appear before said clerk  
19 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or  
20 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be  
21 erased, the application to erase may be dismissed by the county  
22 clerk.

23           Any voter making the application is privileged from arrest  
24 while presenting it to the county clerk, and while going to and  
25 from the office of the county clerk.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

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

7 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

8 City of ..... Ward ..... Precinct .....

9 Election ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)

10 Registration Record .....

11 Checked by .....

12 Voter's number ....

13 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

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

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

20 Signature of voter .....

21 residence address .....

22 An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
23 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be  
24 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
25 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 The certificates of each State-wide political party at a  
14 general primary election shall be separately printed upon paper  
15 of uniform quality, texture and size, but the certificates of  
16 no 2 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or  
17 tint. However, if the election authority provides computer  
18 generated applications with the precinct, ballot style and  
19 voter's name and address preprinted on the application, a  
20 single application may be used for State-wide political parties  
21 if it contains spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the  
22 political party. Such application shall not entitle the voter  
23 to vote in the primary of more than one political party at the  
24 same election.

25 At the consolidated primary, such certificates may contain  
26 spaces or checkoff boxes permitting the voter to request a

1 primary ballot of any other political party which is  
2 established only within a political subdivision and for which a  
3 primary is conducted on the same election day. Such application  
4 shall not entitle the voter to vote in both the primary of the  
5 State-wide political party and the primary of the local  
6 political party with respect to the offices of the same  
7 political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in more  
8 than one State-wide primary on the same day.

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

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

26 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate

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

15 After each general primary election the county clerk shall  
16 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each  
17 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct  
18 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
19 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,  
20 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall  
21 provide a copy of this coded list to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
22 county central committee of each established political party or  
23 to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

24 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
25 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair  
26 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each established



1 political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
2 representative the list of registered voters in each precinct  
3 at the time of the general primary election of 1982 and shall  
4 indicate on such list by color code or other means next to the  
5 name of a registrant the primary ballot of a political party  
6 that the registrant requested at the general primary election  
7 of 1982.

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

11 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
12 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
13 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry  
14 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
15 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as  
16 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the  
17 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased  
18 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register  
19 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or  
20 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of the  
21 elector's right to vote upon compliance with the provisions  
22 hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such event one of the  
23 judges of election shall require an affidavit by such person  
24 and one voter residing in the precinct before the judges of  
25 election, substantially in the form prescribed in Section 17-10  
26 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such affidavits, a

1 certificate shall be issued to such elector, and upon the  
2 presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he shall be  
3 entitled to vote.

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

8        When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
9 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the  
10 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
11 supplemental or consolidated list to the chair ~~chairman~~ of a  
12 county central committee of an established political party or  
13 to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

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

19        After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
20 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
21 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
22 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
23 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
24 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
25 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective  
26 ballots which the voter is given.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/5-14) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-14)

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

18 When the list of registered voters in each precinct is  
19 compiled, the County Clerk shall give a copy of it to the chair  
20 ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an established  
21 political party, as such party is defined in Section 10-2 of  
22 this Act, or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
23 representative. Within 30 days of the effective date of this  
24 Amendatory Act of 1983, the County Clerk shall give the list of  
25 registered voters in each precinct that was compiled prior to

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

4 Within 60 days after each general election the county clerk  
5 shall indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the  
6 list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who  
7 voted at that general election, and shall provide a copy of  
8 such list to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee  
9 of each established political party or to the chair's  
10 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

11 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
12 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall indicate by italics,  
13 asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in  
14 each precinct, each registrant who voted at the general  
15 election of 1982, and shall provide a copy of such coded list  
16 to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each  
17 established political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly  
18 authorized representative.

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

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/5-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-15)

24 Sec. 5-15. Any voter or voters in the township, city,  
25 village, or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any

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

13 "I, being a qualified voter, registered from No. ....  
14 Street in the .... precinct of the .... Ward of the city  
15 (village or town of .... ) of the .... District .... town of  
16 .... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that .... registered  
17 from No. .... Street is not a qualified voter in the ....  
18 precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or town) of ....  
19 or of the .... district town of .... hence I ask that his name  
20 be erased from the register of such precinct for the following  
21 reason ..... Affiant further says that he has personal  
22 knowledge of the facts set forth in the above affidavit.

23 (Signed) .....

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

25 .....

26 .....



1 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

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

6 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
7 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
8 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
9 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

10 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named  
11 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
12 persons:

13 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
14 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
15 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
16 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
17 at such library.

18 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
19 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
20 vocational school situated within the election  
21 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
22 resident of the State, at such school. The county clerk  
23 shall notify every principal and vice-principal of each  
24 high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
25 situated within the election jurisdiction of their

1 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
2 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
3 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
4 every election.

5 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
6 the president, of any university, college, community  
7 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
8 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the  
9 registrations of any resident of the State, at such  
10 university, college, community college, academy or  
11 institution.

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

16 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
17 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
18 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
19 designated by such official, who may accept the  
20 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
21 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
22 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population  
23 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
24 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
25 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
26 jurisdiction and their location, the registration



1 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
2 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
3 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
4 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
5 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
6 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
7 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
8 of bona fide State civic organizations. Such appointments  
9 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
10 terminating on the first business day of the month  
11 following the month of the general election, and shall be  
12 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
13 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

14 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a  
15 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director  
16 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the  
17 registration of any qualified resident of the county at any  
18 such public aid office.

19 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
20 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
21 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
22 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
23 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

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 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
3 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
4 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
5 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
6 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
7 appointed as deputy registrar.

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

24 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
25 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
26 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters

1 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
2 oath or affirmation:

3 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
4 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
5 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
6 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
7 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
8 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
9 personal application before me.

10 .....

11 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

12 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
13 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
14 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
15 filed with the county clerk.

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

1 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

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

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

25 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
26 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by

1 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
2 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
3 possession.

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

7 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
8 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
9 deputy registers shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
10 county clerk.

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/5-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-29)

18 Sec. 5-29. Upon application to vote, except as hereinafter  
19 provided for absent electors, each registered elector shall  
20 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 Town of.....District or Precinct Number.....;  
24 City of.....Ward.....Precinct.....;  
25 Village of.....Precinct.....;

1 Election.....

2 (date) (month) (year)

3 Registration record

4 Checked by.....

5 Voter's number.....

6 Instruction to voters

7 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer  
8 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
9 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present  
10 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

11 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address  
12 below and am qualified to vote.

13 Signature of voter .....

14 Residence address ....."

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

26 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS

1 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE  
2 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT  
3 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE  
4 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

5 Certificates as above prescribed shall be furnished by the  
6 county clerk for all elections.

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

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

24 One of the Judges of election shall check the certificate  
25 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
26 has been examined and shall sign his initials on the

1 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
2 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
3 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space  
4 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the  
5 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate  
6 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such  
7 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of  
8 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in  
9 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an  
10 official poll record. The term "Poll Lists" and "Poll Books"  
11 where used in this article 5 shall be construed to apply to  
12 such official poll records.

13 After each general primary election the county clerk shall  
14 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each  
15 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct  
16 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
17 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,  
18 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall  
19 provide a copy of this coded list to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
20 county central committee of each established political party or  
21 to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

22 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
23 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair  
24 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each established  
25 political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
26 representative the list of registered voters in each precinct



1 at the time of the general primary election of 1982 and shall  
2 indicate on such list by color code or other means next to the  
3 name of a registrant the primary ballot of a political party  
4 that the registrant requested at the general primary election  
5 of 1982.

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

9 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
10 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
11 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry  
12 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
13 in such precinct upon the printed precinct list of voters and  
14 whose name has not been erased or withdrawn from such register,  
15 it shall be the duty of one of the Judges of Election to  
16 require an affidavit by such person and two voters residing in  
17 the precinct before the judges of election that he is the same  
18 person whose name appears upon the precinct register and that  
19 he resides in the precinct stating the street number of his  
20 residence. Forms for such affidavit shall be supplied by the  
21 county clerk for all elections. Upon the making of such  
22 affidavit and the presentation of his certificate such elector  
23 shall be entitled to vote. All affidavits made under this  
24 paragraph shall be preserved and returned to the county clerk  
25 in an envelope. It shall be the duty of the county clerk within  
26 30 days after such election to take steps provided by Section

1 5-27 of this article 5 for the execution of new registration  
2 affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of  
3 this paragraph.

4 Provided, however, that the applications for ballots made  
5 by registered voters and under the provisions of article 19 of  
6 this act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of  
7 the "certificate of registered voter" provided for in this  
8 section.

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

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

20 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
21 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
22 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
23 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
24 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
25 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
26 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective

1 ballots which the voter is given.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/6-24) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-24)

4 Sec. 6-24. Within 20 days after such first appointment  
5 shall be made, such commissioners shall organize as a board by  
6 electing one of their number as chair ~~chairman~~ and one as  
7 secretary, and they shall perform the duties incident to such  
8 offices. And upon every new appointment of a commissioner, such  
9 board shall reorganize in like manner. Each commissioner,  
10 before taking his seat in such board, shall take an oath of  
11 office before the court, which in substance shall be in the  
12 following form:

13 "I, .... do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am a citizen  
14 of the United States, and have resided in the State of Illinois  
15 for a period of 2 years last past, and that I am a legal voter  
16 and resident of the jurisdiction of the ..... Board of  
17 Election Commissioners. That I will support the Constitution of  
18 the United States and of the State of Illinois, and the laws  
19 passed in pursuance thereof, to the best of my ability, and  
20 will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office  
21 of election commissioner."

22 Where the 2 year residence requirement is waived by the  
23 appointing court, the provision pertaining to the 2 year  
24 residence requirement shall be omitted from the oath of office.

25 Which oath, when subscribed and sworn to before such court

1 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of said county  
2 and be there preserved. Such commissioner shall also, before  
3 taking such oath, give an official bond in the sum of  
4 \$10,000.00 with two securities, to be approved by said court,  
5 conditioned for the faithful and honest performance of his  
6 duties and the preservation of the property of his office. Such  
7 board of commissioners shall at once secure and open an office  
8 sufficient for the purposes of such board, which shall be kept  
9 open during ordinary business hours of each week day and such  
10 other days and such other times as the board may direct or as  
11 otherwise required by law, legal holidays excepted; provided  
12 that such office shall be kept open from the time of opening  
13 the polls on the day of any election, primary or general, and  
14 until all returns of that election have been received from each  
15 precinct under the jurisdiction of such Board. Upon the opening  
16 of such office the county clerk of the county in which such  
17 city, village or incorporated town is situated shall, upon  
18 demand, turn over to such board all registry books,  
19 registration record cards, poll books, tally sheets and ballot  
20 boxes heretofore used and all other books, forms, blanks and  
21 stationery of every description in his hands in any way  
22 relating to elections or the holding of elections within such  
23 city, village or incorporated town.

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

25 (10 ILCS 5/6-44) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-44)

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

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

26           Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the

1 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

2 (Signed)....

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

4 .....

5 ....."

6 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
7 applicant before any member of the board or the clerk thereof  
8 and filed with said board. Thereupon notice of such  
9 application, with a demand to appear before the board of  
10 election commissioners and show cause why his name shall not be  
11 erased from said register, shall be personally served upon such  
12 person or left at his place of residence indicated in such  
13 register, or in the case of a homeless individual, at his or  
14 her mailing address, by a messenger of said board of election  
15 commissioners, and, as to the manner and time of serving such  
16 notice such messenger shall make affidavit; the messenger shall  
17 also make affidavit of the fact in case he cannot find such  
18 person or his place of residence, and that he went to the place  
19 named on such register as his or her place of residence. Such  
20 notice shall be served at least one day before the time fixed  
21 for such party to show cause.

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

26 A like notice shall be served on the person or persons

1 making the application to have the name upon such register  
2 erased to appear and show cause why said name shall be erased,  
3 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
4 voter making such application fails to appear before said board  
5 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the notice or fails  
6 to show cause why the name upon such register shall be erased,  
7 the application may be dismissed by the board.

8 Any voter making such application or applications shall be  
9 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the board  
10 of election commissioners, and while going to and returning  
11 from the board of election commissioners.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

14 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall  
15 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election  
16 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the  
17 registration of any qualified resident of the State, except  
18 during the 27 days preceding an election.

19 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of  
20 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the  
21 written request of such persons:

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

1 at such library.

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

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

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

1 jurisdiction at any such public aid office.

2 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
3 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
4 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
5 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
6 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such  
7 unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as  
8 deputy registrar is denied, the board of election  
9 commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the  
10 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
11 organization with written notice setting forth the  
12 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the  
13 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

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

18 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many  
19 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The  
20 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional  
21 deputy registrars in such manner that the convenience of the  
22 public is served, giving due consideration to both population  
23 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy  
24 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal number  
25 from each of the 2 major political parties in the election  
26 jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners, in

1 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
 2 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chair  
 3 ~~Chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the applicant's  
 4 political party. A Chair ~~Chairman~~ of a County Central Committee  
 5 shall submit a list of applicants to the board by November 30  
 6 of each year. The board may require a Chair ~~Chairman~~ of a  
 7 County Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of  
 8 applicants.

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

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

21 .....

22 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

23 This oath shall be administered and certified to by one of  
 24 the commissioners or by the executive director or by some  
 25 person designated by the board of election commissioners, and  
 26 shall immediately thereafter be filed with the board of

1 election commissioners. The members of the board of election  
2 commissioners and all persons authorized by them under the  
3 provisions of this Article to take registrations, after  
4 themselves taking and subscribing to the above oath, are  
5 authorized to take or administer such oaths and execute such  
6 affidavits as are required by this Article.

7 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
8 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
9 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
10 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of  
11 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
12 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
13 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
14 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
15 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
16 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
17 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
18 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

19 (b) The board of election commissioners shall be  
20 responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed  
21 pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably  
22 convenient for both the board of election commissioners and  
23 such appointees. The board of election commissioners shall be  
24 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
25 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
26 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to

1 removal for cause.

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

17 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
18 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
19 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
20 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
21 possession.

22 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
23 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
24 her duties.

25 (f) The board of election commissioners shall not be  
26 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any

1 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to  
2 be employees of the board of election commissioners.

3 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy  
4 registrars for persons residing outside the election  
5 jurisdiction shall be transmitted by the board of election  
6 commissioners within 2 days after receipt to the election  
7 authority of the person's election jurisdiction of residence.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/6-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-60)

10 Sec. 6-60. Immediately after the last registration day  
11 before any election, except as is otherwise provided in Section  
12 6-43 of this Article, the board of election commissioners shall  
13 prepare and print precinct registers in the manner provided by  
14 Section 6-43 of this article, and make such copies available to  
15 any person applying therefor. Provided, however, that in  
16 cities, villages and incorporated towns of less than 200,000  
17 inhabitants such printed lists shall be prepared only before a  
18 general election. On the precinct registers, the board of  
19 election commissioners shall indicate, by italics, asterisk,  
20 or other means, the names of all persons who have registered  
21 since the last regularly scheduled election in the consolidated  
22 schedule of elections established in Section 2A-1.1 of this  
23 Act.

24 Prior to the general election of even-numbered years, all  
25 boards of election commissioners shall give the precinct

1 registers to the chair ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee  
2 of an established political party, as such party is defined in  
3 Section 10-2 of this Act, or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly  
4 authorized representative. Within 30 days of the effective date  
5 of this Amendatory Act of 1983, all boards of election  
6 commissioners shall give the precinct registers compiled prior  
7 to the general November election of 1982 to the chair ~~chairman~~  
8 of a county central committee of an established political party  
9 or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

10 For the first registration under this article, such  
11 precinct register shall be printed and available to any person  
12 upon application therefor at least three days before the first  
13 day upon which any voter may make application in writing to  
14 have any name erased from the register as provided by Section  
15 6-44 of this Article. For subsequent registrations, such  
16 registers, except as otherwise provided in this section for  
17 municipalities of more than 500,000, shall be printed and shall  
18 be available to any person upon application at least five days  
19 before the first day upon which any voter may make application  
20 in writing to have any name erased from the register.

21 Application to have a name upon such register erased may be  
22 made in the manner provided by Section 6-44 of this Article,  
23 and applications to erase names, complete registration, or to  
24 register or restore names shall be heard in the same manner as  
25 is provided by Section 6-45 of this Article, with application  
26 to the circuit court and appeal to the Supreme Court as

1 provided in Sections 6-46 and 6-47. The rights conferred and  
2 the times specified by these sections with respect to the first  
3 election under this article shall also apply to succeeding  
4 registrations and elections. Provided, however, that in  
5 municipalities having a population of more than 500,000, and  
6 having a Board of Election Commissioners, as to all elections,  
7 registrations for which are made solely with the Board of  
8 Election Commissioners, and where no general precinct  
9 registrations were provided for or held within twenty-eight  
10 days before the election, an application to have a name upon  
11 such register erased, as provided for in Section 6-44, shall be  
12 made within two days after the publication of the printed  
13 precinct register, and the Board of Election Commissioners  
14 shall announce its decision on such applications within four  
15 days after said applications are made, and within four days  
16 after its decision on such applications shall cause a  
17 supplemental printed precinct register showing such correction  
18 as may be necessary by reason of such decision to be printed in  
19 like manner as hereinabove provided in Section 6-43 hereof, and  
20 upon application a copy of the same shall be given to any  
21 person applying therefor. Such list shall have printed on the  
22 bottom thereof the facsimile signatures of the members of the  
23 board of election commissioners. Said supplemental printed  
24 precinct register shall be prima facie evidence that the  
25 electors whose names appear thereon are entitled to vote. If  
26 the dates specified in this Article as to applications to



1 complete or erase registrations or as to proceedings before the  
2 Board of Election Commissioners or the circuit court in the  
3 first registration under this Article shall not be applicable  
4 to any subsequent primary or regular or special election, the  
5 Board of Election Commissioners shall, with the approval of the  
6 circuit court, adopt and publish a schedule of dates which  
7 shall permit equal intervals of time therefor as are provided  
8 for such first registrations.

9 After action by the Board of Election Commissioners and by  
10 the circuit court, a supplemental list shall be prepared and  
11 made available in the manner provided by Section 6-48 of this  
12 Article.

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

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

1 ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized representative.

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

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

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

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

10 "CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

11 City of ..... Ward .... Precinct .... Election  
12 ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)  
13 Registration Record ..... Checked by ..... Voter's  
14 number .....

15 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

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

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

22 Signature of voter .....

23 Residence address ....."

24 An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
25 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be

1 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
2 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.  
3 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested  
4 to provide his social security number when the individual  
5 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a  
6 space for the individual's social security number, the  
7 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately  
8 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the  
9 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

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

15 The applications of each State-wide political party at a  
16 primary election shall be separately printed upon paper of  
17 uniform quality, texture and size, but the applications of no 2  
18 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or  
19 tint. If the election authority provides computer generated  
20 applications with the precinct, ballot style, and voter's name  
21 and address preprinted on the application, a single application  
22 may be used for State-wide political parties if it contains  
23 spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the political party. Such  
24 applications may contain spaces or check-off boxes permitting  
25 the voter to also request a primary ballot of any political  
26 party which is established only within a political subdivision

1 and for which a primary is conducted on the same election day.  
2 Such applications shall not entitle the voter to vote in both  
3 the primary of a State-wide political party and the primary of  
4 a local political party with respect to the offices of the same  
5 political subdivision or to vote in the primary of more than  
6 one State-wide political party on the same day.

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

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

24 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate  
25 of such applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
26 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the

1 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
2 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
3 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space  
4 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the  
5 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate  
6 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such  
7 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of  
8 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in  
9 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an  
10 official poll record. The terms "poll lists" and "poll books",  
11 where used in this Article and Act, shall be construed to apply  
12 to such official poll record.

13 After each general primary election the board of election  
14 commissioners shall indicate by color code or other means next  
15 to the name of each registrant on the list of registered voters  
16 in each precinct the primary ballot of a political party that  
17 the registrant requested at the general primary election. The  
18 board of election commissioners, within 60 days after that  
19 general primary election, shall provide a copy of this coded  
20 list to the chairman of the county central committee of each  
21 established political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly  
22 authorized representative.

23 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
24 Act of 1983, the board of election commissioners shall provide  
25 to the chairman of the county central committee of each  
26 established political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly

1 authorized representative the list of registered voters in each  
2 precinct at the time of the general primary election of 1982  
3 and shall indicate on such list by color code or other means  
4 next to the name of a registrant the primary ballot of a  
5 political party that the registrant requested at the general  
6 primary election of 1982.

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

10 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
11 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his  
12 registration card is not found in the precinct registry of  
13 voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter in  
14 such precinct upon the printed precinct register as corrected  
15 or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the consolidated  
16 list, if any provided by this Article and whose name has not  
17 been erased or withdrawn from such register, the printed  
18 precinct register as corrected or revised by the supplemental  
19 list, or consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie  
20 evidence of the elector's right to vote upon compliance with  
21 the provisions hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such  
22 event it shall be the duty of one of the judges of election to  
23 require an affidavit by such person and 2 voters residing in  
24 the precinct before the judges of election that he is the same  
25 person whose name appears upon the printed precinct register as  
26 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or consolidated

1 list, if any, and that he resides in the precinct, stating the  
2 street and number of his residence, and upon the presentation  
3 of such affidavits, a certificate shall be issued to such  
4 elector, and upon the presentation of such certificate and  
5 affidavits, he shall be entitled to vote. Any elector whose  
6 name does not appear as a registered voter on the printed  
7 precinct register or supplemental list but who has a  
8 certificate issued by the board of election commissioners as  
9 provided in Section 6-43 of this Article, shall be entitled to  
10 vote upon the presentation of such certificate accompanied by  
11 the affidavits of 2 voters residing in the precinct that the  
12 elector is the same person described in such certificate and  
13 that he resides in the precinct, stating the street and number  
14 of his residence. Forms for all affidavits required hereunder  
15 shall be supplied by the board of election commissioners. All  
16 affidavits made under this paragraph shall be preserved and  
17 returned to the board of election commissioners in the manner  
18 provided by this Article and Article 18 of this Act. It shall  
19 be the duty of the board of election commissioners, within 30  
20 days after such election, to take the steps provided by Section  
21 6-64 of this Article for the execution of new registration  
22 affidavits by electors who have voted under the provisions of  
23 this paragraph.

24 When the board of election commissioners delivers to the  
25 judges of election for use at the polls a supplemental or  
26 consolidated list of the printed precinct register, it shall

1 give a copy of the supplemental or consolidated list to the  
2 chair ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee of an established  
3 political party or to the chair's ~~chairman's~~ duly authorized  
4 representative.

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

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

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

19 (10 ILCS 5/6-70) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-70)

20 Sec. 6-70. Such election commissioners and the executive  
21 director of the Board of Election Commissioners shall be paid  
22 by the county. In counties having a population of 500,000 or  
23 more, the city first adopting the provisions of this Act shall  
24 pay the salary of the assistant executive director. In all  
25 other counties such salary shall be paid by the county. In



1 cities, villages and incorporated towns having a population  
2 less than 25,000 as determined by the last federal census, the  
3 election commissioners shall receive a salary of not less than  
4 \$1,800 per annum. If the population is 25,000 or more but less  
5 than 40,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary  
6 of not less than \$2,400 per annum, to be determined by the  
7 county board. If the population is 40,000 or more but less than  
8 70,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of not  
9 less than \$2,100 per annum, to be determined by the county  
10 board. If the population is 70,000 or more but less than  
11 100,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of  
12 not less than \$2,700 per annum, to be determined by the county  
13 board. If the population is 100,000 or more but less than  
14 2,000,000 the election commissioners shall receive a salary of  
15 not less than \$3,200 per annum, to be determined by the county  
16 board. The chair ~~chairman~~ of a board of election commissioners,  
17 in counties with a population of less than 2,000,000, shall be  
18 paid by the county an additional amount equal to 10% of his  
19 salary as an election commissioner. If the population is less  
20 than 25,000 the executive director shall receive a salary of  
21 not less than \$4,500 per annum. If the population is 25,000 or  
22 more but less than 40,000 the executive director shall receive  
23 a salary of not less than \$8,000 per annum, and in such cities,  
24 villages and incorporated towns there may be employed one  
25 assistant executive director who shall receive a salary of not  
26 less than \$6,000 per annum. If the population is 40,000 or more

1 but less than 70,000 the executive director shall receive a  
2 salary of not less than \$9,500 per annum, and in such cities,  
3 villages and incorporated towns there may be employed one  
4 assistant executive director who shall receive a salary of not  
5 less than \$7,500 per annum. If the population is 70,000 or more  
6 but less than 100,000 the executive director shall receive a  
7 salary of not less than \$11,000 per annum, and in such cities,  
8 villages and incorporated towns there may be employed one  
9 assistant executive director who shall receive a salary of not  
10 less than \$8,000 per annum. If the population is 100,000 or  
11 more but less than 2,000,000 the executive director shall  
12 receive a salary of not less than \$12,000 per annum, and in  
13 such cities, villages and incorporated towns there may be  
14 employed one assistant executive director who shall receive a  
15 salary of not less than \$8,000 per annum. It shall be the duty  
16 of the Board of Election Commissioners in such cities, villages  
17 and incorporated towns to fix the salary of the executive  
18 director and assistant executive director at the time of  
19 appointment of the clerk. In cities, villages and incorporated  
20 towns with a population greater than 2,000,000 the election  
21 commissioners shall receive a salary of not less than \$21,000,  
22 provided, however, that the chair ~~chairman~~ of the Board of  
23 Election Commissioners shall receive a salary, as set by and  
24 from time to time changed by the Board of County Commissioners,  
25 of not less than \$35,000 per annum and shall hold no other  
26 office. In cities, villages and incorporated towns with a

1 population greater than 2,000,000, such other election  
2 commissioners shall hold no other office. In cities, villages  
3 and incorporated towns with a population greater than 2,000,000  
4 the executive director and employees of the Board of Election  
5 Commissioners shall serve on a full-time basis and shall hold  
6 no other office. In cities, villages and incorporated towns  
7 with a population of greater than 2,000,000, no election  
8 commissioner, executive director nor employee shall  
9 participate in any manner, in any activity or interests of any  
10 political party or of any candidate for public office or for  
11 nomination thereof, nor participate in any political campaign  
12 for the nomination or election of candidates for public office.  
13 Violation of any provision hereof shall be cause for removal  
14 from office or dismissal, as the case may be; provided, that  
15 nothing contained herein shall be deemed to interfere with the  
16 right of any person to vote for any candidate or upon any issue  
17 as his reason and conscience may dictate nor interfere with the  
18 duties of his office. All expenses incurred by such Board of  
19 Election Commissioners shall be paid by such city.

20 The salaries and expenditures are to be audited by the  
21 chief circuit judge, who may designate an independent external  
22 auditor to perform the task, and the salaries and expenditures  
23 shall be paid by the county or city treasurer, as the case may  
24 be, upon the warrant of the chief circuit judge of any money in  
25 the county or city treasury, as the case may be, not otherwise  
26 appropriated. It shall also be the duty of the governing

1 authority of those counties and cities, respectively, to make  
2 provisions for the prompt payment of the salaries and  
3 expenditures.

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

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

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

7 (a) If the county board adopts an ordinance providing for  
8 the establishment of a county board of election commissioners,  
9 or if a majority of the votes cast on a proposition submitted  
10 in accordance with Section 6A-2(a) are in favor of a county  
11 board of election commissioners, a county board of election  
12 commissioners shall be appointed in the same manner as is  
13 provided in Article 6 for boards of election commissioners in  
14 cities, villages and incorporated towns, except that the county  
15 board of election commissioners shall be appointed by the chair  
16 ~~chairman~~ of the county board rather than the circuit court.  
17 However, before any appointments are made, the appointing  
18 authority shall ascertain whether the county clerk desires to  
19 be a member of the county board of election commissioners. If  
20 the county clerk so desires, he shall be one of the members of  
21 the county board of election commissioners, and the appointing  
22 authority shall appoint only 2 other members.

23 (b) For any county board of election commissioners  
24 established under subsection (b) of Section 6A-1, within 30  
25 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

1 98th General Assembly, the chief judge of the circuit court of  
2 the county shall appoint 5 commissioners. At least 4 of those  
3 commissioners shall be selected from the 2 major established  
4 political parties of the State, with at least 2 from each of  
5 those parties. Such appointment shall be entered of record in  
6 the office of the County Clerk and the State Board of  
7 Elections. Those first appointed shall hold their offices for  
8 the period of one, 2, and 3 years respectively, and the judge  
9 appointing them shall designate the term for which each  
10 commissioner shall hold his or her office, whether for one, 2  
11 or 3 years except that no more than one commissioner from each  
12 major established political party may be designated the same  
13 term. After the initial term, each commissioner or his or her  
14 successor shall be appointed to a 3 year term. No elected  
15 official or former elected official who has been out of elected  
16 office for less than 2 years may be appointed to the board.  
17 Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge of the circuit  
18 court within 30 days of the vacancy in a manner that maintains  
19 the foregoing political party representation.

20 (c) For any county board of election commissioners  
21 established under subsection (c) of Section 6A-1, within 30  
22 days after the conclusion of the election at which the  
23 proposition to establish a county board of election  
24 commissioners is approved by the voters, the municipal board  
25 shall apply to the circuit court of the county for the chief  
26 judge of the circuit court to appoint 2 additional

1 commissioners, one of whom shall be from each major established  
2 political party and neither of whom shall reside within the  
3 limits of the municipal board, so that 3 commissioners shall  
4 reside within the limits of the municipal board and 2 shall  
5 reside within the county but not within the municipality, as it  
6 may exist from time to time. Not more than 3 of the  
7 commissioners shall be members of the same major established  
8 political party. Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge  
9 of the circuit court upon application of the remaining  
10 commissioners in a manner that maintains the foregoing  
11 geographical and political party representation.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-1)

14 Sec. 7-1. Application of Article.

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the  
16 nomination of all candidates for all elective State,  
17 congressional, judicial, and county officers, State's  
18 Attorneys (whether elected from a single county or from more  
19 than one county), city, village, and incorporated town and  
20 municipal officers, trustees of sanitary districts, township  
21 officers in townships of over 5,000 population coextensive with  
22 or included wholly within cities or villages not under the  
23 commission form of government, precinct, township, ward, and  
24 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
25 alternate delegates to national nominating conventions by all

1 political parties, as defined in Section 7-2 of this Article 7,  
2 shall be made in the manner provided in this Article 7 and not  
3 otherwise. The nomination of candidates for electors of  
4 President and Vice President of the United States shall be made  
5 only in the manner provided for in Section 7-9 of this Article.

6 (b) This Article 7 shall not apply to (i) the nomination of  
7 candidates for school elections and township elections, except  
8 in those townships specifically mentioned in subsection (a) and  
9 except in those cases in which a township central committee  
10 determines under Section 6A-2 of the Township Law of 1874 or  
11 Section 45-55 of the Township Code that its candidates for  
12 township offices shall be nominated by primary in accordance  
13 with this Article, (ii) the nomination of park commissioners in  
14 park districts organized under the Park District Code, (iii)  
15 the nomination of officers of cities and villages organized  
16 under special charters, or (iv) the nomination of municipal  
17 officers for cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a  
18 population of 5,000 or less, except where a city, village, or  
19 incorporated town with a population of 5,000 or less has by  
20 ordinance determined that political parties shall nominate  
21 candidates for municipal office in the city, village, or  
22 incorporated town by primary in accordance with this Article.  
23 In that event, the municipal clerk shall certify the ordinance  
24 to the proper election officials no later than November 15 in  
25 the year preceding the consolidated primary election.

26 (c) The words "township officers" or "township offices"

1 shall be construed, when used in this Article, to include  
2 supervisors.

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

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/7-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-2)

9 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election  
10 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,  
11 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the  
12 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the  
13 State, and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this  
14 Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect  
15 precinct, township, ward and State central committeepersons  
16 ~~committeemen~~ as herein provided.

17 A political party, which at the general election for State  
18 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more  
19 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any  
20 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political  
21 party within the meaning of this Article, within such  
22 congressional district, and shall nominate its candidate for  
23 Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof. A  
24 political party, which at the general election for State and  
25 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5



1 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby  
2 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
3 Article, within said county, and shall nominate all county  
4 officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall  
5 elect precinct, township, and ward committeepersons  
6 ~~committeemen~~, as herein provided;

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

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

23 A political party, which at the municipal election in any  
24 other municipality or political subdivision, (except townships  
25 and school districts), for municipal or other officers therein  
26 then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the

1 entire vote cast in such municipality or political subdivision,  
2 is hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning  
3 of this Article, within said municipality or political  
4 subdivision, and shall nominate all municipal or other officers  
5 therein under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the  
6 cases provided in Section 7-1.

7        Provided, that no political organization or group shall be  
8 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a  
9 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or  
10 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other un-American  
11 principles and engages in activities or propaganda designed to  
12 teach subservience to the political principles and ideals of  
13 foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the established  
14 constitutional form of government of the United States and the  
15 State of Illinois.

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

17        (10 ILCS 5/7-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-4)

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

21        1. The word "primary" the primary elections provided for in  
22 this Article, which are the general primary, the consolidated  
23 primary, and for those municipalities which have annual  
24 partisan elections for any officer, the municipal primary held  
25 6 weeks prior to the general primary election date in even

1 numbered years.

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

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

7 4. The words "state office" or "state officer", an office  
8 to be filled, or an officer to be voted for, by qualified  
9 electors of the entire state, including United States Senator  
10 and Congressman at large.

11 5. The words "congressional office" or "congressional  
12 officer", representatives in Congress.

13 6. The words "county office" or "county officer," include  
14 an office to be filled or an officer to be voted for, by the  
15 qualified electors of the entire county. "County office" or  
16 "county officer" also include the assessor and board of appeals  
17 and county commissioners and president of county board of Cook  
18 County, and county board members and the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
19 county board in counties subject to "An Act relating to the  
20 composition and election of county boards in certain counties",  
21 enacted by the 76th General Assembly.

22 7. The words "city office" and "village office," and  
23 "incorporated town office" or "city officer" and "village  
24 officer", and "incorporated town officer" an office to be  
25 filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified electors  
26 of the entire municipality, including aldermen.

1           8. The words "town office" or "town officer", an office to  
2 be filled or an officer to be voted for by the qualified  
3 electors of an entire town.

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

6           10. The words "delegates and alternate delegates to  
7 National nominating conventions" include all delegates and  
8 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions whether  
9 they be elected from the state at large or from congressional  
10 districts or selected by State convention unless contrary and  
11 non-inclusive language specifically limits the term to one  
12 class.

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

15           (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

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

17           Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain  
18 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the  
19 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the  
20 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A  
21 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but  
22 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in  
23 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to  
24 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee  
25 for each congressional district, a county central committee for

1 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,  
2 incorporated town or village, a ward committeeperson  
3 ~~committeeman~~ for each ward in cities containing a population of  
4 500,000 or more; a township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ for  
5 each township or part of a township that lies outside of cities  
6 having a population of 200,000 or more, in counties having a  
7 population of 2,000,000 or more; a precinct committeeperson  
8 ~~committeeman~~ for each precinct in counties having a population  
9 of less than 2,000,000; a county board district committee for  
10 each county board district created under Division 2-3 of the  
11 Counties Code; a State's Attorney committee for each group of 2  
12 or more counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney; a  
13 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
14 committee for each group of 2 or more counties which jointly  
15 elect a Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service  
16 Region; a judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit  
17 divided into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that  
18 circuit; and a board of review election district committee for  
19 each Cook County Board of Review election district.

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

22 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

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

## 1 State Central Committee

2 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective  
3 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each  
4 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections  
5 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the  
6 State central committee of that party.

7 Alternative A. At the primary in 1970 and at the general  
8 primary election held every 4 years thereafter, each primary  
9 elector may vote for one candidate of his party for member of  
10 the State central committee for the congressional district in  
11 which he resides. The candidate receiving the highest number of  
12 votes shall be declared elected State central committeeperson  
13 ~~committeeman~~ from the district. A political party may, in lieu  
14 of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any State  
15 convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect the  
16 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the manner  
17 following:

18 At the county convention held by such political party,  
19 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be elected  
20 in the same manner as provided in this Article for the election  
21 of officers of the county central committee, and such election  
22 shall follow the election of officers of the county central  
23 committee. Each elected ward, township or precinct  
24 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall cast as his vote one vote  
25 for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township  
26 or precinct in the last preceding primary election of his

1 political party. In the case of a county lying partially within  
2 one congressional district and partially within another  
3 congressional district, each ward, township or precinct  
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall vote only with respect to  
5 the congressional district in which his ward, township, part of  
6 a township or precinct is located. In the case of a  
7 congressional district which encompasses more than one county,  
8 each ward, township or precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
9 residing within the congressional district shall cast as his  
10 vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part  
11 of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary  
12 election of his political party for one candidate of his party  
13 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
14 district in which he resides and the Chair ~~Chairman~~ of the  
15 county central committee shall report the results of the  
16 election to the State Board of Elections. The State Board of  
17 Elections shall certify the candidate receiving the highest  
18 number of votes elected State central committeeperson  
19 ~~committeeman~~ for that congressional district.

20 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide  
21 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of  
22 members of the State central committee.

23 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act  
24 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair  
25 ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee, or at the end of the  
26 term of office of Chair ~~Chairman~~, the State central committee

1 of each political party that has selected Alternative A shall  
2 elect a Chair ~~Chairman~~ who shall not be required to be a member  
3 of the State Central Committee. The Chair ~~Chairman~~ shall be a  
4 registered voter in this State and of the same political party  
5 as the State central committee.

6 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within  
7 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a  
8 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
9 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
10 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
11 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each  
12 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
13 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
14 each congressional district at the general primary election  
15 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
16 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
17 candidates for State central committeeman, and the female  
18 candidate receiving the highest number of votes of the party's  
19 female candidates for State central committeewoman, shall be  
20 declared elected State central committeeman and State central  
21 committeewoman from the district. At the general primary  
22 election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if all a  
23 party's candidates for State central committeemen or State  
24 central committeewomen from a congressional district are of the  
25 same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes  
26 shall be declared elected a State central committeeman or State



1 central committeewoman from the district, and, because of a  
2 failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
3 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
4 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
5 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional  
6 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
7 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
8 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeman or  
9 committeewoman elected at the general primary election. Each  
10 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
11 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

12 The Chair ~~Chairman~~ of a State central committee composed as  
13 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the  
14 committee's members.

15 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the  
16 selection of the Chair ~~Chairman~~ of the State central committee,  
17 under both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central  
18 committee of each political party shall be composed of members  
19 elected or appointed from the several congressional districts  
20 of the State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The  
21 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days  
22 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in  
23 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a Chair  
24 ~~chairman~~, and may at such time elect such officers from among  
25 their own number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or  
26 expedient. The outgoing chair ~~chairman~~ of the State central

1 committee of the party shall, 10 days before the meeting,  
2 notify each member of the State central committee elected at  
3 the primary of the time and place of such meeting. In the  
4 organization and proceedings of the State central committee,  
5 each State central committeeman and State central  
6 committeewoman shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
7 or her congressional district by the primary electors of his or  
8 her party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
9 meeting of the State central committee. Whenever a vacancy  
10 occurs in the State central committee of any political party,  
11 the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the chairmen of  
12 the county central committees of the political party of the  
13 counties located within the congressional district in which the  
14 vacancy occurs and, if applicable, the ward and township  
15 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the political party in  
16 counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants located within the  
17 congressional district. If the congressional district in which  
18 the vacancy occurs lies wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or  
19 more inhabitants, the ward and township committeepersons  
20 ~~committeemen~~ of the political party in that congressional  
21 district shall vote to fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the  
22 vacancy, each chair ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee and  
23 each ward and township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in  
24 counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants shall have one vote  
25 for each ballot voted in each precinct of the congressional  
26 district in which the vacancy exists of his or her county,

1 township, or ward cast by the primary electors of his or her  
2 party at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting  
3 to fill the vacancy in the State central committee. The person  
4 appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the  
5 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs, shall be a  
6 qualified voter, and, in a committee composed as provided in  
7 Alternative B, shall be of the same sex as his or her  
8 predecessor. A political party may, by a majority vote of the  
9 delegates of any State convention of such party, determine to  
10 return to the election of State central committeeman and State  
11 central committeewoman by the vote of primary electors. Any  
12 action taken by a political party at a State convention in  
13 accordance with this Section shall be reported to the State  
14 Board of Elections by the chair ~~chairman~~ and secretary of such  
15 convention within 10 days after such action.

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

17 (b) At the primary in 1972 and at the general primary  
18 election every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
19 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one  
20 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeperson  
21 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for ward committeeperson  
22 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the ward where he  
23 seeks to be elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one  
24 having the highest number of votes shall be such ward  
25 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such ward. At  
26 the primary election in 1970 and at the general primary

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

25 Terms of Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~. All precinct  
26 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected under the provisions of

1 this Article shall continue as such committeepersons  
2 ~~committeemen~~ until the date of the primary to be held in the  
3 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided  
4 in this Section for certain State central committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~ who have 2 year terms, all State central  
6 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
7 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall  
8 continue as such committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ until the date  
9 of primary to be held in the fourth year after their election.  
10 However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ when a precinct committeeperson  
12 ~~committeeman~~ ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was  
13 elected and such precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
14 thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers or  
15 duties as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in that precinct, even  
16 if a successor has not been elected or appointed.

17 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of  
18 the precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of such party, in  
19 the multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to  
20 Section 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized  
21 for the purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township  
22 Code. In the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township  
23 Central Committee each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
24 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by  
25 the primary electors of his party at the primary at which he  
26 was elected.

## 1 County Central Committee

2 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
3 each county shall consist of the various township  
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, precinct committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any,  
6 of such party in the county. In the organization and  
7 proceedings of the county central committee, each precinct  
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
9 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his  
10 party at the primary at which he was elected; each township  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
12 ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the case  
13 may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
14 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
15 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
16 county central committee; and in the organization and  
17 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward  
18 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
19 ballot voted in his ward by the primary electors of his party  
20 at the primary election for the nomination of candidates for  
21 election to the General Assembly immediately preceding the  
22 meeting of the county central committee.

## 23 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

24 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of  
25 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
26 various township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward

1 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of that party in the  
2 portions of the county composing the board of review election  
3 district. In the organization and proceedings of each of the 3  
4 election district committees, each township committeeperson  
5 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
6 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by  
7 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
8 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of  
9 review election district committee; and in the organization and  
10 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
11 ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
12 ballot voted in his or her ward or part of that ward, as the  
13 case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
14 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the board  
15 of review election district committee.

16 Congressional Committee

17 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each  
18 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the  
19 county central committees of the counties composing the  
20 congressional district, except that in congressional districts  
21 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, the  
22 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township  
23 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons  
24 ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the party representing the precincts  
25 within the limits of the congressional district, shall compose  
26 the congressional committee. A State central committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ in each district shall be a member and the chair  
2 ~~chairman~~ or, when a district has 2 State central  
3 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, a co-chairperson ~~co-chairman~~ of  
4 the congressional committee, but shall not have the right to  
5 vote except in case of a tie.

6 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
7 committees composed of precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
8 or township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or ward  
9 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or any combination thereof,  
10 each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote  
11 for each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors  
12 of his party at the primary at which he was elected, each  
13 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for  
14 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the  
15 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
16 election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
17 congressional committee, and each ward committeeperson  
18 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
19 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by  
20 the primary electors of his party at the primary election  
21 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
22 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of  
23 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county  
24 central committees of the counties within such district, each  
25 chair ~~chairman~~ of such county central committee shall have one  
26 vote for each ballot voted in his county by the primary



1 electors of his party at the primary election immediately  
2 preceding the meeting of the congressional committee.

3 Judicial District Committee

4 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
5 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chair  
6 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committees of the counties  
7 composing the judicial district.

8 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
9 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
10 committees of the counties within such district, each chair  
11 ~~chairman~~ of such county central committee shall have one vote  
12 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of  
13 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
14 meeting of the judicial district committee.

15 Circuit Court Committee

16 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in  
17 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of  
18 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties  
19 composing the judicial circuit.

20 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
21 committees, each chair ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee  
22 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
23 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
24 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court  
25 committee.

26 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

1 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political  
2 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided  
3 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township  
4 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the townships and wards  
5 composing the judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the  
6 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts  
7 composing the judicial subcircuit in any county other than Cook  
8 County.

9 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial  
10 subcircuit committee, each township committeeperson  
11 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
12 township or part of a township, as the case may be, in the  
13 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the  
14 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
15 judicial subcircuit committee; each precinct committeeperson  
16 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
17 precinct or part of a precinct, as the case may be, in the  
18 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the  
19 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
20 judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward committeeperson  
21 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
22 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial  
23 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
24 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial  
25 subcircuit committee.

26 Municipal Central Committee



1 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers  
2 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.  
3 The several committees herein provided for shall not have power  
4 to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other  
5 person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed  
6 to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership  
7 proper and necessary subcommittees.

8 (j) The State central committee of a political party which  
9 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
10 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate  
11 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy  
12 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by  
13 a national political party.

14 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a  
15 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State  
16 central committeeman or committeewoman at meetings of the State  
17 central committee of a political party which elects its members  
18 by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy  
19 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township  
20 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the wards and  
21 townships which lie entirely or partially within the  
22 Congressional District from which the absent State central  
23 committeeman or committeewoman was elected and the vote of the  
24 chairmen of the county central committees of those counties  
25 which lie entirely or partially within that Congressional  
26 District and in which there are no ward or township

1 ~~committeepersons~~ ~~committeemen~~. When voting for such proxy, the  
2 county chair ~~chairman~~, ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or  
3 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, as the case may be,  
4 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his county, ward  
5 or township, or portion thereof within the Congressional  
6 District, by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
7 at which he was elected. However, the absent State central  
8 committeeman or committeewoman may designate a proxy when  
9 permitted by the rules of a political party which elects its  
10 members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section.

11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
12 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
13 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
14 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of  
15 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
16 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
17 automatically become vacant.

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

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.01)

20 Sec. 7-8.01. The county board district committee of each  
21 political party in each county board district created pursuant  
22 to "An Act relating to the composition and election of county  
23 boards in certain counties", enacted by the 76th General  
24 Assembly, shall consist of the precinct committeepersons  
25 ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts included in the county board

1 district.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.02) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.02)

4 Sec. 7-8.02. The State's Attorney committee for each group  
5 of counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney and the  
6 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
7 committee for each group of counties which jointly elect a  
8 Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service Region  
9 shall consist of the chairmen of the county central committees  
10 of the counties composing such group of counties. In the  
11 organization and proceedings of a State's Attorney or  
12 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
13 committee, each chair ~~chairman~~ of a county central committee  
14 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his or her county  
15 by the primary electors of his or her party at the last primary  
16 of an even-numbered year.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

19 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
20 conventions.

21 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
22 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected, the county central  
23 committee of each political party shall meet within the county  
24 and proceed to organize by electing from its own number a chair

1 ~~chairman~~ and either from its own number, or otherwise, such  
2 other officers as such committee may deem necessary or  
3 expedient. Such meeting of the county central committee shall  
4 be known as the county convention.

5 The chair ~~chairman~~ of each county committee shall within 10  
6 days after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
7 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
8 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and representative  
9 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected by his political party.

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

1 townships as the case may be are entitled, on the basis  
2 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to  
3 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such  
4 county.

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

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

14 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after the  
15 general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years thereafter.  
16 In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the chair  
17 ~~chairman~~ of a State central committee may issue a call for a  
18 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

19 The State convention of each political party, if the party  
20 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make  
21 nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
22 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
23 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined  
24 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
25 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
26 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee



1 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the  
2 State convention.

3 (c) The chair ~~chairman~~ and secretary of each State  
4 convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
5 shall, within 2 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of  
6 Elections of this State a certificate setting forth the names  
7 and addresses of all persons nominated by such State convention  
8 for electors of President and Vice President of the United  
9 States, and of any persons selected by the State convention for  
10 delegates and alternate delegates at large to national  
11 nominating conventions; and the names of such candidates so  
12 chosen by such State convention for electors of President and  
13 Vice President of the United States, shall be caused by the  
14 State Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot  
15 at the general election, in the manner required by law, and  
16 shall be certified to the various county clerks of the proper  
17 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this  
18 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated  
19 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act  
20 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on  
21 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified  
22 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act  
23 applicable thereto.

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

1 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,  
2 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chair  
3 ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee of each political party  
4 shall file in the principal office of the State Board of  
5 Elections a call for the State convention. Such call shall  
6 state, among other things, the time and place (designating the  
7 building or hall) for holding the State convention. Such call  
8 shall be signed by the chairperson ~~chairman~~ and attested by the  
9 secretary of the committee. In such convention each county  
10 shall be entitled to one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by  
11 the primary electors of the party in such county at the primary  
12 to be held next after the issuance of such call; and if in such  
13 county, less than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of  
14 ballots so voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall  
15 be one delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for  
16 such group representing the number of votes over the multiple  
17 of 500, which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each  
18 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such  
19 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in  
20 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen  
21 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of  
22 delegates be chosen.

23 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons  
24 ~~committeemen~~ when elected as provided in this Section shall  
25 serve as though elected at large irrespective of any changes  
26 that may be made in precinct, township or ward boundaries and

1 the voting strength of each committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
2 remain as provided in this Section for the entire time for  
3 which he is elected.

4 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
5 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
6 provided in this Act.

7 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
8 called by the chair ~~chairman~~, or by not less than 25% of the  
9 members of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members  
10 of such committee in writing designating the time and place at  
11 which such special meeting is to be held and the business which  
12 it is proposed to present at such special meeting.

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

25 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
26 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of

1 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
2 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
3 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
4 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
5 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
6 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
7 their terms.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/7-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9.1)

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

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

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

25 2. Alternates from other Districts with same Presidential

1 preference;

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

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

6 5. Alternates from other Districts with different  
7 Presidential preference;

8 6. Alternate at-large delegates with different  
9 Presidential preference.

10 Unpledged delegates shall be replaced by unpledged  
11 alternates.

12 Each delegate shall certify in writing the order of his  
13 succession of alternates to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the State's  
14 delegation.

15 The delegation shall, as soon as practicable, fill a  
16 vacancy in the position of alternate delegate by choosing, in  
17 accord with its rules, a person of the same Presidential  
18 preference and from the same political subdivision.

19 The alternate succeeding to the vacated office shall  
20 exercise all the rights and prerogatives of the office and  
21 discharge all the duties of the office.

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

24 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
25 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~, or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or  
 2 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or ward committeeperson  
 3 ~~committeeman~~ or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to  
 4 national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the  
 5 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed  
 6 in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the  
 7 following form:

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

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

20 Name..... Address.....

21 State of Illinois)

22 ) ss.

23 County of.....)

24 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....

1 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 2 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 3 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 4 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 5 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at  
 6 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the ....  
 7 party, and that their respective residences are correctly  
 8 stated, as above set forth.

9 .....

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

11 .....

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

19 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors  
 20 residing in the political division for which the nomination is  
 21 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the  
 22 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be  
 23 written or printed. The residence address required to be  
 24 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's  
 25 name shall include the street address or rural route number of

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

25 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days  
26 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing



1 of such petition.

2 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
3 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
4 signature from the petition, provided that:

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

7 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
8 certification listing the page number and line number of  
9 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
10 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

11 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
12 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
13 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
14 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
15 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
16 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition  
17 sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
18 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections  
19 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the  
20 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or  
21 duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part  
22 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates  
23 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This  
24 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the  
25 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
26 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which

1 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified  
 2 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state  
 3 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a  
 4 licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he  
 5 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing  
 6 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the  
 7 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
 8 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall  
 9 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some  
 10 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State  
 11 and shall be in substantially the following form:

12 Statement of Candidacy

13	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
14	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
15		Belvidere,			
16		Illinois			

17 State of Illinois)

18 ) ss.

19 County of .....)

20 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
 21 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
 22 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
 23 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
 24 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
 25 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and delegates and alternate

1 delegates) to the office of .... to be voted upon at the  
 2 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
 3 qualified (including being the holder of any license that may  
 4 be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the  
 5 nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I  
 6 will file before the close of the petition filing period) a  
 7 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
 8 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be  
 9 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or  
 10 election to in the case of committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and  
 11 delegates and alternate delegates) such office.

12 Signed .....

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

15 Signed .....

16 (Official Character)

17 (Seal, if officer has one.)

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

1           A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
2 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
3 his or her petition for nomination.

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

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

23          (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any  
24 countywide office, including but not limited to county board  
25 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large  
26 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's

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

18 (d) County office; Cook County only.

19 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office  
20 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
21 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
22 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
23 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in  
24 Cook County.

25 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
26 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination

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

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

1           least the number of signatures required for a countywide  
2           candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the  
3           qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

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

24          (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
25          run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's  
26          petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of

1 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her  
2 congressional district.

3 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
4 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not  
5 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
6 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
7 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the  
8 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a  
9 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,  
10 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at  
11 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary  
12 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary  
13 district. In the first primary election following  
14 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a  
15 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
16 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward  
17 of that sanitary district.

18 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for  
19 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition  
20 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to  
21 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the  
22 candidate for his or her political party for the office of  
23 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was  
24 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a  
25 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or  
26 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must



1 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number  
2 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her  
3 political party who received the highest number of votes at the  
4 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same  
5 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,  
6 but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and  
7 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500  
8 signatures in every other Judicial District.

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

26 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools

1 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
2 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
3 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
4 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
5 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
6 comprising the counties.

7 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other  
8 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
9 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
10 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
11 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
12 whichever is greater.

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

1 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
2 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
3 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward  
4 or district.

5 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
6 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
7 party.

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

11 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
12 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
13 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
14 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of  
15 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including  
16 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-11)

19 Sec. 7-11. Any candidate for President of the United States  
20 may have his name printed upon the primary ballot of his  
21 political party by filing in the office of the State Board of  
22 Elections not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to  
23 the date of the general primary, in any year in which a  
24 Presidential election is to be held, a petition signed by not  
25 less than 3000 or more than 5000 primary electors, members of

1 and affiliated with the party of which he is a candidate, and  
2 no candidate for President of the United States, who fails to  
3 comply with the provisions of this Article shall have his name  
4 printed upon any primary ballot: Provided, however, that if the  
5 rules or policies of a national political party conflict with  
6 such requirements for filing petitions for President of the  
7 United States in a presidential preference primary, the Chair  
8 ~~Chairman~~ of the State central committee of such national  
9 political party shall notify the State Board of Elections in  
10 writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the  
11 national political party in conflict, and in such case the  
12 Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in accordance  
13 with the delegate selection plan adopted by the state central  
14 committee of such national political party. Provided, further,  
15 unless rules or policies of a national political party  
16 otherwise provide, the vote for President of the United States,  
17 as herein provided for, shall be for the sole purpose of  
18 securing an expression of the sentiment and will of the party  
19 voters with respect to candidates for nomination for said  
20 office, and the vote of the state at large shall be taken and  
21 considered as advisory to the delegates and alternates at large  
22 to the national conventions of respective political parties;  
23 and the vote of the respective congressional districts shall be  
24 taken and considered as advisory to the delegates and  
25 alternates of said congressional districts to the national  
26 conventions of the respective political parties.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

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

20 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,  
21 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
22 preceding the 106th day before a general primary election,  
23 petitions for nomination for the office in which the  
24 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal office  
25 of the State Board of Elections not more than 92 nor less

1 than 85 days prior to the date of the general primary  
2 election.

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

19 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county  
20 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition  
21 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not more  
22 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
23 primary.

24 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal  
25 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be  
26 filed in the office of the local election official, not

1 more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the  
2 primary; provided, where a municipality's or township's  
3 boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely within the  
4 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
5 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
6 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
7 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the election  
8 authority.

9 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be filed in the  
11 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
12 than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the date of the  
13 primary.

14 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or  
15 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be filed in the  
16 office of the county clerk not more than 113 nor less than  
17 106 days prior to the date of the primary.

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

1 opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions filed by mail  
2 and received after midnight of the first day for filing and  
3 in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be  
4 deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the  
5 normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. All  
6 petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed in  
7 the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more petitions  
8 filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be  
9 deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are  
10 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or  
11 the various election authorities or local election  
12 officials with whom such petitions are filed shall break  
13 ties and determine the order of filing, by means of a  
14 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random  
15 selection approved by the State Board of Elections. Such  
16 lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following the last  
17 day for petition filing and shall be open to the public.  
18 Seven days written notice of the time and place of  
19 conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
20 State Board of Elections to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the State  
21 central committee of each established political party, and  
22 by each election authority or local election official, to  
23 the County Chair ~~Chairman~~ of each established political  
24 party, and to each organization of citizens within the  
25 election jurisdiction which was entitled, under this  
26 Article, at the next preceding election, to have



1 pollwatchers present on the day of election. The State  
2 Board of Elections, election authority or local election  
3 official shall post in a conspicuous, open and public  
4 place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the time  
5 and place of such lottery. The State Board of Elections  
6 shall adopt rules and regulations governing the procedures  
7 for the conduct of such lottery. All candidates shall be  
8 certified in the order in which their petitions have been  
9 filed. Where candidates have filed simultaneously, they  
10 shall be certified in the order determined by lot and prior  
11 to candidates who filed for the same office at a later  
12 time.

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

22 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
23 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a  
24 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
25 Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with  
26 the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the

1 filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement  
2 of economic interests in relation to the same governmental  
3 unit with that officer within a year preceding the date on  
4 which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination  
5 papers of any candidate and the statement of economic  
6 interest of that candidate are not required to be filed  
7 with the same officer, the candidate must file with the  
8 officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt  
9 from the officer with whom the statement of economic  
10 interests is filed showing the date on which such statement  
11 was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than  
12 the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

13 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or  
14 for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or for delegate or  
15 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention has  
16 been filed may cause his name to be withdrawn by request in  
17 writing, signed by him and duly acknowledged before an  
18 officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, and  
19 filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the  
20 State Board of Elections or with the appropriate election  
21 authority or local election official, not later than the  
22 date of certification of candidates for the consolidated  
23 primary or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn  
24 shall be certified or printed on the primary ballot. If  
25 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same  
26 person with respect to more than one political party, his

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

21 (10) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
22 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
23 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
24 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
25 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
26 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a

1 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
2 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted  
3 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward  
4 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
5 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
6 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
7 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
8 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
9 Article, the nomination of an established political party  
10 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
11 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to  
12 be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
13 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
14 office.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
16 statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
17 established political party for any special primary  
18 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
19 office of representative in the United States Congress  
20 where the nomination of such political party for said  
21 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,  
22 the nomination of an established political party of a  
23 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be  
24 uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be  
25 nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
26 seeking the nomination of such established party for

1 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
2 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
3 scheduled election day.

4 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
5 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
6 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to  
7 become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
8 nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
9 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
10 intent with the State Board of Elections or the local  
11 election official with whom nomination papers for such  
12 office are filed, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a  
13 primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or  
14 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in  
15 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary  
16 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name  
17 and address of the person intending to become a write-in  
18 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified  
19 primary elector of the political party from whom the  
20 nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person  
21 intends to become a write-in candidate for the party's  
22 nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a  
23 write-in candidate. An election authority shall have no  
24 duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for  
25 any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a  
26 statement or notice meeting the requirements of this

1 Section is filed in a timely manner.

2 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed  
3 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of  
4 Elections, appropriate election authority or local  
5 election official where the petitions are filed shall  
6 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her  
7 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3  
8 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the  
9 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority  
10 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior  
11 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State  
12 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or  
13 local election official, the last set of petitions filed  
14 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the  
15 State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
16 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the  
17 State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
18 election official then only the first set of petitions  
19 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be  
20 void.

21 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for  
22 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
23 not less than 6 months.

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

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-13)

1           Sec. 7-13. The board of election commissioners in cities of  
2           500,000 or more population having such board, shall constitute  
3           an electoral board for the hearing and passing upon objections  
4           to nomination petitions for ward committeepersons  
5           ~~committeemen~~.

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

26          The county electoral board composed as provided in Section

1 10-9 shall constitute an electoral board for the hearing and  
2 passing upon objections to nomination petitions for precinct  
3 and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. Such objections  
4 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk within 5  
5 business days after the last day for filing nomination papers.  
6 The objection shall state the name and address of the objector  
7 who may be any qualified elector in the precinct or in the  
8 township or part of a township that lies outside of a city  
9 having a population of 500,000 or more, the specific grounds of  
10 objection and the relief requested of the electoral board. Upon  
11 the receipt of the objection the county clerk shall forthwith  
12 transmit such objection and the petition of the candidate to  
13 the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board. The chair  
14 ~~chairman~~ of the county electoral board shall forthwith notify  
15 the objector, the candidate whose petition is objected to and  
16 the other members of the electoral board of the time and place  
17 for hearing thereon. After hearing upon the validity of such  
18 objections the board shall certify its decision to the county  
19 clerk stating whether or not the name of the candidate shall be  
20 printed on the ballot, and the county clerk, in his or her  
21 certificate to the board of election commissioners, shall leave  
22 off of the certificate the name of the candidate ordered by the  
23 board not to be printed on the ballot, and the county clerk  
24 shall also refrain from printing on the official primary  
25 ballot, the name of any candidate whose name has been ordered  
26 by the electoral board not to be printed on the ballot.



1 However, the decision of the board is subject to judicial  
2 review as provided in Section 10-10.1.

3 In such proceedings the electoral boards have the same  
4 powers as other electoral boards under the provisions of  
5 Section 10-10 of this Act and their decisions are subject to  
6 judicial review under Section 10-10.1.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-14.1)

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

1 party, as the case may be, according to the method chosen by  
2 each State central committee. If a State central committee  
3 fails to certify to the State Board of Elections its choice of  
4 one of the following methods prior to the aforementioned  
5 meeting of the State Board of Elections, the State Board of  
6 Elections shall certify delegates for that political party  
7 pursuant to whichever of the alternatives below was used by  
8 that political party pursuant to whichever of the alternatives  
9 below was used by that political party in the most recent year  
10 in which delegates were selected, subject to any subsequent  
11 amendments.

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

1 or State convention, as the case may be.

2 Alternative A: The State Board of Elections shall allocate  
3 the number of delegates and alternate delegates to which the  
4 State is entitled among the congressional districts in the  
5 State.

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

18 2. All delegates other than the delegates at large shall be  
19 elected from the congressional districts. Two delegates shall  
20 be allocated from this number to each district. After reserving  
21 10 delegates to be delegates at large and allocating 2  
22 delegates to each district, the Board shall allocate the  
23 remaining delegates to the congressional districts pursuant to  
24 the following formula:

25 (a) For each district, the number of remaining  
26 delegates shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator

1 of which is the vote cast in the congressional district for  
2 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election, and  
3 the denominator of which is the vote cast in the State for  
4 the party's nominee in the last Presidential election.

5 (b) The Board shall first allocate to each district a  
6 number of delegates equal to the whole number in the  
7 product resulting from the multiplication procedure in  
8 subparagraph (a).

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

14 (d) The Board shall then allocate any remaining  
15 delegates, one to each district, in the order of the  
16 largest fractional remainder in the product resulting from  
17 the multiplication procedure in subparagraph (a), among  
18 those districts for which that product is at least one but  
19 less than 1.875.

20 (e) Any delegates remaining unallocated shall be  
21 delegates at large and shall be selected as determined by  
22 the State central committee under paragraph 1 of this  
23 Alternative A.

24 3. The alternate delegates at large shall be allocated in  
25 the same manner as the delegates at large. The alternate  
26 delegates other than the alternate delegates at large shall be

1 allocated in the same manner as the delegates other than the  
2 delegates at large.

3 Alternative B: the chair ~~chairman~~ of the State central  
4 committee shall file with the State Board of Elections a  
5 statement of the number of delegates and alternate delegates to  
6 which the State is entitled and the number of such delegates  
7 and alternate delegates to be elected from congressional  
8 districts. The State Board of Elections shall allocate such  
9 number of delegates and alternate delegates, as the case may  
10 be, among the congressional districts in the State for election  
11 from the congressional districts.

12 The Board shall utilize the sum of  $1/3$  of each of the  
13 following formulae to determine the number of delegates and  
14 alternate delegates, as the case may be, to be elected from  
15 each congressional district:

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

18 (a) The fraction derived by dividing the population of  
19 the district by the population of the State and adding to  
20 that fraction the following:  $1/2$  of the fraction calculated  
21 by dividing the total district vote for the party's  
22 candidate in the most recent presidential election by the  
23 total statewide vote for that candidate in that election,  
24 plus  $1/2$  of the fraction calculated by dividing the total  
25 district vote for the party's candidate in the second most  
26 recent Presidential election by the total statewide vote

1 for that candidate in that election;

2 (b) 1/2;

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

6 (2) Formula 2 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs  
7 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

8 (a) The fraction calculated by dividing the total  
9 numbers of votes in the district for the party's candidate  
10 in the most recent Gubernatorial election by the total  
11 statewide vote for that candidate in that election, plus,  
12 the fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote  
13 for the party's candidate in the most recent presidential  
14 election by the total statewide vote for that candidate in  
15 that election;

16 (b) 1/2;

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

20 (3) Formula 3 shall be determined by multiplying paragraphs  
21 (a), (b), and (c) together as follows:

22 (a) 1/2 of the fraction calculated by dividing the  
23 total district vote for the party's candidate in the most  
24 recent presidential election by the total statewide vote  
25 for that candidate in that election, plus 1/2 of the  
26 fraction calculated by dividing the total district vote for

1 the party's candidate in the second most recent  
2 presidential election by the total statewide vote for that  
3 candidate in that election. This sum shall be added to the  
4 fraction calculated by dividing the total voter  
5 registration of the party in the district by the total  
6 voter registration of the party in the State as of January  
7 1 of the year prior to the year in which the national  
8 nominating convention is held;

9 (b) 1/2;

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

13 Fractional numbers of delegates and alternate delegates  
14 shall be rounded upward in rank order to the next whole number,  
15 largest fraction first, until the total number of delegates and  
16 alternate delegates, respectively, to be so chosen have been  
17 allocated.

18 The remainder of the delegates and alternate delegates  
19 shall be selected as determined by the State central committee  
20 of the party and shall be certified to the State Board of  
21 Elections by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the State central committee.

22 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein,  
23 with respect to all aspects of the selection of delegates and  
24 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention under  
25 Alternative B, this Code shall be superseded by the delegate  
26 selection rules and policies of the national political party

1 including, but not limited to, the development of an  
2 affirmative action plan.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/7-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-17)

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

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

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

20 (b) In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
21 primary ballot the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
22 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
23 or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the  
24 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
25 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in



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

1 of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as  
2 part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the  
3 political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.

4 (c) The State Board of Elections, a local election  
5 official, or an election authority shall remove any candidate's  
6 name designation from a ballot that is inconsistent with  
7 subsection (b) of this Section. In addition, the State Board of  
8 Elections, a local election official, or an election authority  
9 shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name  
10 designation that is inconsistent with subsection (b) of this  
11 Section.

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

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

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

22 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
23 printed in large capital letters, words designating the ballot,  
24 if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall be:  
25 "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the

1 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and in  
2 like manner for each political party.

3 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning not  
4 less than one inch below designating words, the name of each  
5 office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters. Such  
6 names may be printed on the ballot either in a single column or  
7 in 2 or more columns and in the following order, to-wit:

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

23 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
24 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for not  
25 more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no candidate  
26 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons

1 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,  
2 then below the title of that office the election authority  
3 instead shall print "No Candidate".

4 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or  
5 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
6 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
7 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or (b)  
8 no official designation, depending upon the action taken by the  
9 State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of this Act.

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

24 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
25 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
26 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever

1 is applicable.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-25)

4 Sec. 7-25. The tally sheets for each political party  
5 participating in the primary election shall be substantially in  
6 the following form:

7 "Tally sheet for ....(name of political party) for the ....  
8 precinct, in the county of .... for a primary held on the ....  
9 day of .... A.D. ...."

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

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

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

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

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

5           (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or  
6 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or  
7 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,  
8 and which shall have registered its name and address and the  
9 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
10 election authority at least 40 days before the primary  
11 election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per  
12 precinct. For all primary elections, the pollwatcher must be  
13 registered to vote in Illinois.

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

26           (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,

1 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has  
2 among its stated purposes the provision of voter  
3 information and education, the protection of individual  
4 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal  
5 elections;

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

8 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business  
9 location within the State of Illinois, together with a  
10 current listed telephone number (a post office box number  
11 without a current listed telephone number is not  
12 sufficient).

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

20 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates for  
21 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population  
22 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a  
23 resident of a county in which any part of the municipality is  
24 situated shall be eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any  
25 polling place located within such municipality, provided that  
26 such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective

1 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this Section and  
2 is a registered voter whose residence is within Illinois.

3 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper  
4 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient  
5 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile  
6 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available  
7 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
8 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile  
9 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate  
10 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the chair  
11 ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or opponent group, as the case may  
12 be.

13 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the  
14 following form:

15 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

16 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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



1 ..... (Signature of Appointing Authority)  
 2 ..... TITLE (party official, candidate,  
 3 civic organization president,  
 4 proponent or opponent group  
 5 chair ~~chairman~~)

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

12 .....  
 13 (Precinct and/or Ward in ..... (Signature of Pollwatcher)  
 14 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

15 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges  
 16 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher  
 17 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the  
 18 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such  
 19 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the  
 20 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the  
 21 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a  
 22 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place  
 23 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the  
 24 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during  
 25 the course of the day, but established political parties,

1 candidates, qualified civic organizations and proponents and  
2 opponents of a ballot proposition can have only as many  
3 pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this  
4 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the  
5 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election  
6 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to  
7 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have  
8 closed, pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the  
9 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only  
10 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so  
11 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

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

23 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
24 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to  
25 polling places on election day in such district or municipality  
26 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials

1 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by  
 2 and under the facsimile signature of the election authority of  
 3 the election jurisdiction where the polling place in which the  
 4 candidate seeks admittance is located, and shall be available  
 5 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
 6 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

7 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the  
 8 following form:

9 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

10 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

17 ..... ..

18 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH

19 CANDIDATE SEEKS

20 NOMINATION OR

21 ELECTION

22 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings  
 23 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the  
 24 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is

1 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the  
2 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making  
3 the signature comparison between the voter application and the  
4 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such  
5 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in  
6 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to  
7 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall  
8 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.  
9 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications  
10 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of  
11 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent  
12 violations of this Code.

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

20 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an  
21 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,  
22 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a  
23 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney  
24 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in  
25 the performance of their official election duties, shall be  
26 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling

1 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives  
2 shall display their official credentials or other  
3 identification to the judges of election.

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

6 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to  
7 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in  
8 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

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

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

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

24 Any primary elector may, instead of voting for any  
25 candidate for nomination or for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~

1 or for delegate or alternate delegate to national nominating  
2 conventions, whose name is printed on the primary ballot, write  
3 in the name of any other person affiliated with such party as a  
4 candidate for the nomination for any office, or for  
5 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or for delegates or alternate  
6 delegates to national nominating conventions, and indicate his  
7 choice of such candidate or committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or  
8 delegate or alternate delegate, by placing to the left of and  
9 opposite the name thus written a square and placing in the  
10 square a cross (X). A primary elector, however, may not by this  
11 method vote separately for Governor and Lieutenant Governor but  
12 must write in the names of candidates of his or her choice for  
13 both offices and indicate his or her choice of those names by  
14 placing a single square to the left of those names and placing  
15 in that square a cross (X).

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

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

21 (10 ILCS 5/7-51) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-51)

22 Sec. 7-51. If the primary elector marks more names upon the  
23 primary ballot than there are persons to be nominated as  
24 candidates for an office, or for State central committeepersons  
25 ~~committeemen~~, or precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or

1 township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or ward  
2 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or delegates or alternate  
3 delegates to National nominating conventions, or if for any  
4 reason it is impossible to determine the primary elector's  
5 choice of a candidate for the nomination for an office, or  
6 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate, his primary ballot  
7 shall not be counted for the nomination for such office or  
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

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

11 No judge shall omit to endorse his initials on a primary  
12 ballot, as required by this Article, nor shall any person not  
13 authorized so to do initial a primary ballot knowing that he is  
14 not so authorized.

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

1 P.M. only." The envelope to be used for enclosing ballots  
2 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote shall bear upon its  
3 face, in not less than 1 1/2 inch type, the legend: "This  
4 envelope is for use before 6:00 P.M. only."

5 All primary ballots not voted, and all that have been  
6 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote, shall be returned  
7 to the proper election authority by the primary judges, and a  
8 receipt taken therefor, and shall be preserved 2 months. Such  
9 official shall keep a record of the number of primary ballots  
10 delivered for each polling place, and he or they shall also  
11 enter upon such record the number and character of primary  
12 ballots returned, with the time when and the persons by whom  
13 they are returned.

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

15 (10 ILCS 5/7-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-53)

16 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party  
17 shall have been read and the votes of the political party  
18 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in  
19 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as  
20 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of  
21 the political party and for each candidate for State Central  
22 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and precinct committeeperson  
23 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or ward  
24 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and delegate and alternate  
25 delegate to National nominating conventions, and certify the



1 same to be correct. Thereupon, the primary judges shall set  
 2 down in a certificate of results on the tally sheet, under the  
 3 name of the political party, the name of each candidate voted  
 4 for upon the primary ballot, written at full length, the name  
 5 of the office for which he is a candidate for nomination or for  
 6 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate or alternate  
 7 delegate to National nominating conventions, the total number  
 8 of votes which the candidate received, and they shall also set  
 9 down the total number of ballots voted by the primary electors  
 10 of the political party in the precinct. The certificate of  
 11 results shall be made substantially in the following form:

12 ..... Party

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

20 Name of		20 No. of
21 Candidate,	21 Title of Office,	21 Votes
22 John Jones	Governor	100
23 Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	100
24 Sam Smith	Governor	70
25 Samantha Smythe	Lieutenant Governor	70
26 Frank Martin	Attorney General	150

1 William Preston Rep. in Congress 200

2 Frederick John Circuit Judge 50

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

4 And so on for each candidate.

5 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and  
6 correct.

7 Dated (insert date).

8 .....

9 Name Address

10 .....

11 Name Address

12 .....

13 Name Address

14 .....

15 Name Address

16 .....

17 Name Address

18 Judges of Primary

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 and Article 24A, whichever  
22 is applicable.

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-55) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-55)

1           Sec. 7-55. The primary poll books or the official poll  
2 record, and the tally sheets with the certificates of the  
3 primary judges written thereon, together with the envelopes  
4 containing the ballots, including the envelope containing the  
5 ballots marked "defective" or "objected to", shall be carefully  
6 enveloped and sealed up together, properly endorsed, and the  
7 primary judges shall elect 2 judges (one from each of the major  
8 political parties), who shall immediately deliver the same to  
9 the clerk from whom the primary ballots were obtained, which  
10 clerk shall safely keep the same for 2 months, and thereafter  
11 shall safely keep the poll books until the next primary. Each  
12 election authority shall keep the office of the election  
13 authority, or any receiving stations designated by such  
14 authority, open for at least 12 consecutive hours after the  
15 polls close, or until the judges of each precinct under the  
16 jurisdiction of the election authority have delivered to the  
17 election authority all the above materials sealed up together  
18 and properly endorsed as provided herein. Materials delivered  
19 to the election authority which are not in the condition  
20 required by this Section shall not be accepted by the election  
21 authority until the judges delivering the same make and sign  
22 the necessary corrections. Upon acceptance of the materials by  
23 the election authority, the judges delivering the same shall  
24 take a receipt signed by the election authority and stamped  
25 with the time and date of such delivery. The election judges  
26 whose duty it is to deliver any materials as above provided

1 shall, in the event such materials cannot be found when needed,  
2 on proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take  
3 as above provided.

4 The county clerk or board of election commissioners shall  
5 deliver a copy of each tally sheet to the county chairmen of  
6 the two largest political parties.

7 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
8 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as  
9 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever  
10 is applicable.

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-56) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-56)

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

1 delegates to National nominating conventions, and for precinct  
2 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
3 ~~committeemen~~, and for ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~.  
4 Within 2 days after the completion of said canvass by the  
5 election authority, the county clerk shall mail to the State  
6 Board of Elections a certified copy of such tabulated statement  
7 of returns. The election authority shall also determine and set  
8 down as to each precinct the number of ballots voted by the  
9 primary electors of each party at the primary.

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

26 Within 48 hours of conducting a canvass, as required by

1 this Code, of the consolidated primary, the election authority  
2 shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local  
3 election official, with respect to whose political  
4 subdivisions nominations were made at such primary, for each  
5 precinct in his jurisdiction in which such nominations were on  
6 the ballot. Such original certificate of results need not  
7 include any offices or nominations for any other political  
8 subdivisions.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
10 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/7-58) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-58)

12 Sec. 7-58. Each county clerk or board of election  
13 commissioners shall, upon completion of the canvassing of the  
14 returns, make and transmit to the State Board of Elections and  
15 to each election authority whose duty it is to print the  
16 official ballot for the election for which the nomination is  
17 made a proclamation of the results of the primary. The  
18 proclamation shall state the name of each candidate of each  
19 political party so nominated or elected, as shown by the  
20 returns, together with the name of the office for which he or  
21 she was nominated or elected, including precinct, township and  
22 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and including in the case  
23 of the State Board of Elections, candidates for State central  
24 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate  
25 delegates to National nominating conventions. If a notice of

1 contest is filed, the election authority shall, within one  
2 business day after receiving a certified copy of the court's  
3 judgment or order, amend its proclamation accordingly and  
4 proceed to file an amended proclamation with the appropriate  
5 election authorities and with the State Board of Elections.

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

2 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of  
3 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination  
4 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such  
5 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the  
6 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,  
7 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for  
8 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons  
9 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and  
10 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the  
11 following election.

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

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



1 National nominating conventions in their respective  
2 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates  
3 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions  
4 of their party.

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

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

24 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
25 party for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
26 precinct shall be declared elected precinct committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ from said precinct.

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

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

1 more than 5 days thereafter) and the hour when such nomination  
2 or election shall be so determined.

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

14 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
15 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. Such  
16 declaration shall specify the office for which the person seeks  
17 nomination or election as a write-in candidate.

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

21 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
22 Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been  
23 printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to  
24 an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the  
25 party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
26 primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's

1 primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to  
2 the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a  
3 result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of  
4 votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures  
5 required on a petition for nomination for that office; or  
6 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of  
7 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names  
8 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or  
9 election to the same office.

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/7-60) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-60)

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

1 the same order as shown upon the certification, except as  
2 otherwise provided in this Section.

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

1           Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the  
2 same political party for multiple offices for any board, the  
3 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest  
4 number of votes in the primary election as a candidate for such  
5 office, as shown by the official election returns of the  
6 primary, shall be certified first under the name of such  
7 offices, and the names of the remaining candidates of such  
8 party for such offices shall follow in the order of the number  
9 of votes received by them respectively at the primary election  
10 as shown by the official election results.

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

20           Each county clerk and board of election commissioners shall  
21 determine by a fair and impartial method of random selection  
22 the order of placement of established political party  
23 candidates for the general election ballot. Such determination  
24 shall be made within 30 days following the canvass and  
25 proclamation of the results of the general primary in the  
26 office of the county clerk or board of election commissioners

1 and shall be open to the public. Seven days written notice of  
2 the time and place of conducting such random selection shall be  
3 given, by each such election authority, to the County Chair  
4 ~~Chairman~~ of each established political party, and to each  
5 organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction  
6 which was entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding  
7 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.  
8 Each election authority shall post in a conspicuous, open and  
9 public place, at the entrance of the election authority office,  
10 notice of the time and place of such lottery. However, a board  
11 of election commissioners may elect to place established  
12 political party candidates on the general election ballot in  
13 the same order determined by the county clerk of the county in  
14 which the city under the jurisdiction of such board is located.

15 Each certification shall indicate, where applicable, the  
16 following:

17 (1) The political party affiliation of the candidates  
18 for the respective offices;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21           Whenever there are two or more persons nominated by the  
22 same political party for multiple offices for any board, the  
23 name of the candidate of such party receiving the highest  
24 number of votes in the consolidated primary election as a  
25 candidate for such consolidated primary, shall be certified



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

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

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

1 present on the day of election. Each election authority shall  
2 post in a conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance  
3 of the election authority office, notice of the time and place  
4 of such lottery.

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

1 authorities charged with the preparation of the consolidated  
2 election, or general primary, ballot for that political  
3 subdivision.

4 Not less than 68 days before the date of the consolidated  
5 election, each local election official of a political  
6 subdivision in which established political party candidates  
7 for the respective local offices have been nominated by caucus  
8 or have been nominated because no primary was required to be  
9 held shall certify to each election authority whose duty it is  
10 to prepare the official ballot for the consolidated election in  
11 that political subdivision the names of each of the candidates  
12 whose certificates of nomination or nomination papers have been  
13 filed in his or her office and direct the election authority to  
14 place upon the official ballot for the consolidated election  
15 the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same  
16 order as shown upon the certification. Such local election  
17 official shall, prior to certification, determine by a fair and  
18 impartial method of random selection the order of placement of  
19 the established political party candidates for the  
20 consolidated election ballot. Such determination shall be made  
21 in the office of the local election official and shall be open  
22 to the public. Three days written notice of the time and place  
23 of conducting such random selection shall be given by each such  
24 local election official to the county chair ~~chairman~~ of each  
25 established political party, and to each organization of  
26 citizens within the election jurisdiction which was entitled,

1 under this Article, at the next preceding election, to have  
2 pollwatchers present on the day of election. Each local  
3 election official shall post in a conspicuous, open and public  
4 place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the time and  
5 place of such lottery. The local election official shall  
6 certify the ballot placement order so determined as part of his  
7 official certification of candidates to the election  
8 authorities whose duty it is to prepare the official ballot for  
9 the consolidated election in that political subdivision.

10 The certification shall indicate, where applicable, the  
11 following:

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

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

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

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

23 The local election official shall issue an amended  
24 certification whenever it is discovered that the original  
25 certification is in error.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/8-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-5)

2 Sec. 8-5. There shall be constituted one legislative  
3 committee for each political party in each legislative district  
4 and one representative committee for each political party in  
5 each representative district. Legislative and representative  
6 committees shall be composed as follows:

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

18 In the remainder of the State, the legislative or  
19 representative committee of a political party shall consist of  
20 the chair ~~chairman~~ of each county central committee of such  
21 party, any portion of which county is included within such  
22 legislative or representative district; but if a legislative or  
23 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a  
24 county, its legislative or representative committee shall  
25 consist of the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee

1 and 2 members of the county central committee who reside in the  
2 legislative or representative district, as the case may be,  
3 elected by the county central committee.

4 Within 180 days after the primary of the even-numbered year  
5 immediately following the decennial redistricting required by  
6 Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970,  
7 the ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township  
8 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central  
9 committees within each of the redistricted legislative and  
10 representative districts shall meet and proceed to organize by  
11 electing from among their own number a chair ~~chairman~~ and,  
12 either from among their own number or otherwise, such other  
13 officers as they may deem necessary or expedient. The ward  
14 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
15 ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central committees shall  
16 determine the time and place (which shall be in the limits of  
17 such district) of such meeting. Immediately upon completion of  
18 organization, the chair ~~chairman~~ shall forward to the State  
19 Board of Elections the names and addresses of the chair  
20 ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the committee. A vacancy shall occur  
21 when a member dies, resigns or ceases to reside in the county,  
22 township or ward which he represented.

23 Within 180 days after the primary of each other  
24 even-numbered year, each legislative committee and  
25 representative committee shall meet and proceed to organize by  
26 electing from among its own number a chair ~~chairman~~, and either

1 from its own number or otherwise, such other officers as each  
2 committee may deem necessary or expedient. Immediately upon  
3 completion of organization, the chair ~~chairman~~ shall forward to  
4 the State Board of Elections, the names and addresses of the  
5 chair ~~chairman~~ and secretary of the committee. The outgoing  
6 chair ~~chairman~~ of such committee shall notify the members of  
7 the time and place (which shall be in the limits of such  
8 district) of such meeting. A vacancy shall occur when a member  
9 dies, resigns, or ceases to reside in the county, township or  
10 ward, which he represented.

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

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/8-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-6)

19 Sec. 8-6. In legislative or representative districts  
20 wholly contained within counties having 2,000,000 or more  
21 inhabitants each member of each legislative or representative  
22 committee shall in its organization and proceedings be entitled  
23 to one vote for each ballot voted in that portion of his  
24 township or ward in the legislative or representative district  
25 by the primary electors of his party at the last primary at

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



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

2 (10 ILCS 5/8-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-7)

3 Sec. 8-7. The various political party committees now in  
4 existence are hereby recognized and shall exercise the powers  
5 and perform the duties herein prescribed until  
6 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are chosen, in accordance with  
7 the provisions of this article.

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

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

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

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
2 population.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

5 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

6 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political  
7 committee, a political party committee, a political action  
8 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent  
9 expenditure committee.

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

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

1 more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more  
2 members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

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

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

1 persons that makes electioneering communications during any  
2 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related  
3 to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.  
4 The \$5,000 threshold applies to any contributions or  
5 expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a  
6 place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of,  
7 or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the  
8 question of public policy, regardless of the method of  
9 initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of  
10 whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the  
11 appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and  
12 certified by the governing body.

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

1 candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an  
2 agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political  
3 committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an  
4 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 related to (i) the nomination  
5 for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public  
6 official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to  
7 be submitted to the voters.

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

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

10 Sec. 9-2. Political committee designations.

11 (a) Every political committee shall be designated as a (i)  
12 candidate political committee, (ii) political party committee,  
13 (iii) political action committee, (iv) ballot initiative  
14 committee, or (v) independent expenditure committee.

15 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, no public official or  
16 candidate for public office may maintain or establish more than  
17 one candidate political committee for each office that public  
18 official or candidate holds or is seeking. The name of each  
19 candidate political committee shall identify the name of the  
20 public official or candidate supported by the candidate  
21 political committee. If a candidate establishes separate  
22 candidate political committees for each public office, the name  
23 of each candidate political committee shall also include the  
24 public office to which the candidate seeks nomination for  
25 election, election, or retention. If a candidate establishes

1 one candidate political committee for multiple offices elected  
2 at different elections, then the candidate shall designate an  
3 election cycle, as defined in Section 9-1.9, for purposes of  
4 contribution limitations and reporting requirements set forth  
5 in this Article. No political committee, other than a candidate  
6 political committee, may include the name of a candidate in its  
7 name.

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

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

23 (e) Beginning January 1, 2011, the name of a ballot  
24 initiative committee must include words describing the  
25 question of public policy and whether the group supports or  
26 opposes the question.

1           (f) Every political committee shall designate a chair  
2 ~~chairman~~ and a treasurer. The same person may serve as both  
3 chair ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of any political committee. A  
4 candidate who administers his own campaign contributions and  
5 expenditures shall be deemed a political committee for purposes  
6 of this Article and shall designate himself as chair ~~chairman~~,  
7 treasurer, or both chair ~~chairman~~ and treasurer of such  
8 political committee. The treasurer of a political committee  
9 shall be responsible for keeping the records and filing the  
10 statements and reports required by this Article.

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

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

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

23           (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

24           Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other reporting  
25 organization funds.

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

2 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of  
3 this State.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate, upon

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

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

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

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/9-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-11)

25 Sec. 9-11. Financial reports.

1           (a) Each quarterly report of campaign contributions,  
2 expenditures, and independent expenditures under Section 9-10  
3 shall disclose the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 amounts and dates of all transfers;

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

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

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

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

1           contributed more than \$500, the occupation and employer of  
2           the contributor or, if the occupation and employer of the  
3           contributor are unknown, a statement that the committee has  
4           made a good faith effort to ascertain this information;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-15)

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

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

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

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

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

1 Article, along with a form for filing the statement of  
2 organization;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/9-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-20)

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

7 (1) The complaint shall be in writing.

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

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

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

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

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

26 .....

1 (date of filing)

2 (signature of person filing the complaint)

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/10-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-2)

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

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

25 A political party which, at the last election in any

1 congressional district, legislative district, county,  
2 township, municipality or other political subdivision or  
3 district in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire vote  
4 cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as  
5 the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of  
6 officers to serve the respective territorial area of such  
7 district or political subdivision, is hereby declared to be an  
8 "established political party" within the meaning of this  
9 Article as to such district or political subdivision.

10 Any group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
11 political party throughout the State, or in any congressional,  
12 legislative or judicial district, or in any other district or  
13 in any political subdivision (other than a municipality) not  
14 entirely within a single county, shall file with the State  
15 Board of Elections a petition, as hereinafter provided; and any  
16 such group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
17 political party within any county shall file such petition with  
18 the county clerk; and any such group of persons hereafter  
19 desiring to form a new political party within any municipality  
20 or township or within any district of a unit of local  
21 government other than a county shall file such petition with  
22 the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners  
23 of such municipality, township or other unit of local  
24 government, as the case may be. Any such petition for the  
25 formation of a new political party throughout the State, or in  
26 any such district or political subdivision, as the case may be,

1 shall declare as concisely as may be the intention of the  
2 signers thereof to form such new political party in the State,  
3 or in such district or political subdivision; shall state in  
4 not more than 5 words the name of such new political party;  
5 shall at the time of filing contain a complete list of  
6 candidates of such party for all offices to be filled in the  
7 State, or such district or political subdivision as the case  
8 may be, at the next ensuing election then to be held; and, if  
9 such new political party shall be formed for the entire State,  
10 shall be signed by 1% of the number of voters who voted at the  
11 next preceding Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified  
12 voters, whichever is less. If such new political party shall be  
13 formed for any district or political subdivision less than the  
14 entire State, such petition shall be signed by qualified voters  
15 equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who  
16 voted at the next preceding regular election in such district  
17 or political subdivision in which such district or political  
18 subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to  
19 serve its respective territorial area. However, whenever the  
20 minimum signature requirement for a district or political  
21 subdivision new political party petition shall exceed the  
22 minimum number of signatures for State-wide new political party  
23 petitions at the next preceding State-wide general election,  
24 such State-wide petition signature requirement shall be the  
25 minimum for such district or political subdivision new  
26 political party petition.

1           For the first election following a redistricting of  
2 congressional districts, a petition to form a new political  
3 party in a congressional district shall be signed by at least  
4 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. For the  
5 first election following a redistricting of legislative  
6 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
7 legislative district shall be signed by at least 3,000  
8 qualified voters of the legislative district. For the first  
9 election following a redistricting of representative  
10 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
11 representative district shall be signed by at least 1,500  
12 qualified voters of the representative district.

13           For the first election following redistricting of county  
14 board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the  
15 first election following the initial establishment of such  
16 districts or wards in a county or municipality, a petition to  
17 form a new political party in a county board district or in a  
18 municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters  
19 of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total  
20 number of votes cast at the preceding general or municipal  
21 election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal  
22 office voted on throughout the county or municipality for which  
23 the greatest total number of votes were cast for all  
24 candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in  
25 any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or  
26 ward.

1           In the case of a petition to form a new political party  
2 within a political subdivision in which officers are to be  
3 elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall  
4 consist of separate components for each district from which an  
5 officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated  
6 only within a district of the political subdivision and signed  
7 only by qualified electors who are residents of such district.  
8 Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the  
9 names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be  
10 filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets  
11 comprising each component shall also contain the names of those  
12 candidates to be elected from the particular district. Each  
13 component of the petition for each district from which an  
14 officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of  
15 the district equalling in number not less than 5% of the number  
16 of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in  
17 such district at which an officer was elected to serve the  
18 district. The entire petition, including all components, must  
19 be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire  
20 political subdivision equalling in number not less than 5% of  
21 the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular  
22 election in such political subdivision at which an officer was  
23 elected to serve the political subdivision at large.

24           The filing of such petition shall constitute the political  
25 group a new political party, for the purpose only of placing  
26 upon the ballot at such next ensuing election such list or an



1 adjusted list in accordance with Section 10-11, of party  
2 candidates for offices to be voted for throughout the State, or  
3 for offices to be voted for in such district or political  
4 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, under the  
5 name of and as the candidates of such new political party.

6 If, at such ensuing election, the new political party's  
7 candidate for Governor shall receive more than 5% of the entire  
8 votes cast for Governor, then such new political party shall  
9 become an "established political party" as to the State and as  
10 to every district or political subdivision thereof. If, at such  
11 ensuing election, the other candidates of the new political  
12 party, or any other candidate or candidates of the new  
13 political party shall receive more than 5% of all the votes  
14 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates  
15 at such election, in the State, or in any district or political  
16 subdivision, as the case may be, then and in that event, such  
17 new political party shall become an "established political  
18 party" within the State or within such district or political  
19 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, in which  
20 such candidate or candidates received more than 5% of the votes  
21 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates.  
22 It shall thereafter nominate its candidates for public offices  
23 to be filled in the State, or such district or political  
24 subdivision, as the case may be, under the provisions of the  
25 laws regulating the nomination of candidates of established  
26 political parties at primary elections and political party

1 conventions, as now or hereafter in force.

2 A political party which continues to receive for its  
3 candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
4 Governor, shall remain an "established political party" as to  
5 the State and as to every district or political subdivision  
6 thereof. But if the political party's candidate for Governor  
7 fails to receive more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
8 Governor, or if the political party does not nominate a  
9 candidate for Governor, the political party shall remain an  
10 "established political party" within the State or within such  
11 district or political subdivision less than the State, as the  
12 case may be, only so long as, and only in those districts or  
13 political subdivisions in which, the candidates of that  
14 political party, or any candidate or candidates of that  
15 political party, continue to receive more than 5% of all the  
16 votes cast for the office or offices for which they were  
17 candidates at succeeding general or consolidated elections  
18 within the State or within any district or political  
19 subdivision, as the case may be.

20 Any such petition shall be filed at the same time and shall  
21 be subject to the same requirements and to the same provisions  
22 in respect to objections thereto and to any hearing or hearings  
23 upon such objections that are hereinafter in this Article 10  
24 contained in regard to the nomination of any other candidate or  
25 candidates by petition. If any such new political party shall  
26 become an "established political party" in the manner herein

1 provided, the candidate or candidates of such new political  
2 party nominated by the petition hereinabove referred to for  
3 such initial election, shall have power to select any such  
4 party committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~ as shall be necessary for the creation of a  
6 provisional party organization and provisional managing  
7 committee or committees for such party within the State, or in  
8 any district or political subdivision in which the new  
9 political party has become established; and the party  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
11 so selected shall constitute a provisional party organization  
12 for the new political party and shall have and exercise the  
13 powers conferred by law upon any party committeeperson  
14 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ to manage and  
15 control the affairs of such new political party until the next  
16 ensuing primary election at which the new political party shall  
17 be entitled to nominate and elect any party committeeperson  
18 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the State, or  
19 in such district or political subdivision under any parts of  
20 this Act relating to the organization of political parties.

21 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
22 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated  
23 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is  
24 ineligible for nomination as a candidate of a new political  
25 party for election in that general election.

26 (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

1 days following the last day for petition filing and shall be  
2 open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and  
3 place of conducting such random selection shall be given, by  
4 the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or local  
5 election official, to the Chair ~~Chairman~~ of each political  
6 party, and to each organization of citizens within the election  
7 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Code, at the next  
8 preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of  
9 election. The State Board of Elections, the election authority  
10 or local election official shall post in a conspicuous, open  
11 and public place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the  
12 time and place of such lottery. The State Board of Elections  
13 shall adopt rules and regulations governing the procedures for  
14 the conduct of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified  
15 in the order in which their petitions have been filed and in  
16 the manner prescribed by Section 10-14 and 10-15 of this  
17 Article. Where candidates have filed simultaneously, they  
18 shall be certified in the order determined by lot and prior to  
19 candidates who filed for the same office or offices at a later  
20 time. Certificates of nomination filed within the period  
21 prescribed in Section 10-6(2) for candidates nominated by  
22 caucus for township or municipal offices shall be subject to  
23 the ballot placement lottery for established political parties  
24 prescribed in Section 7-60 of this Code.

25 If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a  
26 candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections,

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

18 Sec. 10-8. Certificates of nomination and nomination  
19 papers, and petitions to submit public questions to a  
20 referendum, being filed as required by this Code, and being in  
21 apparent conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be  
22 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in  
23 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing  
24 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition  
25 for a public question, with the following exceptions:

1           A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
2           Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
3           period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
4           filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

5           B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
6           public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
7           State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
8           the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
9           objections can be filed.

10          Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district in  
11          which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
12          any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
13          amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
14          public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
15          State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
16          nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's  
17          petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal office  
18          or the permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections,  
19          or in the office of the election authority or local election  
20          official with whom the certificate of nomination, nomination  
21          papers or petitions are on file. Objection petitions that do  
22          not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the  
23          case of nomination papers or certificates of nomination, the  
24          State Board of Elections, election authority or local election  
25          official shall note the day and hour upon which such objector's  
26          petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the

1 second business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by  
2 registered mail or receipted personal delivery the certificate  
3 of nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's  
4 petition to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the proper electoral board  
5 designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized agent, and  
6 shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal  
7 delivery of the objector's petition, to the candidate whose  
8 certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to,  
9 addressed to the place of residence designated in said  
10 certificate of nomination or nomination papers. In the case of  
11 objections to a petition for a proposed amendment to Article IV  
12 of the Constitution or for an advisory public question to be  
13 submitted to the voters of the entire State, the State Board of  
14 Elections shall note the day and hour upon which such  
15 objector's petition is filed and shall transmit a copy of the  
16 objector's petition by registered mail or receipted personal  
17 delivery to the person designated on a certificate attached to  
18 the petition as the principal proponent of such proposed  
19 amendment or public question, or as the proponents' attorney,  
20 for the purpose of receiving notice of objections. In the case  
21 of objections to a petition for a public question, to be  
22 submitted to the voters of a political subdivision, or district  
23 thereof, the election authority or local election official with  
24 whom such petition is filed shall note the day and hour upon  
25 which such objector's petition was filed, and shall, not later  
26 than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the



1 petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal  
2 delivery the petition for the public question and the original  
3 objector's petition to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the proper  
4 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his  
5 authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail  
6 or receipted personal delivery, of the objector's petition to  
7 the person designated on a certificate attached to the petition  
8 as the principal proponent of the public question, or as the  
9 proponent's attorney, for the purposes of receiving notice of  
10 objections.

11 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
12 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
13 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination  
14 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest  
15 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
16 electoral board.

17 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10  
18 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to  
19 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,  
20 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to which  
21 it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions for  
22 the submission of public questions under Article 28.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/10-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-9)

25 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated

1 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's  
2 petition described in Section 10-8.

3 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon  
4 objections to the nominations of candidates for State  
5 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional or  
6 legislative offices that are in more than one county or are  
7 wholly located within a single county with a population of  
8 less than 3,000,000 and judicial offices of districts,  
9 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,  
10 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's  
11 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be  
12 elected from more than one county, and petitions for  
13 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of  
14 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
15 Constitution.

16 2. The county officers electoral board of a county with  
17 a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass upon  
18 objections to the nominations of candidates for county  
19 offices and judicial offices of a district, subcircuit, or  
20 circuit coterminous with or less than a county, for any  
21 school district offices, for the office of multi-township  
22 assessor where candidates for such office are nominated in  
23 accordance with this Code, and for all special district  
24 offices, shall be composed of the county clerk, or an  
25 assistant designated by the county clerk, the State's  
26 attorney of the county or an Assistant State's Attorney

1 designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk of the  
2 circuit court, or an assistant designated by the clerk of  
3 the circuit court, of the county, of whom the county clerk  
4 or his designee shall be the chair ~~chairman~~, except that in  
5 any county which has established a county board of election  
6 commissioners that board shall constitute the county  
7 officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school district  
8 is located in 2 or more counties, the county officers  
9 electoral board of the county in which the principal office  
10 of the school district is located shall hear and pass upon  
11 objections to nominations of candidates for school  
12 district office in that school district.

13 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county  
14 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass  
15 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county  
16 offices, candidates for congressional and legislative  
17 offices if the district is wholly within a county with a  
18 population of 3,000,000 or more, unless the district is  
19 wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of a municipal  
20 board of election commissioners, and judicial offices of a  
21 district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less  
22 than a county, for any school district offices, for the  
23 office of multi-township assessor where candidates for  
24 such office are nominated in accordance with this Code, and  
25 for all special district offices, shall be composed of the  
26 county clerk, or an assistant designated by the county

1 clerk, the State's Attorney of the county or an Assistant  
2 State's Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and  
3 the clerk of the circuit court, or an assistant designated  
4 by the clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom  
5 the county clerk or his designee shall be the chair  
6 ~~chairman~~, except that, in any county which has established  
7 a county board of election commissioners, that board shall  
8 constitute the county officers electoral board ex-officio.  
9 If a school district is located in 2 or more counties, the  
10 county officers electoral board of the county in which the  
11 principal office of the school district is located shall  
12 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates  
13 for school district office in that school district.

14 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and  
15 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
16 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor  
17 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village  
18 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated  
19 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of  
20 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to  
21 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest  
22 number of years as a member of the city council or board of  
23 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of  
24 trustees shall be the chair ~~chairman~~.

25 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon  
26 objections to the nominations of township officers shall be

1 composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk, and  
2 that eligible town trustee elected in the township who has  
3 had the longest term of continuous service as town trustee,  
4 of whom the township supervisor shall be the chair  
5 ~~chairman~~.

6 5. The education officers electoral board to hear and  
7 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
8 offices in community college districts shall be composed of  
9 the presiding officer of the community college district  
10 board, who shall be the chair ~~chairman~~, the secretary of  
11 the community college district board and the eligible  
12 elected community college board member who has the longest  
13 term of continuous service as a board member.

14 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,  
15 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or  
16 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal  
17 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all  
18 cases where the school district or special district is  
19 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of  
20 election commissioners and in all cases where the  
21 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the  
22 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
23 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall  
24 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

25 For special districts situated in more than one county, the  
26 county officers electoral board of the county in which the

1 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction to  
2 hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this Section,  
3 "special districts" means all political subdivisions other  
4 than counties, municipalities, townships and school and  
5 community college districts.

6 In the event that any member of the appropriate board is a  
7 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's  
8 petition is filed, he shall not be eligible to serve on that  
9 board and shall not act as a member of the board and his place  
10 shall be filled as follows:

11 a. In the county officers electoral board by the county  
12 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the  
13 sheriff of the county.

14 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the  
15 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member  
16 who has served the second greatest number of years as a  
17 city council or board of trustees member.

18 c. In the township officers electoral board by the  
19 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second  
20 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

21 d. In the education officers electoral board by the  
22 eligible elected community college district board member  
23 who has had the second longest term of continuous service  
24 as a board member.

25 In the event that the chair ~~chairman~~ of the electoral board  
26 is ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she is a

1 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's  
2 petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under the  
3 provisions of this Section shall be the chair ~~chairman~~; In this  
4 case, the officer or board with whom the objector's petition is  
5 filed, shall transmit the certificate of nomination or  
6 nomination papers as the case may be, and the objector's  
7 petition to the substitute chair ~~chairman~~ of the electoral  
8 board.

9 When 2 or more eligible individuals, by reason of their  
10 terms of service on a city council or board of trustees,  
11 township board of trustees, or community college district  
12 board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one to serve  
13 shall be chosen by lot.

14 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled  
15 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members  
16 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the  
17 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon  
18 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief  
19 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board  
20 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was  
21 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by  
22 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the  
23 chair ~~chairman~~ of an electoral board shall be designated by the  
24 Chief Judge.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

2 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the  
3 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or proposed  
4 question of public policy, as the case may be, and the  
5 objector's petition, the chair ~~chairman~~ of the electoral board  
6 other than the State Board of Elections shall send a call by  
7 registered or certified mail to each of the members of the  
8 electoral board, and to the objector who filed the objector's  
9 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of  
10 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the  
11 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of a question of  
12 public policy, as the case may be, whose petitions are objected  
13 to, and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties  
14 in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of  
15 such call upon each of such officers and persons, which call  
16 shall set out the fact that the electoral board is required to  
17 meet to hear and pass upon the objections to nominations made  
18 for the office, designating it, and shall state the day, hour  
19 and place at which the electoral board shall meet for the  
20 purpose, which place shall be in the county court house in the  
21 county in the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the  
22 Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers  
23 Electoral Board or the Education Officers Electoral Board,  
24 except that the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the  
25 Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers  
26 Electoral Board may meet at the location where the governing



1 body of the municipality, township, or community college  
2 district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled  
3 meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter  
4 records may be removed from the offices of an election  
5 authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of  
6 the election authority. In those cases where the State Board of  
7 Elections is the electoral board designated under Section 10-9,  
8 the chair ~~chairman~~ of the State Board of Elections shall,  
9 within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of  
10 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed  
11 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed  
12 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered  
13 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's  
14 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of  
15 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the  
16 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed  
17 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public  
18 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the  
19 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be  
20 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent branch  
21 office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be  
22 less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the  
23 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
24 objector's petition by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the electoral  
25 board.

26 The electoral board shall have the power to administer

1 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the request  
2 of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of its  
3 members, may authorize the chair ~~chairman~~ to issue subpoenas  
4 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum  
5 requiring the production of such books, papers, records and  
6 documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry before  
7 the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses are  
8 subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

9 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or  
10 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and  
11 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by  
12 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes  
13 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served  
14 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena, or  
15 to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a petition  
16 in the circuit court of the county in which such hearing is to  
17 be heard, or has been attempted to be heard, setting forth the  
18 facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect, and accompanying the  
19 petition with a copy of the citation and the answer, if one has  
20 been filed, together with a copy of the subpoena and the return  
21 of service thereon, and shall apply for an order of court  
22 requiring such person to attend and testify, and forthwith  
23 produce books and papers, before the electoral board. Any  
24 circuit court of the state, excluding the judge who is sitting  
25 on the electoral board, upon such showing shall order such  
26 person to appear and testify, and to forthwith produce such

1 books and papers, before the electoral board at a place to be  
2 fixed by the court. If such person shall knowingly fail or  
3 refuse to obey such order of the court without lawful excuse,  
4 the court shall punish him or her by fine and imprisonment, as  
5 the nature of the case may require and may be lawful in cases  
6 of contempt of court.

7 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall  
8 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and  
9 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,  
10 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the  
11 objection or by other interested persons.

12 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on  
13 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the  
14 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
15 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy  
16 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the  
17 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election  
18 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of  
19 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and  
20 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of  
21 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed in  
22 the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12 of  
23 this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at  
24 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular  
25 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of  
26 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party

1 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or  
2 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,  
3 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election  
4 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of valid  
5 to invalid signatures within the particular election  
6 jurisdiction.

7       The electoral board shall take up the question as to  
8 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination  
9 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they  
10 were filed within the time and under the conditions required by  
11 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of  
12 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they purport  
13 to be, and whether or not in the case of the certificate of  
14 nomination in question it represents accurately the decision of  
15 the caucus or convention issuing it, and in general shall  
16 decide whether or not the certificate of nomination or  
17 nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether the  
18 objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of a  
19 majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to  
20 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral  
21 board must state its findings in writing and must state in  
22 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of  
23 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the  
24 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If  
25 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the  
26 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent

1 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally  
2 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is  
3 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or  
4 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party affected  
5 by the decision or to such party's attorney of record, if any,  
6 at the address on record for such person in the files of the  
7 electoral board.

8       Upon the expiration of the period within which a proceeding  
9 for judicial review must be commenced under Section 10-10.1,  
10 the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for judicial  
11 review has been commenced within such period, transmit, by  
12 registered or certified mail, a certified copy of its ruling,  
13 together with the original certificate of nomination or  
14 nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's  
15 petition, to the officer or board with whom the certificate of  
16 nomination or nomination papers or petitions, as objected to,  
17 were on file, and such officer or board shall abide by and  
18 comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

19       (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-78,  
20 eff. 7-20-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

21       (10 ILCS 5/11-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-6)

22       Sec. 11-6. Within 60 days after July 1, 2014 (the effective  
23 date of Public Act 98-691), each election authority shall  
24 transmit to the principal office of the State Board of  
25 Elections and publish on any website maintained by the election

1 authority maps in electronic portable document format (PDF)  
2 showing the current boundaries of all the precincts within its  
3 jurisdiction. Whenever election precincts in an election  
4 jurisdiction have been redivided or readjusted, the county  
5 board or board of election commissioners shall prepare maps in  
6 electronic portable document format (PDF) showing such  
7 election precinct boundaries no later than 90 days before the  
8 next scheduled election. The maps shall show the boundaries of  
9 all political subdivisions and districts. The county board or  
10 board of election commissioners shall immediately forward  
11 copies thereof to the chair ~~chairman~~ of each county central  
12 committee in the county, to each township, ward, or precinct  
13 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and each local election official  
14 whose political subdivision is wholly or partly in the county  
15 and, upon request, shall furnish copies thereof to each  
16 candidate for political or public office in the county and  
17 shall transmit copies thereof to the principal office of the  
18 State Board of Elections and publish copies thereof on any  
19 website maintained by the election authority.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

22 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the  
23 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in  
24 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
25 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of

1 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
2 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems  
3 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
4 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable  
5 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general  
6 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered  
7 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team  
8 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election  
9 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are  
10 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover  
11 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the  
12 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board  
13 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in  
14 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this  
15 Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any  
16 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special  
17 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
18 office of representative in the United States Congress or to  
19 nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county board  
20 passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of election  
21 to 3 for primary elections. The tally judges 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 judges of election.

25 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of  
26 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,

1 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
2 appointed in the same manner and with the same division between  
3 political parties as is provided for other judges of election.  
4 The number of such panels of judges required shall be  
5 determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections which  
6 shall base the required numbers of special panels on the number  
7 of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of vote  
8 by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any combination  
9 of such factors.

10 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
11 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
12 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
13 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
14 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
15 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
16 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
17 list, furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the County Central  
18 Committee of the first leading political party in such  
19 precinct; and the county board of commissioners shall also  
20 select and approve 2 persons as judges of election in each  
21 election precinct from a certified list, furnished by the chair  
22 ~~chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the second leading  
23 political party. However, if only 3 judges of election serve in  
24 each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same  
25 political party shall be judges of election in the same  
26 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2



1 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one  
2 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set  
3 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5  
4 election judges in each precinct. Such certified list shall be  
5 filed with the county clerk not less than 10 days before the  
6 annual meeting of the county board of commissioners. Such list  
7 shall be arranged according to precincts. The chair ~~chairman~~ of  
8 each county central committee shall, insofar as possible, list  
9 persons who reside within the precinct in which they are to  
10 serve as judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion,  
11 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct but  
12 within the county embracing the precinct in which they are to  
13 serve. He must, however, submit the names of at least 2  
14 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
15 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one  
16 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
17 is to have 2 judges. The county board of commissioners shall  
18 acknowledge in writing to each county chair ~~chairman~~ the names  
19 of all persons submitted on such certified list and the total  
20 number of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or  
21 such list is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient  
22 number of names are furnished for certain election precincts),  
23 the county board of commissioners shall make or complete such  
24 list from the names contained in the supplemental list provided  
25 for in Section 13-1.1. The election judges shall hold their  
26 office for 2 years from their appointment, and until their

1 successors are duly appointed in the manner provided in this  
2 Act. The county board of commissioners shall fill all vacancies  
3 in the office of judge of election at any time in the manner  
4 provided 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 chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
9 committee, or each township committeeperson in a county with a  
10 population of more than 3,000,000, of each of the two leading  
11 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 chair ~~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 chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
23 committee, or each township committeeperson in a county with a  
24 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 chair  
10 ~~chairman~~ of the County Central Committee of the first leading  
11 political party in such election precinct and shall also select  
12 and approve 2 judges of election in each election precinct from  
13 a certified list furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the County  
14 Central Committee of the second leading political party in such  
15 election precinct. However, if only 3 judges of election serve  
16 in each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same  
17 political party shall be judges of election in the same  
18 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2  
19 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one  
20 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set  
21 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5  
22 election judges in each precinct. The respective County Central  
23 Committee chair ~~chairman~~ shall notify the county board by June  
24 1 of each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual  
25 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list  
26 will be filed by such chair ~~chairman~~. Such list shall be

1 arranged according to precincts. The chair ~~chairman~~ of each  
2 county central committee shall, insofar as possible, list  
3 persons who reside within the precinct in which they are to  
4 serve as judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion,  
5 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct but  
6 within the county embracing the precinct in which they are to  
7 serve. He must, however, submit the names of at least 2  
8 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
9 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one  
10 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
11 is to have 2 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be  
12 filed with the county clerk not less than 20 days before the  
13 annual meeting of the county board. The county board shall  
14 acknowledge in writing to each county chair ~~chairman~~ the names  
15 of all persons submitted on such certified list and the total  
16 number of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or  
17 the list is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient  
18 number of names are furnished for certain election precincts),  
19 the county board shall make or complete such list from the  
20 names contained in the supplemental list provided for in  
21 Section 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in any case where a  
22 township has been or shall be redistricted, in whole or in  
23 part, subsequent to one general election for Governor, and  
24 prior to the next, the judges of election to be selected for  
25 all new or altered precincts shall be selected in that one of  
26 the methods above detailed, which shall be applicable according

1 to the facts and circumstances of the particular case, but the  
2 majority of such judges for each such precinct shall be  
3 selected from the first leading political party, and the  
4 minority judges from the second leading political party.  
5 Provided, further, that in counties having a population of  
6 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the selection of judges of  
7 election shall be made in the same manner in all respects as in  
8 other counties, except that the provisions relating to tally  
9 judges are inapplicable to such counties and except that the  
10 county board shall meet during the month of January for the  
11 purpose of making such selection, each township  
12 committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities given to the  
13 chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee in this Section  
14 for the precincts within his or her township, and the township  
15 committeeperson shall notify the county board by the preceding  
16 October 1 whether or not the certified list will be filed. Such  
17 judges of election shall hold their office for 2 years from  
18 their appointment and until their successors are duly appointed  
19 in the manner provided in this Act. The county board shall fill  
20 all vacancies in the office of judges of elections at any time  
21 in the manner herein provided.

22 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
23 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/13-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-3)

1           Sec. 13-3. After the judges of election have been selected  
2 and approved as hereinbefore provided, a report of such  
3 selections shall be made by the county board and filed in the  
4 circuit court, and application shall then be made by the county  
5 board to the court for their confirmation and appointment,  
6 whereupon the court shall enter an order that cause be shown,  
7 if any exists, against the confirmation and appointment of such  
8 persons so named on or before the opening of the court on a day  
9 to be fixed by the court. The county board shall immediately  
10 give notice of such order and the names of all such judges so  
11 reported to such court for confirmation and their residence and  
12 the precinct for which they were selected by causing a notice  
13 to be published in one or more newspapers in the county and if  
14 no newspaper be published therein then by posting such notice  
15 in 5 of the most public places in the county. The notice shall  
16 state that a list of judges of election is available for public  
17 inspection in the office of the election authority. If no cause  
18 to the contrary is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in  
19 each precinct, at least one judge representing each of the two  
20 major political parties has been certified by the county clerk  
21 as having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6  
22 months the training course and examination for judges of  
23 election, as provided in Section 13-2.1 and 13-2.2 of this Act,  
24 such appointment shall be confirmed by order entered by that  
25 court.

26           If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so



1 certified by the county clerk as having satisfactorily  
2 completed such course and examination, the county clerk shall  
3 immediately notify all judges in that precinct, to whose  
4 appointment there is no other objection, that all such judges  
5 shall attend the next such course. The county clerk shall then  
6 certify to the court that all such judges have been so notified  
7 (and such certification need contain no detail other than a  
8 mere recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be  
9 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so  
10 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,  
11 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from  
12 office at the option of the election authority.

13 If objections to the appointment of any judge be filed  
14 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,  
15 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence  
16 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to  
17 confirm such nominations as the interests of the public may  
18 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If  
19 any vacancy exists at any time the county board shall, subject  
20 to the provisions of Section 13-1.1, further report and  
21 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the  
22 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider  
23 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the  
24 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such  
25 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such  
26 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms

1 shall be prepared by the county clerk of each county for such  
2 purpose and furnished to the county board, and after  
3 confirmation and acceptance of such commission, such judges  
4 shall thereupon become officers of such court. If a vacancy  
5 occurs so late that nomination by the county board and  
6 application to and confirmation by the court cannot be had  
7 before the election, then the court shall, subject to the  
8 provisions of Section 13-1.1, make an appointment and issue a  
9 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed  
10 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and  
11 subject to the same rules as if nominated by the county board  
12 and confirmed by the court, and any judge, however appointed,  
13 and at whatever time, shall be considered an officer of court  
14 and be subject to the same control and punishment in case of  
15 misbehavior. Not more than 10 business days after the day of  
16 election, the county clerk shall compile a list containing the  
17 name, address and party affiliation of each judge of election  
18 who served on the day of election, and shall preserve such list  
19 and make it available for public inspection and copying for a  
20 period of not more than one year from the date of receipt of  
21 such list. Copies of such list shall be available for purchase  
22 at a cost not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board has  
23 the right, at any time, in case of misbehavior or neglect of  
24 duty, to remove any judge of election and cause such vacancy to  
25 be filled in accordance with this Act. Except for judges  
26 appointed under subsection (b) of Section 13-4, the board shall

1 have the right, at any time, to remove any judge of election  
2 for failing to vote the primary ballot of the political party  
3 he represents, at a primary election at which he served as such  
4 judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance  
5 with this Act. The board shall remove any judge of election  
6 who, twice during the same term of office, fails to provide for  
7 the opening of the polling place at the time prescribed in  
8 Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is applicable, unless  
9 such delay can be demonstrated by the judge of election to be  
10 beyond his or her control. In the event that any judge of  
11 election is removed for cause, the board shall specify such  
12 cause in writing and make such writing a matter of public  
13 record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county chair  
14 ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the election  
15 judge. If any vacancies occur or exist more than 15 days before  
16 election the judges appointed to such places must be confirmed  
17 by such court. The county board shall not voluntarily remove  
18 any judge within 15 days of such election except for flagrant  
19 misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and the reason therefor  
20 must afterward be reported in writing to such court and made a  
21 matter of public record, with a copy to be sent to the  
22 appropriate county chair ~~chairman~~ who made the initial  
23 recommendation of the election judge. Provided further that  
24 where a vacancy in the office of judge of election exists 20  
25 days or less prior to any election in counties having a  
26 population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, or where such

1 vacancy exists 10 days or less prior to any election in  
2 counties having less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the county  
3 clerk shall, subject to the provisions of Section 13-1.1,  
4 appoint a person of the same major political party to fill such  
5 vacancy and issue a commission thereto. The name of the officer  
6 so appointed shall be reported to the court as a matter of  
7 record and after acceptance of such commission such person  
8 shall be liable in the same manner as officers regularly  
9 appointed by the county board and confirmed by the court. The  
10 county clerk shall have the power on election day to remove  
11 without cause any judge of election appointed by the other  
12 judges of election pursuant to Section 13-7 and to appoint  
13 another judge of election to serve for that election. Such  
14 substitute judge of election must be selected, where possible,  
15 pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-1.1 and must be  
16 qualified in accordance with Section 13-4.

17 If any precinct has increased in voter registration beyond  
18 the maximum of 800 provided in Section 11-2, the county clerk  
19 may appoint one additional judge of election from each  
20 political party for each 200 voters in excess of 800.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/13-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-4)

23 Sec. 13-4. Qualifications.

24 (a) All persons elected or chosen judge of election must:

25 (1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at

1 the next election, except as provided in subsection (b) or (c);  
2 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to the  
3 registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act;  
4 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English language; (4)  
5 be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic; (5) be  
6 of good understanding and capable; (6) not be candidates for  
7 any office at the election and not be elected committeepersons  
8 ~~committeemen~~; and (7) reside in the precinct in which they are  
9 selected to act, except that in each precinct, not more than  
10 one judge of each party may be appointed from outside such  
11 precinct. Any judge selected to serve in any precinct in which  
12 he is not entitled to vote must reside within and be entitled  
13 to vote elsewhere within the county which encompasses the  
14 precinct in which such judge is appointed, except as provided  
15 in subsection (b) or (c). Such judge must meet the other  
16 qualifications of this Section.

17 (b) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
18 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
19 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
20 person serves as a judge, he or she:

21 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

22 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
23 a public or private secondary school;

24 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
25 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

26 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the

1 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
2 appointment;

3 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
4 legal guardian;

5 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
6 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and  
7 13-2.2; and

8 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
9 service as an election judge.

10 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
11 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
12 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
13 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
14 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

15 Students appointed as election judges under this  
16 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
17 day they serve as judges.

18 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
19 a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or county  
20 to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date of the  
21 election at which the person serves as a judge, he or she:

22 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

23 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as  
24 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
25 private Illinois university or college;

26 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to

1 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

2 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
3 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and  
4 13-2.2; and

5 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
6 service as an election judge.

7 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
8 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
9 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
10 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
11 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

12 Students appointed as election judges under this  
13 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
14 day they serve as judges.

15 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-818, eff. 1-1-09;  
16 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

18 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
19 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and  
20 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5  
21 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct  
22 in such city, village or incorporated town.

23 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical  
24 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election  
25 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the

1 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
2 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
3 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
4 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.  
5 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
6 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
7 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
8 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the  
9 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
10 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
11 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
12 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to  
13 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties  
14 with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

15 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

16 (1) be citizens of the United States;

17 (2) be of good repute and character and not subject to  
18 the registration requirement of the Sex Offender  
19 Registration Act;

20 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English  
21 language;

22 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of  
23 arithmetic;

24 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

25 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election  
26 and not be elected committeepersons ~~committeemen~~;



1           (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in  
2           which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
3           precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
4           appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
5           appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not  
6           entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within  
7           the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
8           judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the  
9           qualifications of this Section, except as provided in  
10          subsection (c) or (c-5).

11          (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
12          a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
13          election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
14          person serves as a judge, he or she:

15                 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

16                 (2) is a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in  
17                 a public or private secondary school;

18                 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
19                 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

20                 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
21                 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
22                 appointment;

23                 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
24                 legal guardian;

25                 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
26                 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,

1 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

2 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
3 service as an election judge.

4 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
5 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
6 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
7 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
8 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

9 Students appointed as election judges under this  
10 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
11 day they serve as judges.

12 (c-5) An election authority may establish a program to  
13 permit a person who is not entitled to vote in that precinct or  
14 county to be appointed as an election judge if, as of the date  
15 of the election at which the person serves as a judge, he or  
16 she:

17 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

18 (2) is currently enrolled in a community college, as  
19 defined in the Public Community College Act, or a public or  
20 private Illinois university or college;

21 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
22 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

23 (4) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
24 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
25 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

26 (5) meets all other qualifications for appointment and

1 service as an election judge.

2 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
3 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
4 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
5 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
6 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

7 Students appointed as election judges under this  
8 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
9 day they serve as judges.

10 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2  
11 additional judges of election, one from each of the major  
12 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any  
13 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section  
14 11-3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications  
15 prescribed in this Section.

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 5/14-3.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.1)

19 Sec. 14-3.1. The board of election commissioners shall,  
20 during the month of July of each even-numbered year, select for  
21 each election precinct within the jurisdiction of the board 5  
22 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the  
23 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. The  
24 selection shall be made by a county board of election  
25 commissioners in the following manner: the county board of

1 election commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
2 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
3 list furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
4 committee of the first leading political party in that  
5 precinct; the county board of election commissioners also shall  
6 select and approve 2 persons as judges of election in each  
7 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the chair  
8 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the second leading  
9 political party in that precinct. The selection by a municipal  
10 board of election commissioners shall be made in the following  
11 manner: for each precinct, 3 judges shall be selected from one  
12 of the 2 leading political parties and the other 2 judges shall  
13 be selected from the other leading political party; the parties  
14 entitled to 3 and 2 judges, respectively, in the several  
15 precincts shall be determined as provided in Section 14-4.  
16 However, a Board of Election Commissioners may appoint three  
17 judges of election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election  
18 otherwise required by this Section to serve in any emergency  
19 referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any  
20 special primary or special election called for the purpose of  
21 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the United  
22 States Congress or to nominate candidates for such purpose.

23 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election  
24 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party  
25 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and  
26 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and

1 which political party is entitled to one judge of election  
2 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county  
3 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges  
4 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of  
5 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each  
6 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such  
7 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall  
8 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the  
9 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner  
10 and with the same division between political parties as is  
11 provided for other judges of election. The number of such  
12 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of  
13 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required  
14 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in  
15 the jurisdiction or the number of absentee ballots voted at  
16 recent elections or any combination of such factors. A  
17 municipal board of election commissioners shall make the  
18 selections of persons qualified under Section 14-1 from  
19 certified lists furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
20 respective county central committees, or each ward  
21 committeeperson in a municipality of 500,000 or more  
22 inhabitants, of the 2 leading political parties. Lists  
23 furnished by chairmen of county central committees or ward  
24 committeepersons, as the case may be, under this Section shall  
25 be arranged according to precincts. The chair ~~chairman~~ of each  
26 county central committee or ward committeepersons, as the case

1 may be, shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside  
2 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.  
3 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of  
4 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county  
5 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,  
6 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the  
7 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3  
8 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the  
9 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2  
10 judges. The board of election commissioners shall no later than  
11 March 1 of each even-numbered year notify the chairmen of the  
12 respective county central committees or ward committeepersons,  
13 as the case may be, of their responsibility to furnish such  
14 lists, and each such chair ~~chairman~~ shall furnish the board of  
15 election commissioners with the list for his party on or before  
16 May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of election  
17 commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each county chair  
18 ~~chairman~~ or ward committeepersons, as the case may be, the  
19 names of all persons submitted on such certified list and the  
20 total number of persons listed thereon. If no such list is  
21 furnished or if no names or an insufficient number of names are  
22 furnished for certain precincts, the board of election  
23 commissioners shall make or complete such list from the names  
24 contained in the supplemental list provided for in Section  
25 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for 2 years  
26 from their appointment and until their successors are duly

1 appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of election  
2 commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of Section  
3 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of election  
4 at any time in the manner herein provided.

5 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
6 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.2)

9 Sec. 14-3.2. In addition to the list provided for in  
10 Section 14-3.1, the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
11 committee, or each ward committeeperson in a municipality of  
12 500,000 or more inhabitants, of each of the 2 leading political  
13 parties shall furnish to the board of election commissioners a  
14 supplemental list, arranged according to precinct in which they  
15 are to serve, of persons available as judges of election, the  
16 names and number of all persons listed thereon to be  
17 acknowledged in writing to the county chair ~~chairman~~ or ward  
18 committeepersons, as the case may be, submitting such list by  
19 the board of election commissioners. The board of election  
20 commissioners shall select from this supplemental list persons  
21 qualified under Section 14-1, to fill vacancies among the  
22 judges of election. If the list provided for in Section 14-3.1  
23 for any precinct is exhausted, then selection shall be made  
24 from the supplemental list furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of  
25 the county central committee or ward committeepersons, as the

1 case may be, of the party. If such supplemental list is  
2 exhausted for any precinct, then selection shall be made from  
3 any of the persons on the supplemental list without regard to  
4 the precincts in which they are listed to serve. No selection  
5 or appointment from the supplemental list shall be made more  
6 than 21 days prior to the date of precinct registration for  
7 those judges needed as precinct registrars, and more than 60  
8 days prior to the date of an election for those additional  
9 persons needed as election judges. In any case where selection  
10 cannot be made from the supplemental list without violating  
11 Section 14-1, selection shall be made from outside the  
12 supplemental list of some person qualified under Section 14-1.  
13 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

15 Sec. 14-5. After the judges are selected and have agreed to  
16 serve as provided in Sections 14-1 to 14-4, inclusive, then a  
17 report of such selections shall be made and filed in the court,  
18 and application shall then be made by the board to the circuit  
19 court for their confirmation and appointment, whereupon the  
20 court shall enter an order that cause be shown, if any exists,  
21 against the confirmation and appointment of such persons so  
22 named, on or before the opening of the court on a day to be  
23 fixed by the court. And the board of commissioners shall  
24 immediately give notice of such order and the names of all such  
25 judges so reported to such court for confirmation, and their



1 residence and the precinct for which they were selected, by  
2 causing a notice to be published in one or more newspapers in  
3 such city, village or incorporated town, and if no newspaper be  
4 published in such city, village or incorporated town, then by  
5 posting such notice in 3 of the most public places in such  
6 city, village or town. The notice shall state that a list of  
7 judges of election is available for public inspection in the  
8 office of the election authority. If no cause to the contrary  
9 is shown prior to the day fixed, and if, in each precinct, at  
10 least one judge representing each of the two major political  
11 parties has been certified by the board of commissioners as  
12 having satisfactorily completed within the preceding 6 months  
13 the training course and examination for judges of election, as  
14 provided in Section 14-4.1 of this Act such appointments shall  
15 be confirmed by order entered by that court.

16 If in any precinct the requisite 2 judges have not been so  
17 certified by the board of commissioners as having  
18 satisfactorily completed such course and examination, the  
19 board of commissioners shall immediately notify all judges in  
20 that precinct, to whose appointment there is no other  
21 objection, that all such judges shall attend the next such  
22 course. The board of commissioners shall then certify to the  
23 court that all such judges have been so notified (and such  
24 certification need contain no detail other than a mere  
25 recital). The appointment of such judges shall then be  
26 confirmed by order entered by the court. If any judge so

1 notified and so confirmed fails to attend the next such course,  
2 such failure shall subject such judge to possible removal from  
3 office at the option of the election authority.

4 If objections to the appointment of any such judge is filed  
5 prior to the day fixed by the court for confirmation of judges,  
6 the court shall hear such objections and the evidence  
7 introduced in support thereof, and shall confirm or refuse to  
8 confirm such nominations, as the interests of the public may  
9 require. No reasons may be given for the refusal to confirm. If  
10 any vacancies exist by reason of the action of such board or  
11 otherwise, at any time, the board of commissioners shall,  
12 subject to the provisions of Section 14-3.2, further report and  
13 nominate persons to fill such vacancies so existing in the  
14 manner aforesaid, and a court in the same way shall consider  
15 such nominations and shall confirm or refuse to confirm the  
16 same in the manner aforesaid. Upon the confirmation of such  
17 judges, at any time, a commission shall issue to each of such  
18 judges, under the seal of such court, and appropriate forms  
19 shall be prepared by the board of commissioners for such  
20 purpose. After such confirmation and acceptance of such  
21 commission, such judges shall thereupon become officers of such  
22 court. If a vacancy occurs so late that application to and  
23 confirmation by the court cannot be had before the election,  
24 then the board of commissioners shall, subject to the  
25 provisions of Section 14-3.2, make an appointment and issue a  
26 commission to such officer or officers, and when thus appointed

1 such officer shall be considered an officer of the court and  
2 subject to the same rules and punishment, in case of  
3 misbehavior, as if confirmed by the court, and any judge,  
4 however appointed, and at whatever time, shall be considered an  
5 officer of court, and be subject to the same control and  
6 punishment in case of misbehavior. Not more than 10 business  
7 days after the day of election, the board of election  
8 commissioners shall compile a list containing the name, address  
9 and party affiliation of each judge of election who served on  
10 the day of election, and shall preserve such list and make it  
11 available for public inspection and copying for a period of not  
12 more than one year from the date of receipt of such list.  
13 Copies of such list shall be available for purchase at a cost  
14 not to exceed the cost of duplication. The board of  
15 commissioners has the right at any time, in case of misbehavior  
16 or neglect of duty, to remove any judge of election, and shall  
17 cause such vacancy to be filled in accordance with this Act.  
18 Except for judges appointed under subsection (c) of Section  
19 14-1, the board has the right, at any time, to remove any judge  
20 of election for failing to vote the primary ballot of the  
21 political party he represents at a primary election at which he  
22 served as such judge, and shall cause such vacancy to be filled  
23 in accordance with this Act. The board shall remove any judge  
24 of election who, twice during the same term of office, fails to  
25 provide for the opening of the polling place at the time  
26 prescribed in Section 17-1 or Section 18-2, whichever is

1 applicable, unless such delay can be demonstrated by the judge  
2 of election to be beyond his or her control. In the event that  
3 any judge of election is removed for cause, the board shall  
4 specify such cause in writing and make such writing a matter of  
5 public record, with a copy to be sent to the appropriate county  
6 chair ~~chairman~~ who made the initial recommendation of the  
7 election judges. The judges of election must be appointed and  
8 confirmed at least 35 days prior to the next election.

9 If any vacancy shall occur or exist, more than 5 days  
10 before election the judges appointed to such places must be  
11 confirmed by such court. Such commissioners shall not  
12 voluntarily remove any judge within 5 days of such election,  
13 except for flagrant misbehavior, incapacity or dishonesty, and  
14 the reasons therefor must afterwards be reported in writing to  
15 such court and made a matter of public record, with a copy to  
16 be sent to the appropriate county chair ~~chairman~~ who made the  
17 initial recommendation of the election judge. If such removal  
18 be wilful and without cause, the commissioners shall be  
19 punished for contempt of court and subject to removal. The  
20 board of election commissioners shall have the power on  
21 election day to remove without cause any judge of election  
22 appointed by the other judges of election pursuant to Section  
23 14-6 and to appoint another judge of election to serve for that  
24 election. Such substitute judge of election must be selected,  
25 where possible, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-3.2  
26 and must be qualified in accordance with Section 14-1.

1 (Source: P.A. 90-672, eff. 7-31-98; 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/17-18.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-18.1)

3 Sec. 17-18.1. Wherever the judicial retention ballot to be  
4 used in any general election contains the names of more than 15  
5 judges on a separate paper ballot, the County Clerk or Board of  
6 Election Commissioners as the case may be, shall designate  
7 special judges of election for the purpose of tallying and  
8 canvassing the votes cast for and against the propositions for  
9 the retention of judges in office in such places and at such  
10 times as the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners  
11 determine. Special judges of election shall be designated from  
12 certified lists submitted by the respective chairmen of the  
13 county central committees of the two leading political parties.  
14 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election  
15 Commissioners as the case may be, decides that the counting of  
16 the retention ballots shall be performed in the precinct where  
17 such ballots are cast, 2 special judges of election shall be  
18 designated to tally and canvass the vote of each precinct with  
19 one being named from each of the 2 leading political parties.

20 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election  
21 Commissioners decides that the judicial retention ballots from  
22 several precincts shall be tallied and canvassed in a central  
23 or common location, then each major political party shall be  
24 entitled to an equal number of special election judges in each  
25 such central or common location. The County Clerk or Board of

1 Election Commissioners, as the case may be, shall inform, no  
2 later than 75 days prior to such election, the respective  
3 chairmen of the county central committees of the location or  
4 locations where the counting of retention ballots will be done,  
5 the number of names to be included on the certified lists, and  
6 the number of special election judges to be selected from those  
7 lists. If the certified list for either party is not submitted  
8 within thirty days after the chairmen have been so informed,  
9 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall  
10 designate special judges of election for that party in whatever  
11 manner it determines.

12 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall  
13 apply to the Circuit Court for the confirmation of the special  
14 judges of election designated under this Section. The court  
15 shall confirm or refuse to confirm such designations as the  
16 interest of the public may require. Those confirmed shall be  
17 officers of the court and subject to its disciplinary powers.

18 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall,  
19 in the exercise of sound discretion, prescribe the forms,  
20 materials and supplies together with the procedures for  
21 completion and return thereof for use in such election by  
22 special judges of election. The special judges of election  
23 designated under this Section shall have full responsibility  
24 and authority for tallying and canvassing the votes pertaining  
25 to the retention of judges and the return of ballots and  
26 supplies.

1           If the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners  
2 decides that the counting of the retention ballots shall be  
3 performed in the precinct where such ballots were cast, at  
4 least 2 ballot boxes shall be provided for paper retention  
5 ballots, one of which shall be used from the opening of the  
6 polls until 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. and  
7 the second of which shall be used from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00  
8 noon and from 3:00 p.m. until the closing of the polls;  
9 provided that if additional ballot boxes are provided, the  
10 additional boxes shall be used instead of reusing boxes used  
11 earlier. At the close of each such period of use, a ballot box  
12 used for retention ballots shall be immediately unsealed and  
13 opened and the ballots therein counted and tallied by the  
14 special judges of election. After counting and tallying the  
15 retention ballots, the special judges of election shall place  
16 the counted ballots in a container provided for that purpose by  
17 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners and clearly  
18 marked with the appropriate printing and shall thereupon seal  
19 such container. One such container shall be provided for each  
20 of the four time periods and clearly designated as the  
21 container for the respective period. The tally shall be  
22 recorded on sheets provided by the County Clerk or Board of  
23 Election Commissioners and designated as tally sheets for the  
24 respective time periods. Before a ballot box may be reused, it  
25 shall in the presence of all of the judges of election be  
26 verified to be empty, whereupon it shall be resealed. After the

1 close of the polls, and after the tally of votes cast by vote  
2 by mail voters, the special judges of election shall add  
3 together the tallies of all the ballot boxes used throughout  
4 the day, and complete the canvass of votes for retention of  
5 judges in the manner established by this Act. All of these  
6 procedures shall be carried out within the clear view of the  
7 other judges of election. The sealed containers of used  
8 retention ballots shall be returned with other voted ballots to  
9 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners in the  
10 manner provided by this Act.

11 The compensation of a special judge of election may not  
12 exceed \$30 per judge per precinct or district canvassed.

13 This Section does not affect any other office or the  
14 conduct of any other election held at the same time as the  
15 election for the retention of judges in office.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/17-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-22)

18 Sec. 17-22. The judges of election shall make the tally  
19 sheet and certificate of results in triplicate. If, however,  
20 the number of established political parties, as defined in  
21 Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one additional copy shall be made for  
22 each established political party in excess of 2. One list of  
23 voters, or other proper return with such certificate written  
24 thereon, and accompanying tally sheet footed up so as to show  
25 the correct number of votes cast for each person voted for,



1 shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up by the judges of  
2 election, 2 of whom (one from each of the 2 major political  
3 parties) shall immediately deliver same to the county clerk, or  
4 his deputy, at the office of the county clerk, or to an  
5 officially designated receiving station established by the  
6 county clerk where a duly authorized representative of the  
7 county clerk shall receive said envelopes for immediate  
8 transmission to the office of county clerk, who shall safely  
9 keep them. The other certificates of results and accompanying  
10 tally sheet shall be carefully enveloped and sealed up and duly  
11 directed, respectively, to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county  
12 central committee of each then existing established political  
13 party, and by another of the judges of election deposited  
14 immediately in the nearest United States letter deposit.  
15 However, if any county chair ~~chairman~~ notifies the county clerk  
16 not later than 10 days before the election of his desire to  
17 receive the envelope addressed to him at the point and at the  
18 time same are delivered to the county clerk, his deputy or  
19 receiving station designee the envelopes shall be delivered to  
20 such county chair ~~chairman~~ or his designee immediately upon  
21 receipt thereof by the county clerk, his deputy or his  
22 receiving station designee. The person or persons so designated  
23 by a county chair ~~chairman~~ shall sign an official receipt  
24 acknowledging receipt of said envelopes. The poll book and  
25 tally list filed with the county clerk shall be kept one year,  
26 and certified copies thereof shall be evidence in all courts,

1 proceedings and election contests. Before the returns are  
2 sealed up, as aforesaid, the judges shall compare the tally  
3 papers, footings and certificates and see that they are correct  
4 and duplicates of each other, and certify to the correctness of  
5 the same.

6 At the consolidated election, the judges of election shall  
7 make a tally sheet and certificate of results for each  
8 political subdivision for which candidates or public questions  
9 are on the ballot at such election, and shall sign, seal in a  
10 marked envelope and deliver them to the county clerk with the  
11 other certificates of results herein required. Such tally  
12 sheets and certificates of results may be duplicates of the  
13 tally sheet and certificate of results otherwise required by  
14 this Section, showing all votes for all candidates and public  
15 questions voted for or upon in the precinct, or may be on  
16 separate forms prepared by the election authority and showing  
17 only those votes cast for candidates and public questions of  
18 each such political subdivision.

19 Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the  
20 consolidated election, the county clerk shall transmit an  
21 original, sealed tally sheet and certificate of results from  
22 each precinct in his jurisdiction in which candidates or public  
23 questions of a political subdivision were on the ballot to the  
24 local election official of such political subdivision. Each  
25 local election official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of  
26 the tally sheets and certificates of results for all precincts

1 in which candidates or public questions of his political  
2 subdivision were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed  
3 tally sheets and certificates of results to the canvassing  
4 board for that political subdivision.

5 In the case of referenda for the formation of a political  
6 subdivision, the tally sheets and certificates of results shall  
7 be transmitted by the county clerk to the circuit court that  
8 ordered the proposition submitted or to the officials  
9 designated by the court to conduct the canvass of votes. In the  
10 case of school referenda for which a regional superintendent of  
11 schools is responsible for the canvass of votes, the county  
12 clerk shall transmit the tally sheets and certificates of  
13 results to the regional superintendent of schools.

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 or Article 24A, whichever  
17 is applicable.

18 Only judges appointed under the provisions of subsection  
19 (a) of Section 13-4 or subsection (b) of Section 14-1 may make  
20 any delivery required by this Section from judges of election  
21 to a county clerk, or his or her deputy, at the office of the  
22 county clerk or to a county clerk's duly authorized  
23 representative at the county clerk's officially designated  
24 receiving station.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1003, eff. 7-6-10.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

2 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be  
3 authorized in the following manner:

4 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to  
5 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must  
6 be affiliated with the political party for which they are  
7 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be  
8 registered to vote in Illinois.

9 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two  
10 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers  
11 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

12 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or  
13 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or  
14 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,  
15 and which shall have registered its name and address and the  
16 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
17 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall  
18 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all  
19 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in  
20 Illinois.

21 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the  
22 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint  
23 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2  
24 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic  
25 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at  
26 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the

1 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper  
2 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The  
3 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the  
4 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic  
5 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated  
6 association, or organization that:

7 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,  
8 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has  
9 among its stated purposes the provision of voter  
10 information and education, the protection of individual  
11 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal  
12 elections;

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

15 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business  
16 location within the State of Illinois, together with a  
17 current listed telephone number (a post office box number  
18 without a current listed telephone number is not  
19 sufficient).

20 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for  
21 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population  
22 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a  
23 resident of Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a  
24 pollwatcher in any poll located within such municipality,  
25 provided that such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the  
26 respective requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this

1 Section and is a registered voter in Illinois.

2 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a  
3 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and  
4 address of its organization or committee and the name and  
5 address of its chair ~~chairman~~ with the proper election  
6 authority at least 40 days before the election, shall be  
7 entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The  
8 pollwatcher must be registered to vote in Illinois.

9 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper  
10 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient  
11 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile  
12 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of  
13 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the  
14 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2  
15 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be  
16 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or  
17 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer  
18 of the civic organization or the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
19 proponent or opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the  
20 election authority nor the State Board of Elections may require  
21 any such party official or the candidate or the presiding  
22 officer of the civic organization or the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
23 proponent or opponent group to submit the names or other  
24 information concerning pollwatchers before making credentials  
25 available to such persons or organizations.

26 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the

1 following form:

2 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

3 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

4 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the  
 5 undersigned hereby appoints ..... (name of pollwatcher)  
 6 who resides at ..... (address) in the county of  
 7 ....., ..... (township or municipality) of  
 8 ..... (name), State of Illinois and who is duly  
 9 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher  
 10 in the ..... precinct of the ..... ward (if  
 11 applicable) of the ..... (township or municipality) of  
 12 ..... at the ..... election to be held on (insert  
 13 date).

14 ..... (Signature of Appointing Authority)  
 15 ..... TITLE (party official, candidate,  
 16 civic organization president,  
 17 proponent or opponent group

18 chair ~~chairman~~)

19 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10  
 20 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies  
 21 that he or she resides at ..... (address) in the  
 22 county of ....., ..... (township or municipality)  
 23 of ..... (name), State of Illinois, and is duly  
 24 registered to vote in Illinois.

1 .....  
 2 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)  
 3 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

4 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges  
 5 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher  
 6 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the  
 7 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such  
 8 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the  
 9 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the  
 10 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a  
 11 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place  
 12 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the  
 13 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during  
 14 the course of the day, but established political parties,  
 15 candidates and qualified civic organizations can have only as  
 16 many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this  
 17 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the  
 18 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election  
 19 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to  
 20 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have  
 21 closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the  
 22 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only  
 23 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so  
 24 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

25 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality



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

11 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality  
12 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to  
13 polling places on election day in such district or municipality  
14 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials  
15 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by  
16 and under the facsimile signature of the State Board of  
17 Elections or the election authority of the election  
18 jurisdiction where the polling place in which the candidate  
19 seeks admittance is located, and shall be available for  
20 distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such  
21 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

22 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the  
23 following form:

24 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

25 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:



1 violations of this Code.

2 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the  
3 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so  
4 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the  
5 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable  
6 number, except that each established or new political party  
7 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

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

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

20 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to  
21 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in  
22 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/18-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-1)

25 Sec. 18-1. The provisions of this Article 18 shall be

1 applicable only to and in municipalities operating under  
2 Article 6 of this Act.

3 At every election in any municipality operating under  
4 Article 6 of this Act, each of the political parties shall have  
5 the right to designate a canvasser for each election precinct,  
6 who may make a canvass of the precinct in which he is appointed  
7 to act, not less than 20 nor more than 31 days previous to such  
8 election, for the purpose of ascertaining the names and  
9 addresses of the legal voters residing in such precinct. An  
10 authority signed by the executive director of the board of  
11 election commissioners, shall be sufficient evidence of the  
12 right of such canvasser to make a canvass of the precinct in  
13 which he is appointed to act. The executive director of the  
14 board of election commissioners shall issue such certificate of  
15 authority to any person designated in a written request signed  
16 by the recognized chair ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of the  
17 chief managing committee of a political party in such city,  
18 village or incorporated town; and a record shall be kept in the  
19 office of the election commissioners of all appointments of  
20 such canvassers. In making such canvass no person shall refuse  
21 to answer questions and give the information asked for and  
22 known to him or her.

23 (Source: P.A. 82-373.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/18-14) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-14)

25 Sec. 18-14. The judges of election shall make duplicate

1 statements of the result of the canvass, which shall be written  
2 or partly written and partly printed. Each of the statements  
3 shall contain a caption stating the day on which, and the  
4 number of the election precinct and the ward, city and county,  
5 in relation to which such statements shall be made, and the  
6 time of opening and closing of the polls of such election  
7 precinct. It shall also contain a statement showing the whole  
8 number of votes given for each person, designating the office  
9 for which they were given, which statement shall be written, or  
10 partly written and partly printed, in words at length; and in  
11 case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at  
12 such election, such statements shall also show the whole number  
13 of votes cast for or against such proposition, written out or  
14 partly written and partly printed, in words at length, and at  
15 the end thereof a certificate that such statement is correct in  
16 all respects; which certificate, and each sheet of paper  
17 forming part of the statement, shall be subscribed by the  
18 judges. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he  
19 shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof,  
20 signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of  
21 the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall  
22 then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive  
23 material; and each of the judges shall write his name across  
24 every fold at which the envelope, if unfastened, could be  
25 opened. One of the envelopes shall be directed to the county  
26 clerk and one to the comptroller of the city, or to the officer

1 of such city whose duties correspond with those of comptroller.  
2 The judges of election shall make quadruplicate sets of  
3 tallies, and each set of tallies shall also be signed by the  
4 judges of the election. If, however, the number of established  
5 political parties, as defined in Section 10-2, exceeds 2, one  
6 additional set of tallies shall be made and signed for each  
7 established political party in excess of 2. Each set shall be  
8 enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed and signed in like  
9 manner; and one of the envelopes shall be directed on the  
10 outside to the election commissioners and the other to the  
11 city, village or town clerk; the other two envelopes shall be  
12 addressed, respectively, to the chairmen of the county central  
13 committees of the established political parties. On the outside  
14 of every envelope shall be endorsed whether it contains the  
15 statements of the votes cast or the tallies, and for what  
16 precinct and ward, village or town.

17 However, in those jurisdictions where electronic voting  
18 systems utilizing in-precinct counting equipment are used, one  
19 such envelope shall be transmitted to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
20 county central committee of each established political party  
21 and 2 such envelopes shall be transmitted to the board of  
22 election commissioners.

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

1           At the nonpartisan and consolidated elections, the judges  
2 of election shall make a tally sheet and certificate of results  
3 for each political subdivision as to which candidates or public  
4 questions are on the ballot at such election, except where such  
5 votes are to be canvassed by the board of election  
6 commissioners or by the city canvassing board provided in  
7 Section 22-8. The judges shall sign, seal in a marked envelope  
8 and deliver them to the county clerk with the other  
9 certificates of results herein required. Such tally sheets and  
10 certificates of results may be duplicates of the tally sheet  
11 and certificate of results otherwise required by this Section,  
12 showing all votes for all candidates and public questions voted  
13 for or upon in the precinct, or may be on separate forms  
14 prepared by the election authority and showing only those votes  
15 cast for candidates and public questions of each such political  
16 subdivision.

17           Within 2 days of delivery of complete returns of the  
18 consolidated and nonpartisan elections, the board of election  
19 commissioners shall transmit an original, sealed tally sheet  
20 and certificate of results from each precinct in its  
21 jurisdiction in which candidates or public questions of a  
22 political subdivision were on the ballot to the local election  
23 official of such political subdivision where a local canvassing  
24 board is designated to canvass such votes. Each local election  
25 official, within 24 hours of receipt of all of the tally sheets  
26 and certificates of results for all precincts in which

1 candidates or public questions of his political subdivision  
2 were on the ballot, shall transmit such sealed tally sheets and  
3 certificates of results to the canvassing board for that  
4 political subdivision.

5 In the case of referenda for the formation of a political  
6 subdivision the tally sheets and certificates of results shall  
7 be transmitted by the board of election commissioners to the  
8 circuit court that ordered the proposition submitted or to the  
9 officials designated by the court to conduct the canvass of  
10 votes. In the case of school referenda for which a regional  
11 superintendent of schools is responsible for the canvass of  
12 votes, the board of election commissioners shall transmit the  
13 tally sheets and certificates of results to the regional  
14 superintendent.

15 (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

17 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President  
18 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the  
19 following manner:

20 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of  
21 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in  
22 this State shall choose by its State Convention or State  
23 central committee electors of President and Vice-President of  
24 the United States and such State Convention or State central  
25 committee of such party or group shall also choose electors at



1 large, if any are to be appointed for this State and such State  
2 Convention or State central committee of such party or group  
3 shall by its chair ~~chairman~~ and secretary certify the total  
4 list of such electors together with electors at large so chosen  
5 to the State Board of Elections.

6 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such  
7 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the  
8 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such  
9 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided in  
10 choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President of  
11 the United States.

12 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political  
13 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President  
14 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the  
15 election to be held on the day in this Act above named. In lieu  
16 of the names of the candidates for such electors of President  
17 and Vice-President, immediately under the appellation of party  
18 name of a party or group in the column of its candidates on the  
19 official ballot, to be voted at said election first above named  
20 in subsection (1) of Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there  
21 shall be printed within a bracket the name of the candidate for  
22 President and the name of the candidate for Vice-President of  
23 such party or group with a square to the left of such bracket.  
24 Each voter in this State from the several lists or sets of  
25 electors so chosen and selected by the said respective  
26 political parties or groups, may choose and elect one of such

1 lists or sets of electors by placing a cross in the square to  
2 the left of the bracket aforesaid of one of such parties or  
3 groups. Placing a cross within the square before the bracket  
4 enclosing the names of President and Vice-President shall not  
5 be deemed and taken as a direct vote for such candidates for  
6 President and Vice-President, or either of them, but shall only  
7 be deemed and taken to be a vote for the entire list or set of  
8 electors chosen by that political party or group so certified  
9 to the State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by  
10 means of placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the  
11 appellation or title of the particular political party or  
12 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the  
13 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,  
14 but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the entire  
15 list or set of electors chosen by that political party or group  
16 so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein  
17 provided.

18 (c) Such certification by the respective political parties  
19 or groups in this State of electors of President and  
20 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections  
21 within 2 days after such State convention or meeting of the  
22 State central committee in which the electors were chosen.

23 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and  
24 selection of electors of the same political party or group be  
25 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it shall  
26 be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10 days

1 after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to meet  
2 and determine which set of nominees for electors of such party  
3 or group was chosen and selected by the authorized convention  
4 of such party or group. The Board, after notice to the chair  
5 ~~chairman~~ and secretaries or managers of the conventions or  
6 groups and after a hearing shall determine which set of  
7 electors was so chosen by the authorized convention and shall  
8 so announce and publish the fact, and such decision shall be  
9 final and the set of electors so determined upon by the  
10 electoral board to be so chosen shall be the list or set of  
11 electors to be deemed elected if that party shall be successful  
12 at the polls, as herein provided.

13 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a  
14 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the  
15 executive committee of the party or group for such  
16 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to  
17 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the  
18 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the  
19 State committee of such political party or group, and certified  
20 by it to the State Board of Elections.

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

22 (10 ILCS 5/22-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-1)

23 Sec. 22-1. Abstracts of votes. Within 21 days after the  
24 close of the election at which candidates for offices  
25 hereinafter named in this Section are voted upon, the election

1 authorities of the respective counties shall open the returns  
2 and make abstracts of the votes on a separate sheet for each of  
3 the following:

4 A. For Governor and Lieutenant Governor;

5 B. For State officers;

6 C. For presidential electors;

7 D. For United States Senators and Representatives to  
8 Congress;

9 E. For judges of the Supreme Court;

10 F. For judges of the Appellate Court;

11 G. For judges of the circuit court;

12 H. For Senators and Representatives to the General  
13 Assembly;

14 I. For State's Attorneys elected from 2 or more  
15 counties;

16 J. For amendments to the Constitution, and for other  
17 propositions submitted to the electors of the entire State;

18 K. For county officers and for propositions submitted  
19 to the electors of the county only;

20 L. For Regional Superintendent of Schools;

21 M. For trustees of Sanitary Districts; and

22 N. For Trustee of a Regional Board of School Trustees.

23 Each sheet shall report the returns by precinct or ward.

24 Multiple originals of each of the sheets shall be prepared  
25 and one of each shall be turned over to the chair ~~chairman~~ of  
26 the county central committee of each of the then existing

1 established political parties, as defined in Section 10-2, or  
2 his duly authorized representative immediately after the  
3 completion of the entries on the sheets and before the totals  
4 have been compiled.

5 The foregoing abstracts shall be preserved by the election  
6 authority in its office.

7 Whenever any county clerk is unable to canvass the vote,  
8 the deputy county clerk or a designee of the county clerk shall  
9 serve in his or her place.

10 The powers and duties of the election authority canvassing  
11 the votes are limited to those specified in this Section.

12 No person who is shown by the election authority's  
13 proclamation to have been elected at the consolidated election  
14 or general election as a write-in candidate shall take office  
15 unless that person has first filed with the certifying office  
16 or board a statement of candidacy pursuant to Section 7-10 or  
17 Section 10-5, a statement pursuant to Section 7-10.1, and a  
18 receipt for filing a statement of economic interests in  
19 relation to the unit of government to which he or she has been  
20 elected. For officers elected at the consolidated election, the  
21 certifying officer shall notify the election authority of the  
22 receipt of those documents, and the county clerk shall issue  
23 the certification of election under the provisions of Section  
24 22-18.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
26 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/22-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-4)

2 Sec. 22-4. On the day appointed, the clerk and the chair  
3 ~~chairmen~~ (or vice-chair ~~vice-chairman~~ or secretary, as the case  
4 may be) of the county central committees of the Republican and  
5 Democratic parties and other canvassers, or, in case of their  
6 absence the state's attorney or sheriff, shall attend, and the  
7 parties interested shall appear and determine by lot which of  
8 them is to be declared elected; and the clerk shall issue his  
9 certificate of election to the person thus declared elected.

10 (Source: Laws 1955, p. 1015.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/22-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-8)

12 Sec. 22-8. In municipalities operating under Article 6 of  
13 this Act, within 21 days after the close of such election, the  
14 board of election commissioners shall open all returns and  
15 shall make abstracts or statements of the votes for all offices  
16 and questions voted on at the election.

17 Each abstract or statement shall report the returns by  
18 precinct or ward.

19 Multiple originals of each of the abstracts or statements  
20 shall be prepared and one of each shall be turned over to the  
21 chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of each of the  
22 then existing established political parties, as defined in  
23 Section 10-2.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;

1 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/22-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15)

3 Sec. 22-15. The election authority shall, upon request, and  
4 by mail if so requested, furnish free of charge to any  
5 candidate for any office, whose name appeared upon the ballot  
6 within the jurisdiction of the election authority, a copy of  
7 the abstract of votes by precinct or ward for all candidates  
8 for the office for which such person was a candidate. Such  
9 abstract shall be furnished no later than 2 days after the  
10 receipt of the request or 8 days after the completing of the  
11 canvass, whichever is later.

12 Within one calendar day following the canvass and  
13 proclamation of each general primary election and general  
14 election, each election authority shall transmit to the  
15 principal office of the State Board of Elections copies of the  
16 abstracts of votes by precinct or ward for the offices of ward,  
17 township, and precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ via  
18 overnight mail so that the abstract of votes arrives at the  
19 address the following calendar day. Each election authority  
20 shall also transmit to the principal office of the State Board  
21 of Elections copies of current precinct poll lists.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
23 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/22-15.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15.1)

1           Sec. 22-15.1. (a) Within 60 days following the canvass of  
2 the general election within each election jurisdiction, the  
3 election authority shall prepare, in typewritten or legible  
4 computer-generated form, a report of the abstracts of votes by  
5 precinct for all offices and questions of public policy in  
6 connection with which votes were cast within the election  
7 jurisdiction at the general election. The report shall include  
8 the total number of ballots cast within each precinct or ward  
9 and the total number of registered voters within each precinct  
10 or ward. The election authority shall provide a copy of the  
11 report to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of  
12 each established political party in the county within which the  
13 election jurisdiction is contained, and shall make a reasonable  
14 number of copies of the report available for distribution to  
15 the public.

16           (b) Within 60 days after the effective date of this  
17 amendatory Act of 1985, each election authority shall prepare,  
18 in typewritten or legible computer-generated form, a report of  
19 the type required by subsection (a) concerning the general  
20 election of 1984. The election authority shall provide a copy  
21 of the report to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
22 committee of each established political party in the county in  
23 which the election jurisdiction is contained, and shall make a  
24 reasonable number of copies of the report available for  
25 distribution to the public.

26           (c) An election authority may charge a fee to reimburse the



1 actual cost of duplicating each copy of a report provided  
2 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b).

3 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/24-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-13)

5 Sec. 24-13. Four sets of ballot labels for use in each  
6 voting machine shall be provided for each polling place for  
7 each election by the election authority. There shall also be  
8 furnished all other necessary materials or supplies for the  
9 proper use of the voting machines, including durable  
10 transparent noninflammable covering at least 1/16 inch thick  
11 with which all the ballot labels shall be securely covered to  
12 prevent shifting, tampering with or mutilations of the ballot  
13 labels, facsimile diagrams, return sheets, certificates, forms  
14 and materials of all kinds provided for in this Article. The  
15 election authority shall before the day of election, cause the  
16 proper ballot labels, together with the transparent protective  
17 covering for same, to be put upon each machine, corresponding  
18 with the sample ballot labels herein provided for, and the  
19 machine in every way to be put in order, set and adjusted,  
20 ready for use in voting when delivered at the precinct polling  
21 places and for the purpose of so labeling the machine, putting  
22 in order, setting and adjusting the same, they may employ one  
23 competent person to be known as the voting machine custodian  
24 and additional deputy custodians as required. The election  
25 authority shall, preceding each election day, holding a meeting

1 or meetings for the purpose of instructing all election  
2 precinct officials who are to serve in an election precinct  
3 where voting machines are to be used. Before preparing any  
4 voting machines for any election, the election authority shall  
5 cause written notices to be sent to the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
6 county central committee of each political party having a  
7 candidate or candidates on the ballot, or the chair ~~chairman~~ of  
8 each municipal or township committee of each political party  
9 having candidates on the ballot, in the case of a municipal or  
10 township election, stating the times when, and the place or  
11 places where, the voting machines will be prepared for the  
12 election; they shall also cause written notices to be sent to  
13 the chair ~~chairman~~ or presiding officer of any organization of  
14 citizens within the county, or other political subdivision,  
15 having as its purpose, or among its purposes or interests, the  
16 prevention, investigation or prosecution of election frauds,  
17 which has registered its name and address and the names of its  
18 principal officers with the officer, officers or board having  
19 charge of the preparation of the machines for the election, at  
20 least 40 days before such election, stating the times when, and  
21 the place or places where, the voting machines will be prepared  
22 for the election, at which times and place or places, one  
23 representative of each such political party, certified by the  
24 respective chair ~~chairman~~ of the county managing committee of  
25 each such political party, or the chair ~~chairman~~ of the  
26 municipal or township committee in the case of a municipal or

1 township election, and one representative of each such  
2 candidate, certified by such candidate, and one representative  
3 of each organization of citizens, certified by the respective  
4 chair ~~chairman~~ or presiding officers of such organizations  
5 shall be entitled to be present and see that the machines are  
6 properly prepared and tested and placed in proper condition and  
7 order for use at the election. The custodian or custodians of  
8 voting machines and the party representatives shall take the  
9 constitutional oath of office. It shall be the privilege of  
10 such party and organization representatives to be present at  
11 the preparation of the voting machines for the election and to  
12 see that each machine is tested for accuracy and is properly  
13 prepared and that all registering counters are set at zero. The  
14 custodian shall, in the presence of the party and candidate and  
15 organization representatives, prepare the voting machine for  
16 the election and set all registering counters at zero, and he  
17 shall then, assisted by the watchers, test each such  
18 registering counter for accuracy by casting votes upon it, and  
19 such testing shall be done in the presence of the watchers,  
20 until each such registering counter is correctly registering  
21 each vote cast upon it, and each certificate for each machine  
22 shall state that this has been done, and the custodians shall  
23 then, in the presence of the party and candidate and  
24 organization representatives, reset each registering counter  
25 to zero, and shall then immediately seal the voting machine  
26 with a numbered metal seal, and a record of the number on the

1 seal shall then and there be made by the custodian on the  
2 certificate for that machine and the seal shall be so placed as  
3 to prevent operation of the machine or its registering counters  
4 without breaking the seal, and the custodian shall then  
5 immediately make a record on the certificate for that machine  
6 of the reading shown on the protective counter. Immediately  
7 after each machine has been so tested and prepared for the  
8 election, it shall be the duty of such custodian or custodians  
9 to make a certificate in writing which shall be filed in the  
10 office of the election authority, stating the serial number of  
11 each voting machine, whether or not such machine has all the  
12 registering counters set at zero, whether or not such machine  
13 has been tested by voting on each registering counter so as to  
14 prove that each such registering counter is in perfect and  
15 accurate working condition, the number registered on the  
16 protective counter, and the number on the metal seal with which  
17 the machine is sealed against operation. Unless objection is  
18 filed, within 2 days, with the election authority, to the use  
19 of a particular machine or machines, such voting machine or  
20 machines when certified to be correct by the custodian shall be  
21 conclusively presumed to have been properly prepared for use at  
22 the election for which they were prepared. Any objection filed  
23 shall particularly set forth the number of the machine objected  
24 to, and the particulars or basis for the objection. The machine  
25 shall then be locked so that it cannot be operated or voted  
26 upon without first unlocking it and the keys shall be at once

1 returned to the custody of the election authority, and the  
2 election authority shall cause the machine so labeled in order,  
3 set and adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place,  
4 together with all necessary furniture and appliances that go  
5 with the same, not later than one hour before the hour at which  
6 the polls are to be opened. The election authority shall  
7 deliver the keys, which unlock the voting mechanism and the  
8 registering counters or counter compartment of the voting  
9 machine, to the precinct election board, not earlier than noon  
10 on the Saturday preceding the election day, nor later than one  
11 hour before the opening of the polls, and shall receive and  
12 file a receipt therefor. The keys shall be enclosed in a sealed  
13 envelope on which shall be written or printed: (1) The name,  
14 number of or designation of the election precinct or district;  
15 (2) The number of the voting machine; (3) The number of the  
16 seal with which the machine is sealed; (4) The number  
17 registered on the protective counter or device as reported by  
18 the custodian. No precinct election official shall break the  
19 seal of such envelope except in the presence of all members of  
20 the precinct election board, and such envelope shall not be  
21 opened until it shall have been examined by each member of the  
22 precinct election board to see that it has not been previously  
23 opened. Such envelope shall not be opened until it shall have  
24 been found that the numbers and records recorded thereon are  
25 correct and agree in every respect with the numbers and records  
26 as shown on the machine. If any such number is found not to

1 agree with the numbers on the machine, the envelope shall not  
2 be opened until the precinct election officials shall have  
3 notified the election authority, and until the election  
4 authority or some other person authorized by the election  
5 authority shall have presented himself at the polling place for  
6 the purpose of re-examining the machine, and shall have  
7 certified that it is properly arranged after testing and  
8 examining it. On the morning of the election the precinct  
9 election officials shall meet in the polling place at least one  
10 hour before the time for opening the polls. They shall see that  
11 the sample ballot labels and instructions for voting are posted  
12 properly, and prominently so that the voters can have easy  
13 access to them and that the instruction model is placed on the  
14 precinct election officials' table and that everything is in  
15 readiness for voting at the hour of opening the polls. They  
16 shall also see that the voting machine is properly illuminated  
17 in accordance with the equipment furnished. The precinct  
18 election officials shall compare the ballot labels on the  
19 machine with the sample ballots and return sheets, see that  
20 they are correct, examine and see that all the registering  
21 counters in the machine are set at zero (0) or if the machine  
22 is equipped with a device which will automatically record the  
23 number on the registering columns on the back of the machine to  
24 recording sheets of paper and the said paper can be removed  
25 without opening the back of the machine, that all of the said  
26 registering counters for each candidate as appears on the said

1 recording sheet registers (0) and that the public counter is  
2 also set at zero (0) and that the machine is otherwise in  
3 perfect order and they shall compare and record the number on  
4 the metal seal with which the voting machine is sealed, with  
5 the number furnished them as recorded on the envelope  
6 containing the keys, by the election authority, and if the  
7 number on the seal and the number on the protective counter do  
8 not agree with the numbers supplied to them, they shall not  
9 open the polls, but shall notify the election authority, and  
10 the election authority or its authorized representatives or  
11 custodian, shall, as soon as may be, test, examine and set the  
12 machine in the same manner as is provided in this section for  
13 the testing, setting and preparation of voting machines for an  
14 election. If, after being so tested and examined, it is found  
15 that such voting machine is in perfect working order, all  
16 registering counters shall be set at zero (0), the reading of  
17 the protective counter shall be read and recorded and the  
18 precinct election officials may proceed with the opening of the  
19 polls. If such machine be found not to be in perfect working  
20 order as hereinbefore provided, it shall not be used in the  
21 election, but shall be replaced with another machine which is  
22 in perfect working order, properly set, tested and sealed, and  
23 the election board shall then proceed to examine such machine  
24 in the same manner as is provided in this section for the  
25 examination of each voting machine by the election board before  
26 the opening of the polls. They shall not thereafter permit the

1 counters to be operated or moved except by electors in voting,  
2 and they shall also see that all necessary arrangements and  
3 adjustments are made for voting irregular ballots on the  
4 machine. Each precinct election official shall sign a  
5 certificate which shall certify that he has complied with all  
6 the provisions of this Article, and that, before the polls were  
7 declared open, he found the ballot labels to be in their proper  
8 places and to exactly agree with the facsimile diagrams and  
9 return or recording sheet belonging to that precinct; all  
10 registering counters set at zero (0); the number on the metal  
11 seal and the number on the protective counter exactly agree  
12 with the records furnished by the election authority; the metal  
13 seal actually was sealed so as to prevent movement of the  
14 voting machine mechanism without first breaking the seal; all  
15 ballot labels were clean and without marks of any kind upon  
16 them and they were in no way defaced or mutilated. When voting  
17 machines are used in an election precinct, the watchers or  
18 challengers representing the various political parties,  
19 candidates and citizens' organizations, provided by law to be  
20 present shall be permitted to be present from the time the  
21 precinct election board convenes on election morning until the  
22 completion of the canvass after the close of the polls. Such  
23 watchers shall be permitted to carefully examine each voting  
24 machine before the polls are declared open and to compare the  
25 number of the metal seal and the number on the protective  
26 counter with their own records, and to see that all ballot



1 labels are in their proper places, and that the machine  
2 registering counters are all set at zero (0), and that the  
3 machine or machines are in every way ready for voting at the  
4 opening of the polls. If it is found that the ballot labels are  
5 not in their proper places on the machine, or that they fail to  
6 conform in any respect, with the facsimile diagrams and return  
7 sheets belonging to the precinct, the precinct election  
8 officials shall not use such machine but shall at once notify  
9 the proper election authority, and such machine shall not be  
10 used until the election authority or person authorized by it,  
11 shall have supplied the proper ballot labels, and shall have  
12 placed such proper ballot labels in their proper places, and  
13 they shall have been found to be correct by the precinct  
14 election officials and watchers. If any registering counter  
15 shall be found not to be set at zero (0), the precinct election  
16 officials shall immediately notify the custodian or officer or  
17 officers or board having charge of the preparation of the  
18 voting machines for the election or primary, and the election  
19 authority or person authorized by him or them or it shall  
20 adjust such registering counter or counters to zero (0), in the  
21 presence of all the precinct election officials and watchers  
22 serving in such election district.

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

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

25 Sec. 24A-10. (1) In an election jurisdiction which has

1 adopted an electronic voting system, the election official in  
2 charge of the election shall select one of the 3 following  
3 procedures for receiving, counting, tallying, and return of the  
4 ballots:

5 (a) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling  
6 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes cast  
7 on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot box is  
8 for all votes cast on paper ballots, including any paper  
9 ballots required to be voted other than on the electronic  
10 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box shall  
11 be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere provided in  
12 "The Election Code," as amended, for the counting and handling  
13 of paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,  
14 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the  
15 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the election.  
16 Such slip shall be signed by all the judges of election and  
17 shall be inserted by them in the first ballot box. The judges  
18 of election shall thereupon immediately lock each ballot box;  
19 provided, that if such box is not of a type which may be  
20 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape  
21 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box  
22 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way, and in such  
23 manner that the seal completely covers the slot in the ballot  
24 box, and each of the judges shall sign such seal. Thereupon two  
25 of the judges of election, of different political parties,  
26 shall forthwith and by the most direct route transport both

1 ballot boxes to the counting location designated by the county  
2 clerk or board of election commissioners.

3 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the electronic  
4 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened at  
5 the central counting station by the two precinct transport  
6 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, such team shall first count  
7 the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are folded  
8 together so as to appear to have been cast by the same person,  
9 all of the ballots so folded together shall be marked and  
10 returned with the other ballots in the same condition, as near  
11 as may be, in which they were found when first opened, but  
12 shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots are found to  
13 exceed the number of persons voting in the precinct as shown by  
14 the slip signed by the judges of election, the ballots shall be  
15 replaced in the box, and the box closed and well shaken and  
16 again opened and one of the precinct transport judges shall  
17 publicly draw out so many ballots unopened as are equal to such  
18 excess.

19 Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not Counted"  
20 and signed by the two precinct transport judges and shall be  
21 placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The  
22 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section  
23 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be  
24 counted in the total of "defective" ballots.

25 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the  
26 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and

1 tabulate the write-in vote; or

2 (b) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,  
3 shall be used. All ballots which are not to be tabulated on the  
4 electronic voting system shall be counted, tallied, and  
5 returned as elsewhere provided in "The Election Code," as  
6 amended, for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

7 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the  
8 electronic voting system shall be processed as follows:

9 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the precinct  
10 judges of election then shall open the ballot box and canvass  
11 the votes polled to determine that the number of ballots  
12 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by the  
13 applications for ballot or if the same do not agree the judges  
14 of election shall make such ballots agree with the applications  
15 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of "The  
16 Election Code." The judges of election shall then examine all  
17 ballot cards and ballot card envelopes which are in the ballot  
18 box to determine whether the ballot cards and ballot card  
19 envelopes bear the initials of a precinct judge of election. If  
20 any ballot card or ballot card envelope is not initialed, it  
21 shall be marked on the back "Defective," initialed as to such  
22 label by all judges immediately under such word "Defective,"  
23 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that  
24 purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope."

25 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a  
26 ballot card, before separating the ballot cards from their

1       respective covering envelopes, the judges of election shall  
2       examine the ballot card envelopes for write-in votes. When the  
3       voter has voted a write-in vote, the judges of election shall  
4       compare the write-in vote with the votes on the ballot card to  
5       determine whether such write-in results in an overvote for any  
6       office. In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of  
7       election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of  
8       election of each of the two major political parties, shall make  
9       a true duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card except  
10      for the office which is overvoted, by using the ballot label  
11      booklet of the precinct and one of the marking devices of the  
12      precinct so as to transfer all votes of the voter except for  
13      the office overvoted, to an official ballot card of that kind  
14      used in the precinct at that election. The original ballot card  
15      and envelope upon which there is an overvote shall be clearly  
16      labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear the same serial  
17      number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of election,  
18      commencing with number 1 and continuing consecutively for the  
19      ballots of that kind in that precinct. The judges of election  
20      shall initial the "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballot cards and  
21      shall place them in the box for return of the ballots. The  
22      "Overvoted Ballot" ballots and their envelopes shall be placed  
23      in the "Duplicate Ballots" envelope. Envelopes bearing  
24      write-in votes marked in the place designated therefor and  
25      bearing the initials of a precinct judge of election and not  
26      resulting in an overvote and otherwise complying with the

1 election laws as to marking shall be counted, tallied, and  
2 their votes recorded on a tally sheet provided by the election  
3 official in charge of the election. The ballot cards and ballot  
4 card envelopes shall be separated and all except any defective  
5 or overvoted shall be placed separately in the box for return  
6 of the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the  
7 ballots and ballot cards to determine if any is damaged or  
8 defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic  
9 tabulating equipment. If any ballot or ballot card is damaged  
10 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the  
11 automatic tabulating equipment, the judges of election,  
12 consisting in each case of at least one judge of election of  
13 each of the two major political parties, shall make a true  
14 duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card by using the  
15 ballot label booklet of the precinct and one of the marking  
16 devices of the precinct. The original ballot or ballot card and  
17 envelope shall be clearly labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the  
18 ballot or ballot card so produced "Duplicate Damaged Ballot,"  
19 and each shall bear the same number which shall be placed  
20 thereon by the judges of election, commencing with number 1 and  
21 continuing consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the  
22 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate  
23 Damaged Ballot" ballot or ballot cards, and shall place them in  
24 the box for return of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots  
25 or ballot cards and their envelopes shall be placed in the  
26 "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip indicating the number of

1 voters voting in person shall be made out, signed by all judges  
2 of election, and inserted in the box for return of the ballots.  
3 The tally sheets recording the write-in votes shall be placed  
4 in this box. The judges of election thereupon immediately shall  
5 securely lock the ballot box or other suitable box furnished  
6 for return of the ballots by the election official in charge of  
7 the election; provided that if such box is not of a type which  
8 may be securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament  
9 tape provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around  
10 the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A  
11 separate adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of  
12 election of the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to  
13 cover any slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct;  
14 and if such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein  
15 rather than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box  
16 as provided herein, but in such manner that the separate  
17 adhesive seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges  
18 may not be removed without breaking the filament tape and  
19 disturbing the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the  
20 judges of election, of different major political parties,  
21 forthwith shall by the most direct route transport the box for  
22 return of the ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the  
23 central counting location designated by the election official  
24 in charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of  
25 adequate parking facilities at the central counting location or  
26 for any other reason, it is impossible or impracticable for the

1 boxes from all the polling places to be delivered directly to  
2 the central counting location, the election official in charge  
3 of the election may designate some other location to which the  
4 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at  
5 such other location the boxes shall be in the care and custody  
6 of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each  
7 of the two major political parties, designated for such purpose  
8 by the election official in charge of elections from  
9 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
10 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be  
11 transported from such other location to the central counting  
12 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2  
13 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated for such  
14 purpose by the election official in charge of elections from  
15 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
16 organizations.

17 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated Ballots"  
18 envelope each shall be securely sealed and the flap or end  
19 thereof of each signed by the precinct judges of election and  
20 returned to the central counting location with the box for  
21 return of the ballots, enclosed ballots and returns.

22 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges  
23 designated by the election official in charge of the election  
24 shall check the box returned containing the ballots to  
25 determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open  
26 the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number of



1 ballots so delivered against the total number of voters of the  
2 precinct who voted, remove the ballots or ballot cards and  
3 deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic  
4 tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of  
5 ballots and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet  
6 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges; or

7 (c) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,  
8 shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the  
9 precinct judges of election shall securely lock the ballot box;  
10 provided that if such box is not of a type which may be  
11 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape  
12 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box  
13 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate  
14 adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of election of  
15 the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to cover any  
16 slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if  
17 such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein rather  
18 than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as  
19 provided herein, but in such manner that the separate adhesive  
20 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may not  
21 be removed without breaking the filament tape and disturbing  
22 the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the judges of  
23 election, of different major political parties, shall  
24 forthwith by the most direct route transport the box for return  
25 of the ballots and enclosed vote by mail and early ballots and  
26 returns to the central counting location designated by the

1 election official in charge of the election. If however,  
2 because of the lack of adequate parking facilities at the  
3 central counting location or for some other reason, it is  
4 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the polling  
5 places to be delivered directly to the central counting  
6 location, the election official in charge of the election may  
7 designate some other location to which the boxes shall be  
8 delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at such other  
9 location the boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or  
10 more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the  
11 two major political parties, designated for such purpose by the  
12 election official in charge of elections from recommendations  
13 by the appropriate political party organizations. As soon as  
14 possible, the boxes shall be transported from such other  
15 location to the central counting location by one or more teams,  
16 each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major  
17 political parties, designated for such purpose by the election  
18 official in charge of the election from recommendations by the  
19 appropriate political party organizations.

20 At the central counting location there shall be one or more  
21 teams of tally judges who possess the same qualifications as  
22 tally judges in election jurisdictions using paper ballots. The  
23 number of such teams shall be determined by the election  
24 authority. Each team shall consist of 5 tally judges, 3  
25 selected and approved by the county board from a certified list  
26 furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee

1 of the party with the majority of members on the county board  
2 and 2 selected and approved by the county board from a  
3 certified list furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county  
4 central committee of the party with the second largest number  
5 of members on the county board. At the central counting  
6 location a team of tally judges shall open the ballot box and  
7 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of ballot  
8 sheets therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown  
9 by the applications for ballot; and, if the same do not agree,  
10 the tally judges shall make such ballots agree with the number  
11 of applications for ballot in the manner provided by Section  
12 17-18 of the Election Code. The tally judges shall then examine  
13 all ballot sheets which are in the ballot box to determine  
14 whether they bear the initials of the precinct judge of  
15 election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall be marked on  
16 the back "Defective", initialed as to such label by all tally  
17 judges immediately under such word "Defective", and not  
18 counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that purpose  
19 labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one  
20 office shall invalidate only the vote or count of that  
21 particular office.

22 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges  
23 designated by the election official in charge of the election  
24 shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians operating  
25 the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between  
26 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be noted

1 on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally  
2 judges.

3 (2) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection  
4 (1) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated  
5 to transport the ballots, properly signed and sealed as  
6 provided herein, shall ensure that the ballots are delivered to  
7 the central counting station no later than 12 hours after the  
8 polls close. At the central counting station a team of tally  
9 judges designated by the election official in charge of the  
10 election shall examine the ballots so transported and shall not  
11 accept ballots for tabulating which are not signed and sealed  
12 as provided in subsection (1) of this Section until the judges  
13 transporting the same make and sign the necessary corrections.  
14 Upon acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the  
15 central counting station, the election judges transporting the  
16 same shall take a receipt signed by the election official in  
17 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of  
18 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport  
19 any ballots shall, in the event such ballots cannot be found  
20 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they  
21 are to take as above provided.

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/24A-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-11)

24 Sec. 24A-11. All proceedings at the location for central  
25 counting shall be under the direction of the county clerk or

1 board of election commissioners, as the case may be. Except for  
2 any specially trained technicians required for the operation of  
3 the automatic tabulating equipment, the employees at the  
4 counting station shall be equally divided between members of  
5 the 2 leading political parties and all duties performed by  
6 such employees shall be by teams consisting of an equal number  
7 of members of each political party. Thirty days before an  
8 election the county clerk or board of election commissioners  
9 shall submit to the chair ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for  
10 his approval or disapproval, a list of persons of his party  
11 proposed to be employed. If a chair ~~chairman~~ fails to notify  
12 the election authority of his disapproval of any proposed  
13 employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the list shall  
14 be deemed approved.

15 (Source: P.A. 82-1014.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/24A-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-15)

17 Sec. 24A-15. The precinct return printed by the automatic  
18 tabulating equipment shall include the number of ballots cast  
19 and votes cast for each candidate and proposition and shall  
20 constitute the official return of each precinct. In addition to  
21 the precinct return, the election authority shall provide the  
22 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the  
23 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each  
24 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the  
25 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the

1 election authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct  
2 return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy with respect to  
3 the total number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the  
4 ballots for such precinct retabulated to correct the return.  
5 The procedures for retabulation shall apply prior to and after  
6 the proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation  
7 of results, the election authority must obtain a court order to  
8 unseal voted ballots except for election contests and discovery  
9 recounts. In those election jurisdictions that utilize  
10 in-precinct counting equipment, the certificate of results,  
11 which has been prepared by the judges of election after the  
12 ballots have been tabulated, shall be the document used for the  
13 canvass of votes for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy  
14 exists during the canvass of votes between the unofficial  
15 results and the certificate of results, or whenever a  
16 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the  
17 certificate of results and the set of totals which has been  
18 affixed to such certificate of results, the ballots for such  
19 precinct shall be retabulated to correct the return. As an  
20 additional part of this check prior to the proclamation, in  
21 those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is  
22 utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total  
23 number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election  
24 jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early  
25 voting. The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated  
26 shall be selected after election day on a random basis by the

1 State Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the  
2 election jurisdiction and every voting device used in early  
3 voting has an equal mathematical chance of being selected. The  
4 State Board of Elections shall design a standard and scientific  
5 random method of selecting the precincts and voting devices  
6 which are to be retabulated. The State central committee chair  
7 ~~chairman~~ of each established political party shall be given  
8 prior written notice of the time and place of such random  
9 selection procedure and may be represented at such procedure.  
10 Such retabulation shall consist of counting the ballot cards  
11 which were originally counted and shall not involve any  
12 determination as to which ballot cards were, in fact, properly  
13 counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for such  
14 retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody and  
15 control of the election authority and shall be transported and  
16 retabulated by the designated staff of the election authority.

17 As part of such retabulation, the election authority shall  
18 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the  
19 selected early voting devices. Such test shall be conducted by  
20 processing a preaudited group of ballots so punched so as to  
21 record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate  
22 and on each public question, and shall include for each office  
23 one or more ballots which have votes in excess of the number  
24 allowed by law in order to test the ability of the equipment to  
25 reject such votes. If any error is detected, the cause therefor  
26 shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall

1 be made prior to the official canvass and proclamation of  
2 election results.

3 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
4 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
5 ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and qualified  
6 civic organizations shall be given prior written notice of the  
7 time and place of such retabulation and may be represented at  
8 such retabulation.

9 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the  
10 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
11 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Act.  
12 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority  
13 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation  
14 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic  
15 tabulating equipment. Such comparison shall be done for each  
16 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing  
17 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that  
18 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the public.  
19 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/24B-10)

21 Sec. 24B-10. Receiving, Counting, Tallying and Return of  
22 Ballots; Acceptance of Ballots by Election Authority.

23 (a) In an election jurisdiction which has adopted an  
24 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting  
25 system, the election official in charge of the election shall



1 select one of the 3 following procedures for receiving,  
2 counting, tallying, and return of the ballots:

3 (1) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling  
4 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes  
5 cast on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot  
6 box is for all votes cast on other ballots, including any  
7 paper ballots required to be voted other than on the  
8 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology electronic  
9 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box  
10 shall be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere  
11 provided in this Code for the counting and handling of  
12 paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,  
13 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the  
14 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the  
15 election. The slip shall be signed by all the judges of  
16 election and shall be inserted by them in the first ballot  
17 box. The judges of election shall thereupon immediately  
18 lock each ballot box; provided, that if the box is not of a  
19 type which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed  
20 with filament tape provided for the purpose that shall be  
21 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least  
22 twice each way, and in a manner that the seal completely  
23 covers the slot in the ballot box, and each of the judges  
24 shall sign the seal. Two of the judges of election, of  
25 different political parties, shall by the most direct route  
26 transport both ballot boxes to the counting location

1 designated by the county clerk or board of election  
2 commissioners.

3 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the  
4 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
5 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened  
6 at the central counting station by the 2 precinct transport  
7 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, the team shall first  
8 count the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are  
9 folded together to appear to have been cast by the same  
10 person, all of the ballots folded together shall be marked  
11 and returned with the other ballots in the same condition,  
12 as near as may be, in which they were found when first  
13 opened, but shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots  
14 are found to exceed the number of persons voting in the  
15 precinct as shown by the slip signed by the judges of  
16 election, the ballots shall be replaced in the box, and the  
17 box closed and well shaken and again opened and one of the  
18 precinct transport judges shall publicly draw out so many  
19 ballots unopened as are equal to the excess.

20 The excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not  
21 Counted" and signed by the 2 precinct transport judges and  
22 shall be placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots  
23 Envelope". The number of excess ballots shall be noted in  
24 the remarks section of the Certificate of Results. "Excess"  
25 ballots shall not be counted in the total of "defective"  
26 ballots.

1           The precinct transport judges shall then examine the  
2 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and  
3 tabulate the write-in vote.

4           (2) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes  
5 cast, shall be used. All ballots which are not to be  
6 tabulated on the electronic voting system shall be counted,  
7 tallied, and returned as elsewhere provided in this Code  
8 for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

9           All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the  
10 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
11 voting system shall be processed as follows:

12           Immediately after the closing of the polls, the  
13 precinct judges of election shall open the ballot box and  
14 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of  
15 ballots agree with the number of voters voting as shown by  
16 the applications for ballot, or if the same do not agree  
17 the judges of election shall make such ballots agree with  
18 the applications for ballot in the manner provided by  
19 Section 17-18 of this Code.

20           In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of  
21 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of  
22 election of each of the 2 major political parties, shall  
23 make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot  
24 except for the office which is overvoted, by using the  
25 ballot of the precinct and one of the marking devices, or  
26 equivalent ballot, of the precinct to transfer all votes of

1 the voter except for the office overvoted, to an official  
2 ballot of that kind used in the precinct at that election.  
3 The original ballot upon which there is an overvote shall  
4 be clearly labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear  
5 the same serial number which shall be placed thereon by the  
6 judges of election, beginning with number 1 and continuing  
7 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in that  
8 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the  
9 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballots and shall place them  
10 in the box for return of the ballots. The "Overvoted  
11 Ballot" ballots shall be placed in the "Duplicate Ballots"  
12 envelope. The ballots except any defective or overvoted  
13 ballot shall be placed separately in the box for return of  
14 the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the  
15 ballots to determine if any is damaged or defective so that  
16 it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment.  
17 If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot  
18 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment,  
19 the judges of election, consisting in each case of at least  
20 one judge of election of each of the 2 major political  
21 parties, shall make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on  
22 such ballot by using the ballot of the precinct and one of  
23 the marking devices, or equivalent ballot, of the precinct.  
24 The original ballot and ballot envelope shall be clearly  
25 labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the ballot so produced  
26 "Duplicate Damaged Ballot", and each shall bear the same

1           number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of  
2           election, commencing with number 1 and continuing  
3           consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the precinct.  
4           The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate Damaged  
5           Ballot" ballot and shall place them in the box for return  
6           of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots shall be  
7           placed in the "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip  
8           indicating the number of voters voting in person and the  
9           total number of voters of the precinct who voted at the  
10          election shall be made out, signed by all judges of  
11          election, and inserted in the box for return of the  
12          ballots. The tally sheets recording the write-in votes  
13          shall be placed in this box. The judges of election  
14          immediately shall securely lock the ballot box or other  
15          suitable box furnished for return of the ballots by the  
16          election official in charge of the election; provided that  
17          if the box is not of a type which may be securely locked,  
18          the box shall be sealed with filament tape provided for the  
19          purpose which shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise  
20          and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate adhesive  
21          seal label signed by each of the judges of election of the  
22          precinct shall be affixed to the box to cover any slot  
23          therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if the  
24          box is sealed with filament tape as provided rather than  
25          locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as  
26          provided, but in such manner that the separate adhesive

1 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may  
2 not be removed without breaking the filament tape and  
3 disturbing the signature of the judges. Two of the judges  
4 of election, of different major political parties, shall by  
5 the most direct route transport the box for return of the  
6 ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the central  
7 counting location designated by the election official in  
8 charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of  
9 adequate parking facilities at the central counting  
10 location or for any other reason, it is impossible or  
11 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to  
12 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the  
13 election official in charge of the election may designate  
14 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered  
15 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the  
16 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more  
17 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2  
18 major political parties, designated for such purpose by the  
19 election official in charge of elections from  
20 recommendations by the appropriate political party  
21 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be  
22 transported from the other location to the central counting  
23 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4  
24 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,  
25 designated for the purpose by the election official in  
26 charge of elections from recommendations by the

1 appropriate political party organizations.

2 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated  
3 Ballots" envelope each shall be securely sealed and the  
4 flap or end of each envelope signed by the precinct judges  
5 of election and returned to the central counting location  
6 with the box for return of the ballots, enclosed ballots  
7 and returns.

8 At the central counting location, a team of tally  
9 judges designated by the election official in charge of the  
10 election shall check the box returned containing the  
11 ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and shall  
12 open the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number  
13 of ballots so delivered against the total number of voters  
14 of the precinct who voted, remove the ballots and deliver  
15 them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating  
16 equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots  
17 and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet  
18 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges.

19 (3) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes  
20 cast, shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the  
21 polls, the precinct judges of election shall securely lock  
22 the ballot box; provided that if such box is not of a type  
23 which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed with  
24 filament tape provided for the purpose which shall be  
25 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least  
26 twice each way. A separate adhesive seal label signed by

1 each of the judges of election of the precinct shall be  
2 affixed to the box to cover any slot therein and to  
3 identify the box of the precinct; and if the box is sealed  
4 with filament tape as provided rather than locked, such  
5 tape shall be wrapped around the box as provided, but in a  
6 manner that the separate adhesive seal label affixed to the  
7 box and signed by the judges may not be removed without  
8 breaking the filament tape and disturbing the signature of  
9 the judges. Two of the judges of election, of different  
10 major political parties, shall by the most direct route  
11 transport the box for return of the ballots and enclosed  
12 vote by mail and early 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 some 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  
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25 election official in charge of elections from  
26 recommendations by the appropriate political party



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6 charge of the election from recommendations by the  
7 appropriate political party organizations.

8 At the central counting location there shall be one or  
9 more teams of tally judges who possess the same  
10 qualifications as tally judges in election jurisdictions  
11 using paper ballots. The number of the teams shall be  
12 determined by the election authority. Each team shall  
13 consist of 5 tally judges, 3 selected and approved by the  
14 county board from a certified list furnished by the chair  
15 ~~chairman~~ of the county central committee of the party with  
16 the majority of members on the county board and 2 selected  
17 and approved by the county board from a certified list  
18 furnished by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the county central  
19 committee of the party with the second largest number of  
20 members on the county board. At the central counting  
21 location a team of tally judges shall open the ballot box  
22 and canvass the votes polled to determine that the number  
23 of ballot sheets therein agree with the number of voters  
24 voting as shown by the applications for ballot and, if the  
25 same do not agree, the tally judges shall make such ballots  
26 agree with the number of applications for ballot in the

1 manner provided by Section 17-18 of this Code. The tally  
2 judges shall then examine all ballot sheets that are in the  
3 ballot box to determine whether they bear the initials of  
4 the precinct judge of election. If any ballot is not  
5 initialed, it shall be marked on the back "Defective",  
6 initialed as to that label by all tally judges immediately  
7 under the word "Defective", and not counted, but placed in  
8 the envelope provided for that purpose labeled "Defective  
9 Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one office shall  
10 invalidate only the vote or count for that particular  
11 office.

12 At the central counting location, a team of tally  
13 judges designated by the election official in charge of the  
14 election shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians  
15 operating the automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan  
16 Technology tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between  
17 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be  
18 noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by  
19 the tally judges.

20 (b) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection  
21 (a) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated  
22 to transport the ballots properly signed and sealed, shall  
23 ensure that the ballots are delivered to the central counting  
24 station no later than 12 hours after the polls close. At the  
25 central counting station, a team of tally judges designated by  
26 the election official in charge of the election shall examine

1 the ballots so transported and shall not accept ballots for  
2 tabulating which are not signed and sealed as provided in  
3 subsection (a) of this Section until the judges transporting  
4 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon  
5 acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the  
6 central counting station, the election judges transporting the  
7 ballots shall take a receipt signed by the election official in  
8 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of  
9 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport  
10 any ballots shall, in the event the ballots cannot be found  
11 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they  
12 are to take as above provided.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/24B-11)

15 Sec. 24B-11. Proceedings at Location for Central Counting;  
16 Employees; Approval of List. All proceedings at the location  
17 for central counting shall be under the direction of the county  
18 clerk or board of election commissioners. Except for any  
19 specially trained technicians required for the operation of the  
20 automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology  
21 tabulating equipment, the employees at the counting station  
22 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading  
23 political parties and all duties performed by the employees  
24 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of  
25 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county

1 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the  
2 chair ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her approval  
3 or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party proposed  
4 to be employed. If a chair ~~chairman~~ fails to notify the  
5 election authority of his or her disapproval of any proposed  
6 employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the list shall  
7 be deemed approved.

8 (Source: P.A. 89-394, eff. 1-1-97.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

10 Sec. 24B-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;  
11 Retabulation. The precinct return printed by the automatic  
12 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology tabulating  
13 equipment shall include the number of ballots cast and votes  
14 cast for each candidate and proposition and shall constitute  
15 the official return of each precinct. In addition to the  
16 precinct return, the election authority shall provide the  
17 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the  
18 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each  
19 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the  
20 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the  
21 election authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct  
22 return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy regarding the  
23 total number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the  
24 ballots for that precinct retabulated to correct the return.  
25 The procedures for retabulation shall apply prior to and after

1 the proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation  
2 of results, the election authority must obtain a court order to  
3 unseal voted ballots except for election contests and discovery  
4 recounts. In those election jurisdictions that use in-precinct  
5 counting equipment, the certificate of results, which has been  
6 prepared by the judges of election after the ballots have been  
7 tabulated, shall be the document used for the canvass of votes  
8 for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the  
9 canvass of votes between the unofficial results and the  
10 certificate of results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during  
11 the canvass of votes between the certificate of results and the  
12 set of totals which has been affixed to the certificate of  
13 results, the ballots for that precinct shall be retabulated to  
14 correct the return. As an additional part of this check prior  
15 to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct  
16 counting equipment is used, the election authority shall  
17 retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the  
18 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of  
19 the voting devices used in early voting. The precincts and the  
20 voting devices to be retabulated shall be selected after  
21 election day on a random basis by the State Board of Elections,  
22 so that every precinct in the election jurisdiction and every  
23 voting device used in early voting has an equal mathematical  
24 chance of being selected. The State Board of Elections shall  
25 design a standard and scientific random method of selecting the  
26 precincts and voting devices which are to be retabulated. The

1 State central committee chair ~~chairman~~ of each established  
2 political party shall be given prior written notice of the time  
3 and place of the random selection procedure and may be  
4 represented at the procedure. The retabulation shall consist of  
5 counting the ballots which were originally counted and shall  
6 not involve any determination of which ballots were, in fact,  
7 properly counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for  
8 the retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody  
9 and control of the election authority and shall be transported  
10 and retabulated by the designated staff of the election  
11 authority.

12 As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall  
13 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the  
14 selected early voting devices. The test shall be conducted by  
15 processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a  
16 predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on  
17 each public question, and shall include for each office one or  
18 more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed  
19 by law to test the ability of the equipment and the marking  
20 device to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the  
21 cause shall be determined and corrected, and an errorless count  
22 shall be made prior to the official canvass and proclamation of  
23 election results.

24 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
25 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
26 ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and qualified

1 civic organizations shall be given prior written notice of the  
2 time and place of the retabulation and may be represented at  
3 the retabulation.

4 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the  
5 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 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority  
8 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation  
9 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic  
10 tabulating equipment. The comparison shall be done for each  
11 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing  
12 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that  
13 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the public.  
14 Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall be open  
15 to the public.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/24C-13)

18 Sec. 24C-13. Vote by Mail ballots; Early voting ballots;  
19 Proceedings at Location for Central Counting; Employees;  
20 Approval of List.

21 (a) All jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic  
22 Voting Systems shall use paper ballots or paper ballot sheets  
23 approved for use under Articles 16, 24A or 24B of this Code  
24 when conducting vote by mail voting. All vote by mail ballots  
25 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the

1 election authority. The provisions of Section 24A-9, 24B-9 and  
2 24C-9 of this Code shall apply to the testing and notice  
3 requirements for central count tabulation equipment, including  
4 comparing the signature on the ballot envelope with the  
5 signature of the voter on the permanent voter registration  
6 record card taken from the master file. Vote results shall be  
7 recorded by precinct and shall be added to the vote results for  
8 the precinct in which the vote by mail voter was eligible to  
9 vote prior to completion of the official canvass.

10 (b) All proceedings at the location for central counting  
11 shall be under the direction of the county clerk or board of  
12 election commissioners. Except for any specially trained  
13 technicians required for the operation of the Direct Recording  
14 Electronic Voting System, the employees at the counting station  
15 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading  
16 political parties and all duties performed by the employees  
17 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of  
18 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county  
19 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the  
20 chair ~~chairman~~ of each political party, for his or her approval  
21 or disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party proposed  
22 to be employed. If a chair ~~chairman~~ fails to notify the  
23 election authority of his or her disapproval of any proposed  
24 employee within a period of 10 days thereafter the list shall  
25 be deemed approved.

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



1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

2 Sec. 24C-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;  
3 Audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording  
4 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include  
5 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate  
6 and public question and shall constitute the official return of  
7 each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the election  
8 authority shall provide the number of applications for ballots  
9 in each precinct, the total number of ballots and vote by mail  
10 ballots counted in each precinct for each political subdivision  
11 and district and the number of registered voters in each  
12 precinct. However, the election authority shall check the  
13 totals shown by the precinct return and, if there is an obvious  
14 discrepancy regarding the total number of votes cast in any  
15 precinct, shall have the ballots for that precinct audited to  
16 correct the return. The procedures for this audit shall apply  
17 prior to and after the proclamation is completed; however,  
18 after the proclamation of results, the election authority must  
19 obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots or voting devices  
20 except for election contests and discovery recounts. The  
21 certificate of results, which has been prepared and signed by  
22 the judges of election after the ballots have been tabulated,  
23 shall be the document used for the canvass of votes for such  
24 precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of  
25 votes between the unofficial results and the certificate of

1 results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of  
2 votes between the certificate of results and the set of totals  
3 reflected on the certificate of results, the ballots for that  
4 precinct shall be audited to correct the return.

5 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall  
6 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts  
7 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting  
8 devices used in early voting. The precincts and the voting  
9 devices to be tested shall be selected after election day on a  
10 random basis by the State Board of Elections, so that every  
11 precinct and every device used in early voting in the election  
12 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being  
13 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard  
14 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and  
15 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central  
16 committee chair ~~chairman~~ of each established political party  
17 shall be given prior written notice of the time and place of  
18 the random selection procedure and may be represented at the  
19 procedure.

20 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked on  
21 the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested  
22 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each  
23 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with  
24 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by the  
25 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test precinct.  
26 The election authority shall test count these votes either by

1 hand or by using an automatic tabulating device other than a  
2 Direct Recording Electronic voting device that has been  
3 approved by the State Board of Elections for that purpose and  
4 tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election authority  
5 shall print the results of each test count. If any error is  
6 detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected, and an  
7 errorless count shall be made prior to the official canvass and  
8 proclamation of election results. If an errorless count cannot  
9 be conducted and there continues to be difference in vote  
10 results between the certificate of results produced by the  
11 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and the count of the  
12 permanent paper records or if an error was detected and  
13 corrected, the election authority shall immediately prepare  
14 and forward to the appropriate canvassing board a written  
15 report explaining the results of the test and any errors  
16 encountered and the report shall be made available for public  
17 inspection.

18 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and  
19 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair  
20 ~~chairman~~ of each established political party and qualified  
21 civic organizations shall be given prior written notice of the  
22 time and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

23 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in  
24 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the  
25 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/25-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-6)

2 Sec. 25-6. (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of State  
3 Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, the vacancy  
4 shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the  
5 legislative or representative committee of that legislative or  
6 representative district of the political party of which the  
7 incumbent was a candidate at the time of his election. The  
8 appointee shall be a member of the same political party as the  
9 person he succeeds was at the time of his election, and shall  
10 be otherwise eligible to serve as a member of the General  
11 Assembly.

12 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a legislator  
13 elected other than as a candidate of a political party, the  
14 vacancy shall be filled within 30 days of such occurrence by  
15 appointment of the Governor. The appointee shall not be a  
16 member of a political party, and shall be otherwise eligible to  
17 serve as a member of the General Assembly. Provided, however,  
18 the appropriate body of the General Assembly may, by  
19 resolution, allow a legislator elected other than as a  
20 candidate of a political party to affiliate with a political  
21 party for his term of office in the General Assembly. A vacancy  
22 occurring in the office of any such legislator who affiliates  
23 with a political party pursuant to resolution shall be filled  
24 within 30 days of such occurrence by appointment of the  
25 appropriate legislative or representative committee of that

1 legislative or representative district of the political party  
2 with which the legislator so affiliates. The appointee shall be  
3 a member of the political party with which the incumbent  
4 affiliated.

5 (c) For purposes of this Section, a person is a member of a  
6 political party for 23 months after (i) signing a candidate  
7 petition, as to the political party whose nomination is sought;  
8 (ii) signing a statement of candidacy, as to the political  
9 party where nomination or election is sought; (iii) signing a  
10 Petition of Political Party Formation, as to the proposed  
11 political party; (iv) applying for and receiving a primary  
12 ballot, as to the political party whose ballot is received; or  
13 (v) becoming a candidate for election to or accepting  
14 appointment to the office of ward, township, precinct or state  
15 central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

16 (d) In making appointments under this Section, each  
17 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the appropriate legislative or  
18 representative committee shall be entitled to one vote for each  
19 vote that was received, in that portion of the legislative or  
20 representative district which he represents on the committee,  
21 by the Senator or Representative whose seat is vacant at the  
22 general election at which that legislator was elected to the  
23 seat which has been vacated and a majority of the total number  
24 of votes received in such election by the Senator or  
25 Representative whose seat is vacant is required for the  
26 appointment of his successor; provided, however, that in making

1 appointments in legislative or representative districts  
2 comprising only one county or part of a county other than a  
3 county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each  
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to cast only one  
5 vote.

6 (e) Appointments made under this Section shall be in  
7 writing and shall be signed by members of the legislative or  
8 representative committee whose total votes are sufficient to  
9 make the appointments or by the Governor, as the case may be.  
10 Such appointments shall be filed with the Secretary of State  
11 and with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the  
12 Secretary of the Senate, whichever is appropriate.

13 (f) An appointment made under this Section shall be for the  
14 remainder of the term, except that, if the appointment is to  
15 fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator and the vacancy  
16 occurs with more than 28 months remaining in the term, the term  
17 of the appointment shall expire at the time of the next general  
18 election at which time a Senator shall be elected for a new  
19 term commencing on the determination of the results of the  
20 election and ending on the second Wednesday of January in the  
21 second odd-numbered year next occurring. Whenever a Senator has  
22 been appointed to fill a vacancy and was thereafter elected to  
23 that office, the term of service under the authority of the  
24 election shall be considered a new term of service, separate  
25 from the term of service rendered under the authority of the  
26 appointment.

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

2 (10 ILCS 5/25-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-11)

3 Sec. 25-11. When a vacancy occurs in any elective county  
4 office, or in a county of less than 3,000,000 population in the  
5 office of clerk of the circuit court, in a county which is not  
6 a home rule unit, the county board or board of county  
7 commissioners shall declare that such vacancy exists and  
8 notification thereof shall be given to the county central  
9 committee or the appropriate county board or board of county  
10 commissioners district committee of each established political  
11 party within 3 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The  
12 vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the  
13 chair ~~chairman~~ of the county board or board of county  
14 commissioners with the advice and consent of the county board  
15 or board of county commissioners. In counties in which forest  
16 preserve district commissioners are elected by districts and  
17 are not also members of the county board, however, vacancies in  
18 the office of forest preserve district commissioner shall be  
19 filled within 60 days by appointment of the president of the  
20 forest preserve district board of commissioners with the advice  
21 and consent of the forest preserve district board of  
22 commissioners. In counties in which the forest preserve  
23 district president is not also a member of the county board,  
24 vacancies in the office of forest preserve district president  
25 shall be filled within 60 days by the forest preserve district

1 board of commissioners by appointing one of the commissioners  
2 to serve as president. The appointee shall be a member of the  
3 same political party as the person he succeeds was at the time  
4 of his election and shall be otherwise eligible to serve. The  
5 appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.  
6 However, if more than 28 months remain in the term, the  
7 appointment shall be until the next general election at which  
8 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the  
9 remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy in a seat on a  
10 county board or board of county commissioners which has been  
11 divided into districts under Section 2-3003 or 2-4006.5 of the  
12 Counties Code, the appointee must also be a resident of the  
13 county board or county commission district. If a county  
14 commissioner ceases to reside in the district that he or she  
15 represents, a vacancy in that office exists.

16 Except as otherwise provided by county ordinance or by law,  
17 in any county which is a home rule unit, vacancies in elective  
18 county offices, other than the office of chief executive  
19 officer, and vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit  
20 court in a county of less than 3,000,000 population, shall be  
21 filled by the county board or board of county commissioners.

22 (Source: P.A. 92-189, eff. 8-1-01; 92-583, eff. 6-26-02.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/28-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-13)

24 Sec. 28-13. Each political party and civic organization as  
25 well as the registered proponents and opponents of a proposed



1 statewide advisory public question shall be entitled to one  
2 watcher in the office of the election authority to observe the  
3 conduct of the sample signature verification. However, in those  
4 election jurisdictions where a 10% sample is required, the  
5 proponents and opponents may appoint no more than 5 assistant  
6 watchers in addition to the 1 principal watcher permitted  
7 herein.

8 Within 7 days following the last day for filing of the  
9 original petition, the proponents and opponents shall certify  
10 in writing to the Board that they publicly support or oppose  
11 the proposed statewide advisory public question. The  
12 proponents and opponents of such questions shall register the  
13 name and address of its group and the name and address of its  
14 chair ~~chairman~~ and designated agent for acceptance of service  
15 of notices with the Board. Thereupon, the Board shall prepare a  
16 list of the registered proponents and opponents and shall adopt  
17 a standard proponents' and opponents' watcher credential form.  
18 A copy of such list and sufficient copies of such credentials  
19 shall be transmitted with the list for the sample signature  
20 verification to the appropriate election authorities. Those  
21 election authorities shall issue credentials to the  
22 permissible number of watchers for each proponent and opponent  
23 group; provided, however, that a prospective watcher shall  
24 first present to the election authority a letter of  
25 authorization signed by the chair ~~chairman~~ of the proponent or  
26 opponent group he or she represents.

1 Political party and qualified civic organization watcher  
2 credentials shall be substantially in the form and shall be  
3 authorized in the manner prescribed in Section 7-34 of this  
4 Code.

5 The rights and limitations of pollwatchers as prescribed by  
6 Section 7-34 of this Code, insofar as they may be made  
7 applicable, shall be applicable to watchers at the conduct of  
8 the sample signature verification.

9 The principal watcher for the proponents and opponents may  
10 make signed written objections to the Board relating to  
11 procedures observed during the conduct of the sample signature  
12 verification which could materially affect the results of the  
13 sample. Such written objections shall be presented to the  
14 election authority and a copy mailed to the Board and shall be  
15 attached to the certificate of sample results transmitted by  
16 the election authority to the Board.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/29B-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-10; formerly Ch.  
19 46, par. 1103)

20 Sec. 29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a  
21 political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its  
22 statements of organization, the State Board of Elections, in  
23 the case of a state political committee or a political  
24 committee acting as both a state political committee and a  
25 local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of

1 a local political committee, shall give the political committee  
2 a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy  
3 of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections  
4 or county clerk shall inform each political committee that  
5 subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the Code  
6 shall read as follows:

7 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

8 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair  
9 play that every candidate for public office in the State of  
10 Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order  
11 that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted  
12 campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional  
13 right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the  
14 people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

15 THEREFORE:

16 (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and  
17 limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his  
18 record.

19 (2) I will not use or permit the use of character  
20 defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or  
21 scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family  
22 life.

23 (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative  
24 prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or  
25 national origin.

26 (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that

1 misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor  
2 will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at  
3 creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the  
4 personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.

5 (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or  
6 unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our  
7 American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents  
8 the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

9 (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified  
10 American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral  
11 process.

12 (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and  
13 tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to  
14 use or condone. I shall take firm action against any  
15 subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws  
16 governing elections.

17 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office  
18 in the State of Illinois or chair ~~chairman~~ of a political  
19 committee in support of or opposition to a question of public  
20 policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly  
21 pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the  
22 above principles and practices.

23 \_\_\_\_\_

24 Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

25 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/29B-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-20; formerly Ch.  
2 46, par. 1105)

3 Sec. 29B-20. Acceptance of completed forms; retentions for  
4 public inspection. The State Board of Elections and the county  
5 clerks shall accept, at all times prior to an election, all  
6 completed copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices that  
7 are properly subscribed to by a candidate or the chair ~~chairman~~  
8 of a political committee in support of or opposition to a  
9 question of public policy, and shall retain them for public  
10 inspection until 30 days after the election.

11 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/29B-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-25; formerly Ch.  
13 46, par. 1106)

14 Sec. 29B-25. Subscribed forms as public records. Every copy  
15 of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices subscribed to by a  
16 candidate or the chair ~~chairman~~ of a political committee in  
17 support of or opposition to a question of public policy under  
18 this Article is a public record open for public inspection.

19 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/29B-30) (from Ch. 46, par. 29B-30; formerly Ch.  
21 46, par. 1107)

22 Sec. 29B-30. Subscription to Code voluntary. The  
23 subscription by a candidate or the chair ~~chairman~~ of a  
24 political committee in support of or opposition to a question

1 of public policy is voluntary.

2 A candidate, or the chair ~~chairman~~ of a political  
3 committee, who has filed a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign  
4 Practices may so indicate on any campaign literature or  
5 advertising in a form to be determined by the State Board of  
6 Elections.

7 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 87-1052.)

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