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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2123

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2123, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 2 and 4 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 1, par. 103)

8 Sec. 2. (a) The General Assembly in submitting an
9 amendment to the Constitution to the electors, or the
10 proponents of an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution
11 submitted by petition, shall prepare a brief explanation of
12 such amendment, a brief argument in favor of the same, and the
13 form in which such amendment will appear on the separate
14 ballot as provided by Section 16-6 of the Election Code, as
15 amended. The minority of the General Assembly, or if there is
16 no minority, anyone designated by the General Assembly shall

1 prepare a brief argument against such amendment. The
2 explanation, the arguments for and against each constitutional
3 amendment, and the form in which the amendment will appear on
4 the separate ballot shall be approved by a joint resolution of
5 the General Assembly and filed in the office of the Secretary
6 of State with the proposed amendment.

7 (b) In the case of an amendment to Article IV of the
8 Constitution initiated pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of
9 the Constitution, the proponents shall be those persons so
10 designated at the time of the filing of the petition as
11 provided in Section 10-8 of the Election Code, and the
12 opponents shall be those members of the General Assembly
13 opposing such amendment, or if there are none, anyone
14 designated by the General Assembly and such opponents shall
15 prepare a brief argument against such amendment. The
16 proponent's explanation and argument in favor of and the
17 opponent's ~~opponents~~ argument against an amendment to Article
18 IV initiated by petition must be submitted to the Attorney
19 General, who may rewrite them for accuracy and fairness. The
20 explanation, the arguments for and against each constitutional
21 amendment, and the form in which the amendment will appear on
22 the separate ballot shall be filed in the office of the
23 Secretary of State with the proposed amendment.

24 (c) At least 2 months before the next election of members
25 of the General Assembly, following the passage of the proposed
26 amendment, the Secretary of State shall publish the amendment,

1 in full in 8 point type, or the equivalent thereto, in at least
2 one secular newspaper of general circulation in every county
3 in this State in which a newspaper is published and its digital
4 equivalent. In counties in which 2 or more newspapers are
5 published, the Secretary of State shall cause such amendment
6 to be published in 2 newspapers and their digital equivalent.
7 In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, such
8 amendment shall be published in not less than 6 newspapers of
9 general circulation and their digital equivalent. After the
10 first publication, the publication of such amendment shall be
11 repeated once each week for 2 consecutive weeks. In selecting
12 newspapers in which to publish such amendment the Secretary of
13 State shall have regard solely to the circulation of such
14 newspapers, selecting secular newspapers in every case having
15 the largest circulation. The proposed amendment shall have a
16 notice prefixed thereto in said publications, that at such
17 election the proposed amendment will be submitted to the
18 electors for adoption or rejection, and at the end of the
19 official publication, he shall also publish the form in which
20 the proposed amendment will appear on the separate ballot. The
21 Secretary of State shall fix the publication fees to be paid to
22 newspapers for making such publication, but in no case shall
23 such publication fee exceed the amount charged by such
24 newspapers to private individuals for a like publication.

25 (d) In addition to the notice hereby required to be
26 published, the Secretary of State shall also cause the

1 existing form of the constitutional provision proposed to be
2 amended, the proposed amendment, the explanation of the same,
3 the arguments for and against the same, and the form in which
4 such amendment will appear on the separate ballot, to be
5 published in pamphlet form in 8 point type or the equivalent
6 thereto in English, in additional languages as required by
7 Section 203 of Title III of the federal Voting Rights Act of
8 1965, and in braille. The Secretary of State shall publish the
9 pamphlet on the Secretary's website in a downloadable,
10 printable format and maintain a reasonable supply of printed
11 pamphlets to be available upon request. The Secretary of State
12 shall publish an audio version of the pamphlet, which shall be
13 available for playback on the Secretary's website and made
14 available to any individual or entity upon request.

15 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), the Secretary of
16 State shall mail such pamphlet to every mailing address in the
17 State, addressed to the attention of the Postal Patron. He
18 shall also maintain a reasonable supply of such pamphlets so
19 as to make them available to any person requesting one.

20 (f) For any proposed constitutional amendment appearing on
21 the ballot for the general election on November 8, 2022, the
22 Secretary of State, in lieu of the requirement in subsection
23 (e) of this Act, shall mail a postcard to every mailing address
24 in the State advising that a proposed constitutional amendment
25 will be considered at the general election. The postcard shall
26 include a URL to the Secretary of State's website that

1 contains the information required in subsection (d).

2 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

3 (5 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 1, par. 106)

4 Sec. 4. At the election, the proposed amendment and
5 explanation shall be printed on the top of the "Official
6 Ballot" preceding all nominations of any political party upon
7 a single ~~the separate~~ ballot in accordance with the provisions
8 of Section 16-6 of the Election Code ~~"An Act concerning~~
9 ~~elections,"~~ approved May 11, 1943, as amended.

10 (Source: Laws 1949, p. 18.)

11 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by changing
12 Sections 1-21, 1A-25, 3-6, 4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2, 7-8, 7-9,
13 9-3, 10-9, 10-10, 11-4, 11-8, 12A-10, 12-4, 16-3, 16-6,
14 19-2.5, 19-3, 19-5, 19-8, 22-9.1, and 23-23 and by adding
15 Sections 1-23 and 1A-16.11 as follows:

16 (10 ILCS 5/1-21)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2024)

18 Sec. 1-21. Public Financing of Judicial Elections Task
19 Force.

20 (a) The Public Financing of Judicial Elections Task Force
21 is hereby created for the purposes described in subsection

22 (b). Members of the Task Force shall be appointed as follows:

23 (1) one member appointed by the Governor;

1 (2) one member appointed by the Attorney General;

2 (3) 2 members appointed by the President of the
3 Senate;

4 (4) 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives;

6 (5) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
7 Senate; and

8 (6) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 (b) The Task Force shall study the feasibility of
11 implementing a system of campaign finance that would allow
12 public funds to be used to subsidize campaigns for candidates
13 for judicial office in exchange for voluntary adherence by
14 those campaigns to specified expenditure limitations. In
15 conducting its study, the Task Force shall consider whether
16 implementing such a system of public financing is in the best
17 interest of the State. The Task Force may propose one or more
18 funding sources for the public financing of judicial
19 elections, including, but not limited to, fines, voluntary
20 contributions, surcharges on lobbying activities, and a
21 whistleblower fund. The Task Force shall consider the
22 following factors:

23 (1) the amount of funds raised by past candidates for
24 judicial office;

25 (2) the amount of funds expended by past candidates
26 for judicial office;

1 (3) the disparity in the amount of funds raised by
2 candidates for judicial office of different political
3 parties;

4 (4) the amount of funds expended with respect to
5 campaigns for judicial office by entities not affiliated
6 with a candidate;

7 (5) the amount of money contributed to or expended by
8 a committee of a political party to promote a candidate
9 for judicial office;

10 (6) jurisprudence concerning campaign finance and
11 public financing of political campaigns, both for judicial
12 office and generally; and

13 (7) any other factors that the Task Force determines
14 are related to the public financing of elections in this
15 State.

16 The Task Force shall also suggest changes to current law
17 that would be necessary to facilitate public financing of
18 candidates for judicial office.

19 (c) The Task Force shall complete its study no later than
20 June 30, 2024 ~~2023~~ and shall report its findings to the
21 Governor and the General Assembly as soon as possible after
22 the study is complete.

23 (d) The members shall serve without compensation. If a
24 vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be filled according
25 to the guidelines of the initial appointment.

26 (e) The State Board of Elections shall provide staff and

1 administrative support to the Task Force.

2 (f) As used in this Section, "judicial office" means
3 nomination, election, or retention to the Supreme Court, the
4 Appellate Court, or the Circuit Court.

5 (g) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-909, eff. 5-27-22.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-23 new)

8 Sec. 1-23. Ranked-Choice and Voting Systems Task Force.

9 (a) The Ranked-Choice and Voting Systems Task Force is
10 created. The purpose of the Task Force is to review voting
11 systems and the methods of voting, including ranked-choice
12 voting, that could be authorized by law. The Task Force shall
13 have the following duties:

14 (1) Engage election officials, interested groups, and
15 members of the public for the purpose of assessing the
16 adoption and implementation of ranked-choice voting in
17 presidential primary elections beginning in 2028.

18 (2) Review standards used to certify or approve the
19 use of a voting system, including the standards adopted by
20 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the State
21 Board of Elections.

22 (3) Advise whether the voting system used by Illinois
23 election authorities would be able to accommodate
24 alternative methods of voting, including, but not limited
25 to, ranked-choice voting.

1 (4) Make recommendations or suggestions for changes to
2 the Election Code or administrative rules for
3 certification of voting systems in Illinois to accommodate
4 alternative methods of voting, including ranked-choice
5 voting.

6 (b) On or before March 1, 2024, the Task Force shall
7 publish a final report of its findings and recommendations.
8 The report shall, at a minimum, detail findings and
9 recommendations related to the duties of the Task Force and
10 the following:

11 (1) the process used in Illinois to certify voting
12 systems, including which systems can conduct ranked-choice
13 voting; and

14 (2) information about the voting system used by
15 election authorities, including which election authorities
16 rely on legacy hardware and software for voting and which
17 counties and election authorities rely on equipment for
18 voting that has not exceeded its usable life span but
19 require a software upgrade to accommodate ranked-choice
20 voting. In this paragraph, "legacy hardware and software"
21 means equipment that has exceeded its usable life span.

22 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

23 (1) 4 members, appointed by the Senate President,
24 including 2 members of the Senate and 2 members of the
25 public;

26 (2) 4 members, appointed by the Speaker of the House

1 of Representatives, including 2 members of the House of
2 Representatives and 2 members of the public;

3 (3) 2 members, appointed by the Senate Minority
4 Leader, including one member of the Senate and one member
5 of the public;

6 (4) 2 members, appointed by the House Minority Leader,
7 including one member of the House of Representatives and
8 one member of the public;

9 (5) 4 members, appointed by the Governor, including at
10 least 2 members with knowledge and experience
11 administering elections; and

12 (6) one member appointed by the Secretary of State.

13 (d) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within 30
14 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
15 103rd General Assembly. Members shall serve without
16 compensation.

17 (e) The Task Force shall meet at the call of a co-chair at
18 least quarterly to fulfill its duties. At the first meeting of
19 the Task Force, the Task Force shall elect one co-chair from
20 the members appointed by the Senate President and one co-chair
21 from the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives.

23 (f) The State Board of Elections shall provide
24 administrative support for the Task Force.

25 (g) This Section is repealed, and the Task Force is
26 dissolved, on June 1, 2024.

1 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.11 new)

2 Sec. 1A-16.11. Naturalization ceremony registration.

3 (a) The State Board of Elections shall coordinate with
4 each United States District Court in Illinois for a
5 representative or representatives of the State Board of
6 Elections to offer voter registration information, provide
7 voter registration applications, and collect completed voter
8 registration applications, including electronic voter
9 registration applications, from all eligible citizens after
10 the naturalization ceremony, as allowed by the United States
11 District Court presiding over the naturalization.

12 (b) The State Board of Elections may adopt rules to
13 implement this Section.

14 (10 ILCS 5/1A-25)

15 Sec. 1A-25. Centralized statewide voter registration list.
16 The centralized statewide voter registration list required by
17 Title III, Subtitle A, Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act
18 of 2002 shall be created and maintained by the State Board of
19 Elections as provided in this Section.

20 (1) The centralized statewide voter registration list
21 shall be compiled from the voter registration data bases
22 of each election authority in this State.

23 (2) With the exception of voter registration forms
24 submitted electronically through an online voter

1 registration system, all new voter registration forms and
2 applications to register to vote, including those reviewed
3 by the Secretary of State at a driver services facility,
4 shall be transmitted only to the appropriate election
5 authority as required by Articles 4, 5, and 6 of this Code
6 and not to the State Board of Elections. All voter
7 registration forms submitted electronically to the State
8 Board of Elections through an online voter registration
9 system shall be transmitted to the appropriate election
10 authority as required by Section 1A-16.5. The election
11 authority shall process and verify each voter registration
12 form and electronically enter verified registrations on an
13 expedited basis onto the statewide voter registration
14 list. All original registration cards shall remain
15 permanently in the office of the election authority as
16 required by this Code.

17 (3) The centralized statewide voter registration list
18 shall:

19 (i) Be designed to allow election authorities to
20 utilize the registration data on the statewide voter
21 registration list pertinent to voters registered in
22 their election jurisdiction on locally maintained
23 software programs that are unique to each
24 jurisdiction.

25 (ii) Allow each election authority to perform
26 essential election management functions, including but

1 not limited to production of voter lists, processing
2 of vote by mail voters, production of individual,
3 pre-printed applications to vote, administration of
4 election judges, and polling place administration, but
5 shall not prevent any election authority from using
6 information from that election authority's own
7 systems.

8 (4) The registration information maintained by each
9 election authority shall be synchronized with that
10 authority's information on the statewide list at least
11 once every 24 hours.

12 (5) The vote by mail, early vote, and rejected ballot
13 information maintained by each election authority shall be
14 synchronized with the election authority's information on
15 the statewide list at least once every 24 hours. The State
16 Board of Elections shall maintain the information required
17 by this paragraph in an electronic format on its website,
18 arranged by county and accessible to State and local
19 political committees.

20 (i) Within one day after receipt of a vote by mail
21 voter's ballot, the election authority shall transmit
22 by electronic means the voter's name, street address,
23 email address and precinct, ward, township, and
24 district numbers, as the case may be, to the State
25 Board of Elections.

26 (ii) Within one day after receipt of an early

1 voter's ballot, the election authority shall transmit
2 by electronic means the voter's name, street address,
3 email address and precinct, ward, township, and
4 district numbers, as the case may be, to the State
5 Board of Elections.

6 (iii) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected for any
7 reason, within one day after the rejection the
8 election authority shall transmit by electronic means
9 the voter's name, street address, email address and
10 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the
11 case may be, to the State Board of Elections. If a
12 rejected vote by mail ballot is determined to be
13 valid, the election authority shall, within one day
14 after the determination, remove the name of the voter
15 from the list transmitted to the State Board of
16 Election.

17 (6) The statewide voter registration list shall be
18 updated at least every 30 days, however, the information
19 required in paragraph (5) shall be updated at least every
20 24 hours and made available upon request to permitted
21 entities as described in this Section.

22 To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
23 registration information, the disclosure of any portion of the
24 centralized statewide voter registration list to any person or
25 entity other than to a State or local political committee and
26 other than to a governmental entity for a governmental purpose

1 is specifically prohibited except as follows: (1) subject to
2 security measures adopted by the State Board of Elections
3 which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a catalog or
4 database, available for public view, including the name,
5 address, and telephone number of the person viewing the list
6 as well as the time of that viewing, any person may view the
7 list on a computer screen at the Springfield office of the
8 State Board of Elections, during normal business hours other
9 than during the 27 days before an election, but the person
10 viewing the list under this exception may not print,
11 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list; or (2) as may be
12 required by an agreement the State Board of Elections has
13 entered into with a multi-state voter registration list
14 maintenance system.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

17 Sec. 3-6. Voting and registration age.

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
19 who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary
20 election, or consolidated primary election and who is
21 otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that
22 caucus, general primary, or consolidated primary, including
23 voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot
24 with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary,
25 if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the

1 immediately following general election or consolidated
2 election for which candidates are nominated at that primary.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
4 who is otherwise qualified to vote may preregister to vote on
5 or after that person's 16th birthday, with the registration
6 held in abeyance by the State Board of Elections until that
7 individual attains the required age to vote, at which time the
8 State Board of Elections shall transmit the registration to
9 the applicable election authority. Preregistration under this
10 subsection (b) shall be completed using the online voter
11 registration system, as provided in Section 1A-16.5, or an
12 electronic voter registration portal with an automatic voter
13 registration agency, as provided in Section 1A-16.7.

14 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
15 individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on
16 the date of the immediately following general or consolidated
17 election, and is otherwise qualified to vote shall be deemed
18 eligible to circulate a nominating petition or a petition
19 proposing a public question.

20 (d) For the purposes of this Code, a person who is 16 years
21 of age or older shall be deemed competent to execute and attest
22 to any voter registration forms.

23 (e) References in this Code and elsewhere to the
24 requirement that a person must be 18 years old to vote shall be
25 interpreted in accordance with this Section.

26 ~~For the purposes of this Code, an individual who is 17~~

1 ~~years of age and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the~~
2 ~~general or consolidated election shall be deemed competent to~~
3 ~~execute and attest to any voter registration forms. An~~
4 ~~individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on~~
5 ~~the date of the immediately following general or consolidated~~
6 ~~election, and is otherwise qualified to vote shall be deemed~~
7 ~~eligible to circulate a nominating petition or a petition~~
8 ~~proposing a public question.~~

9 (Source: P.A. 99-722, eff. 8-5-16; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

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

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

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

19 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named
20 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such
21 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 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The
7 county clerk shall notify every principal and
8 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school, and
9 vocational school situated within the election
10 jurisdiction of their eligibility to serve as deputy
11 registrars and offer training courses for service as
12 deputy registrars at conveniently located facilities at
13 least 4 months prior to 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 election jurisdiction, who may accept the
18 registrations of any resident of the State, at such
19 university, college, community college, academy or
20 institution.

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

25 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide
26 State civic organization, as defined and determined by

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

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

1 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 county at any such unemployment office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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19 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

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

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

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

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

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

1 by the deputy registrars to the appointing election authority
2 within 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed
3 registration materials received by the deputy registrars on
4 the 28th day preceding an election shall be returned by the
5 deputy registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof.
6 Unused materials shall be returned by deputy registrars
7 appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later
8 than the next working day following the close of registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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
4 deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the registration
5 of all 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
9 State, 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
18 rule 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
15 a reasonable number of employees designated by the
16 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept
17 the registration of any qualified resident of the county
18 at any 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
26 of employees designated by such president, who may accept

1 the 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 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political
19 party. A Chair of a County Central Committee shall submit a
20 list of applicants to the county clerk by November 30 of each
21 year. The county clerk may require a Chair of a County Central
22 Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

23 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
24 other than the 27-day ~~27-day~~ period preceding an election. All
25 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered
26 voters within the county and shall take and subscribe to the

1 following oath or affirmation:

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

9
10 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

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

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

1 his office for public inspection a list of the names of all
2 appointees.

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

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

26 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners,

1 as the case may be, must provide any additional forms
2 requested by any deputy registrar regardless of the number of
3 unaccounted registration forms the deputy registrar may have
4 in his or her possession.

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

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

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

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

19 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall
20 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election
21 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the
22 registration of any qualified resident of the State, except
23 during the 27 days preceding an election.

24 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of
25 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the

1 written request of such persons:

2 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
3 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
4 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
5 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
6 at such library.

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

19 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by
20 the president, of any university, college, community
21 college, academy, or other institution of learning
22 situated within the State, who may accept the
23 registrations of any resident of the election
24 jurisdiction, at such university, college, community
25 college, academy, or institution.

26 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide

1 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
2 members designated by such official, who may accept the
3 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

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

1 voter registration as provided by this Code during the
2 terms of such appointments.

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

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

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

24 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many
25 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The
26 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional

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

14 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
 15 other than the 27-day period preceding an election. All
 16 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered
 17 voters within the election jurisdiction and shall take and
 18 subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

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

26

1 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

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

12 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
13 except precinct committeepersons, shall be for 2-year terms,
14 commencing on December 1 following the general election of
15 each even-numbered year, except that the terms of the initial
16 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next
17 general election. Appointments of precinct committeepersons
18 shall be for ~~2-year~~ terms commencing on the date of the county
19 convention following the general primary at which they were
20 elected and ending on the date immediately preceding the date
21 of the next county convention, which may be held by audio or
22 video conference. The county clerk shall issue a certificate
23 of appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in
24 his office for public inspection a list of the names of all
25 appointees.

26 (b) The board of election commissioners shall be

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

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

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

1 unaccounted registration forms the deputy registrar may have
2 in his or her possession.

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

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

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

15 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-15)

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

21 State Central Committee

22 (a) Within 30 days after January 1, 1984 (the effective
23 date of Public Act 83-33), the State central committee of each
24 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections
25 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the

1 State central committee of that party.

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

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

1 congressional district which encompasses more than one county,
2 each ward, township or precinct committeeperson residing
3 within the congressional district shall cast as his vote one
4 vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a
5 township or precinct in the last preceding primary election of
6 his political party for one candidate of his party for member
7 of the State central committee for the congressional district
8 in which he resides and the Chair of the county central
9 committee shall report the results of the election to the
10 State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall
11 certify the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
12 elected State central committeeperson for that congressional
13 district.

14 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide
15 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of
16 members of the State central committee.

17 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act
18 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair of a
19 State central committee, or at the end of the term of office of
20 Chair, the State central committee of each political party
21 that has selected Alternative A shall elect a Chair who shall
22 not be required to be a member of the State Central Committee.
23 The Chair shall be a registered voter in this State and of the
24 same political party as the State central committee.

25 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within
26 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a

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

1 congressional district and of the sex opposite that of the
2 committeeman or committeewoman elected at the general primary
3 election. Each congressional committee shall make this
4 appointment by voting on the basis set forth in paragraph (e)
5 of this Section.

6 The Chair of a State central committee composed as
7 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the
8 committee's members.

9 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 103rd General Assembly, a State central committee
11 organized under Alternative B shall include as an ex officio
12 member any person affiliated with the same political party
13 serving as the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives.

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

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

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

18 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons

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

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

25 Terms of Committeepersons. All precinct committeepersons
26 elected under the provisions of this Article shall continue as

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

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

24 County Central Committee

25 (d) The county central committee of each political party
26 in each county shall consist of the various township

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

19 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

20 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of
21 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the
22 various township committeepersons and ward committeepersons,
23 if any, of that party in the portions of the county composing
24 the board of review election district. In the organization and
25 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees,
26 each township committeeperson shall have one vote for each

1 ballot voted in his or her township or part of a township, as
2 the case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at
3 the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the
4 board of review election district committee; and in the
5 organization and proceedings of each of the 3 election
6 district committees, each ward committeeperson shall have one
7 vote for each ballot voted in his or her ward or part of that
8 ward, as the case may be, by the primary electors of his or her
9 party at the primary election immediately preceding the
10 meeting of the board of review election district committee.

11 Congressional Committee

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

26 In the organization and proceedings of congressional

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

22 Judicial District Committee

23 (f) The judicial district committee of each political
24 party in each judicial district shall be composed of the chair
25 of the county central committees of the counties composing the
26 judicial district.

1 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district
2 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central
3 committees of the counties within such district, each chair of
4 such county central committee shall have one vote for each
5 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party
6 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of
7 the judicial district committee.

8 Circuit Court Committee

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

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

19 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

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

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

17 Municipal Central Committee

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

26 For political parties, other than a statewide political

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

16 Powers

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

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

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

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

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

8 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

9 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 102-15)

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

13 State Central Committee

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

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

1 lieu of the foregoing, by a majority vote of delegates at any
2 State convention of such party, determine to thereafter elect
3 the State central committeepersons in the manner following:

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

1 committee shall report the results of the election to the
2 State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall
3 certify the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
4 elected State central committee person for that congressional
5 district.

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

9 After August 6, 1999 (the effective date of Public Act
10 91-426), whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair of a
11 State central committee, or at the end of the term of office of
12 Chair, the State central committee of each political party
13 that has selected Alternative A shall elect a Chair who shall
14 not be required to be a member of the State Central Committee.
15 The Chair shall be a registered voter in this State and of the
16 same political party as the State central committee.

17 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within
18 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a
19 person of a different gender than that of the incumbent member
20 for that congressional district to serve as an additional
21 member of the State central committee until the member's
22 successor is elected at the general primary election in 1986.
23 Each congressional committee shall make this appointment by
24 voting on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.
25 In each congressional district at the general primary election
26 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the person

1 receiving the highest number of votes for State central
2 committeeperson, and the person of a different gender
3 receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared
4 elected State central committeepersons from the district. At
5 the general primary election held in 1986 and every 4 years
6 thereafter, if all a party's candidates for State central
7 committeeperson from a congressional district are of the same
8 gender, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes
9 shall be declared elected a State central committeeperson from
10 the district, and, because of a failure to elect 2 persons from
11 different genders to the committee, a vacancy shall be
12 declared to exist in the office of the second member of the
13 State central committee from the district. This vacancy shall
14 be filled by appointment by the congressional committee of the
15 political party, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy
16 shall be a resident of the congressional district and of a
17 different gender than the committeeperson elected at the
18 general primary election. Each congressional committee shall
19 make this appointment by voting on the basis set forth in
20 paragraph (e) of this Section.

21 The Chair of a State central committee composed as
22 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the
23 committee's members.

24 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
25 the 103rd General Assembly, a State central committee
26 organized under Alternative B shall include as an ex officio

1 member any person affiliated with the same political party
2 serving as the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to
5 the selection of the Chair of the State central committee and
6 for in Alternative B with respect to the President of the
7 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under
8 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central
9 committee of each political party shall be composed of members
10 elected or appointed from the several congressional districts
11 of the State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The
12 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days
13 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in
14 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a Chair, and
15 may at such time elect such officers from among their own
16 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or
17 expedient. The outgoing chair of the State central committee
18 of the party shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each
19 member of the State central committee elected at the primary
20 of the time and place of such meeting. In the organization and
21 proceedings of the State central committee, the 2 elected or
22 appointed committeepersons shall each have one vote for each
23 ballot voted in their congressional district by the primary
24 electors of the committeepersons' party at the primary
25 election immediately preceding the meeting of the State
26 central committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State

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

1 return to the election of State central committeepersons by
2 the vote of primary electors. Any action taken by a political
3 party at a State convention in accordance with this Section
4 shall be reported to the State Board of Elections by the chair
5 and secretary of such convention within 10 days after such
6 action.

7 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons

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

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

14 Terms of Committeepersons. All precinct committeepersons
15 elected under the provisions of this Article shall continue as
16 such committeepersons until the date of the primary to be held
17 in the second year after their election. Except as otherwise
18 provided in this Section for certain State central
19 committeepersons who have 2 year terms, all State central
20 committeepersons, township committeepersons and ward
21 committeepersons shall continue as such committeepersons until
22 the date of primary to be held in the fourth year after their
23 election. However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct
24 committeeperson when a precinct committeeperson ceases to
25 reside in the precinct in which he was elected and such
26 precinct committeeperson shall thereafter neither have nor

1 exercise any rights, powers or duties as committeeperson in
2 that precinct, even if a successor has not been elected or
3 appointed.

4 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of
5 the precinct committeepersons of such party, in the
6 multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to Section
7 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized for the
8 purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township Code. In
9 the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township Central
10 Committee each precinct committeeperson 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.

13 County Central Committee

14 (d) The county central committee of each political party
15 in each county shall consist of the various township
16 committeepersons, precinct committeepersons and ward
17 committeepersons, if any, of such party in the county. In the
18 organization and proceedings of the county central committee,
19 each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote for each
20 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his
21 party at the primary at which he was elected; each township
22 committeeperson shall have one vote for each ballot voted in
23 his township or part of a township as the case may be by the
24 primary electors of his party at the primary election for the
25 nomination of candidates for election to the General Assembly
26 immediately preceding the meeting of the county central

1 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of the
2 county central committee, each ward committeeperson shall have
3 one vote for each ballot voted in his ward by the primary
4 electors of his party at the primary election for the
5 nomination of candidates for election to the General Assembly
6 immediately preceding the meeting of the county central
7 committee.

8 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

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

1 Congressional Committee

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

16 In the organization and proceedings of congressional
17 committees composed of precinct committeepersons or township
18 committeepersons or ward committeepersons, or any combination
19 thereof, each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote for
20 each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of
21 his party at the primary at which he was elected, each township
22 committeeperson shall have one vote for each ballot voted in
23 his township or part of a township as the case may be by the
24 primary electors of his party at the primary election
25 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional
26 committee, and each ward committeeperson shall have one vote

1 for each ballot voted in each precinct of his ward located in
2 such congressional district by the primary electors of his
3 party at the primary election immediately preceding the
4 meeting of the congressional committee; and in the
5 organization and proceedings of congressional committees
6 composed of the chairmen of the county central committees of
7 the counties within such district, each chair of such county
8 central committee shall have one vote for each ballot voted in
9 his county by the primary electors of his party at the primary
10 election immediately preceding the meeting of the
11 congressional committee.

12 Judicial District Committee

13 (f) The judicial district committee of each political
14 party in each judicial district shall be composed of the chair
15 of the county central committees of the counties composing the
16 judicial district.

17 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district
18 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central
19 committees of the counties within such district, each chair of
20 such county central committee shall have one vote for each
21 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party
22 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of
23 the judicial district committee.

24 Circuit Court Committee

25 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in
26 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of

1 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties
2 composing the judicial circuit.

3 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court
4 committees, each chair of a county central committee shall
5 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the
6 primary electors of his party at the primary election
7 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court
8 committee.

9 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

10 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political
11 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit
12 divided into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and
13 township committeepersons of the townships and wards composing
14 the judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the precinct
15 committeepersons of the precincts composing the judicial
16 subcircuit in any county other than Cook County.

17 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial
18 subcircuit committee, each township committeeperson shall have
19 one vote for each ballot voted in his township or part of a
20 township, as the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the
21 primary electors of his party at the primary election
22 immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit
23 committee; each precinct committeeperson shall have one vote
24 for each ballot voted in his precinct or part of a precinct, as
25 the case may be, in the judicial subcircuit by the primary
26 electors of his party at the primary election immediately

1 preceding the meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee;
2 and each ward committeeperson shall have one vote for each
3 ballot voted in his ward or part of a ward, as the case may be,
4 in the judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his
5 party at the primary election immediately preceding the
6 meeting of the judicial subcircuit committee.

7 Municipal Central Committee

8 (h) The municipal central committee of each political
9 party shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward
10 committeepersons, as the case may be, of such party
11 representing the precincts or wards, embraced in such city,
12 incorporated town or village. The voting strength of each
13 precinct, township or ward committeeperson on the municipal
14 central committee shall be the same as his voting strength on
15 the county central committee.

16 For political parties, other than a statewide political
17 party, established only within a municipality or township, the
18 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of
19 the party officers of the local established party. The party
20 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the
21 chair and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities and
22 townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by
23 caucus shall serve as party officers for the purpose of
24 filling vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61; for
25 municipalities and townships authorized by statute or
26 ordinance to nominate candidates by petition and primary

1 election, the party officers shall be the party's candidates
2 who are nominated at the primary. If no party primary was held
3 because of the provisions of Section 7-5, vacancies in
4 nomination shall be filled by the party's remaining candidates
5 who shall serve as the party's officers.

6 Powers

7 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers
8 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers
9 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.
10 The several committees herein provided for shall not have
11 power to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any
12 other person, officer or committee, but this shall not be
13 construed to prevent a committee from appointing from its own
14 membership proper and necessary subcommittees.

15 (j) The State central committee of a political party which
16 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of
17 this Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate
18 selection rules of the national political party and file a
19 copy of such plan with the State Board of Elections when
20 approved by a national political party.

21 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a
22 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State
23 central committeeperson at meetings of the State central
24 committee of a political party which elects its members by
25 Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section, the proxy
26 shall be appointed by the vote of the ward and township

1 committeepersons, if any, of the wards and townships which lie
2 entirely or partially within the Congressional District from
3 which the absent State central committeeperson was elected and
4 the vote of the chairmen of the county central committees of
5 those counties which lie entirely or partially within that
6 Congressional District and in which there are no ward or
7 township committeepersons. When voting for such proxy, the
8 county chair, ward committeeperson or township
9 committeeperson, as the case may be, shall have one vote for
10 each ballot voted in his county, ward or township, or portion
11 thereof within the Congressional District, by the primary
12 electors of his party at the primary at which he was elected.
13 However, the absent State central committeeperson may
14 designate a proxy when permitted by the rules of a political
15 party which elects its members by Alternative B under
16 paragraph (a) of this Section.

17 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is
18 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any
19 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is
20 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because
21 of conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted
22 of a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson
23 shall automatically become vacant.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 7-1-23.)

1 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State
2 conventions.

3 (a) On a date that is not earlier than the 29th day after,
4 nor later than the 50th day after, ~~On the 29th day next~~
5 ~~succeeding~~ the date of the primary at which committeepersons
6 are elected, the county central committee of each political
7 party shall meet within the county and proceed to organize by
8 electing from its own number a chair and either from its own
9 number, or otherwise, such other officers as such committee
10 may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the county
11 central committee shall be known as the county convention.

12 The chair of each county committee shall, within 10 days
13 after the organization, forward to the State Board of
14 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the
15 officers, precinct committeepersons and representative
16 committeepersons elected by his political party.

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

1 or more outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or
2 more, the delegates from each of the townships or parts of
3 townships as the case may be shall be chosen by townships or
4 parts of townships as the case may be, the township
5 committeepersons from the respective townships or parts of
6 townships as the case may be choosing the number of delegates
7 to which such townships or parts of townships as the case may
8 be are entitled, on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of
9 this Section such delegates to be members of the delegation to
10 the State convention from such county.

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

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

22 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after
23 the general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years
24 thereafter. In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter,
25 the chair of a State central committee may issue a call for a
26 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

1 The State convention of each political party, if the party
2 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make
3 nominations of candidates of its political party for the
4 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,
5 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined
6 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to
7 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large
8 to national nominating conventions. The State Central
9 Committee may adopt rules to provide for and govern the
10 procedures of the State convention.

11 (c) The chair and secretary of each State convention, if
12 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2
13 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of
14 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses
15 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors
16 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of
17 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and
18 alternate delegates at large to national nominating
19 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by
20 such State convention for electors of President and Vice
21 President of the United States, shall be caused by the State
22 Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at
23 the general election, in the manner required by law, and shall
24 be certified to the various county clerks of the proper
25 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this
26 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated

1 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act
2 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on
3 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified
4 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act
5 applicable thereto.

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

9 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,
10 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chair of
11 the State central committee of each political party shall file
12 in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a call
13 for the State convention. Such call shall state, among other
14 things, the time and place (designating the building or hall)
15 for holding the State convention. Such call shall be signed by
16 the chair and attested by the secretary of the committee. In
17 such convention each county shall be entitled to one delegate
18 for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors of the party
19 in such county at the primary to be held next after the
20 issuance of such call; and if in such county, less than 500
21 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so voted is
22 not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one delegate for
23 such group which is less than 500, or for such group
24 representing the number of votes over the multiple of 500,
25 which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each primary
26 vote so represented by him. The call for such convention shall

1 set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in full and shall
2 direct that the number of delegates to be chosen be calculated
3 in compliance herewith and that such number of delegates be
4 chosen.

5 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons when
6 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though
7 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made
8 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting
9 strength of each committeeperson shall remain as provided in
10 this Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

11 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in
12 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as
13 provided in this Act.

14 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be
15 called by the chair, or by not less than 25% of the members of
16 such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such
17 committee in writing designating the time and place at which
18 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is
19 proposed to present at such special meeting.

20 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a
21 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson
22 because no one was elected to that office or because the
23 precinct committeeperson ceases to reside in the precinct or
24 for any other reason, the chair of the county central
25 committee of the appropriate political party may fill the
26 vacancy in such office by appointment of a qualified resident

1 of the county and the appointed precinct committeeperson shall
2 serve as though elected; however, no such appointment may be
3 made between the general primary election and the county
4 convention following ~~30th day after~~ the general primary
5 election.

6 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State
7 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of
8 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,
9 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a
10 political party which elects its State Central Committee by
11 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a)
12 of Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to
13 serve as if no reapportionment had occurred until the
14 expiration of their terms.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

17 Sec. 9-3. Political committee statement of organization.

18 (a) Every political committee shall file with the State
19 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10
20 business days of the creation of such committee, except any
21 political committee created within the 30 days before an
22 election shall file a statement of organization within 2
23 business days in person, by facsimile transmission, or by
24 electronic mail. Any change in information previously
25 submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported, as

1 required for the original statement of organization by this
2 Section, within 10 days following that change. The Board shall
3 impose a civil penalty of \$50 per business day upon political
4 committees for failing to file or late filing of a statement of
5 organization. Such penalties shall not exceed \$5,000, and
6 shall not exceed \$10,000 for statewide office political
7 committees. There shall be no fine if the statement is mailed
8 and postmarked at least 72 hours prior to the filing deadline.

9 In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this
10 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political
11 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary
12 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction
13 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of
14 funds and to cease operations until the statement of
15 organization is filed.

16 For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means
17 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,
18 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

19 (b) The statement of organization shall include:

20 (1) the name and address of the political committee
21 and the designation required by Section 9-2;

22 (2) the scope, area of activity, party affiliation,
23 and purposes of the political committee;

24 (3) the name, address, and position of each custodian
25 of the committee's books and accounts;

26 (4) the name, address, and position of the committee's

1 principal officers, including the chairman, treasurer, and
2 officers and members of its finance committee, if any;

3 (5) (blank) ~~the name and address of any sponsoring~~
4 ~~entity;~~

5 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of
6 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution
7 or termination of the committee;

8 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial
9 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other
10 repositories or custodians of funds used by the committee;
11 and

12 (8) the amount of funds available for campaign
13 expenditures as of the filing date of the committee's
14 statement of organization.

15 ~~For purposes of this Section, a "sponsoring entity" is (i)~~
16 ~~any person, organization, corporation, or association that~~
17 ~~contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the political~~
18 ~~committee or (ii) any person or other entity that is~~
19 ~~registered or is required to register under the Lobbyist~~
20 ~~Registration Act and contributes at least 33% of the total~~
21 ~~funding of the political committee.~~

22 (c) Each statement of organization required to be filed in
23 accordance with this Section shall be verified, dated, and
24 signed by either the treasurer of the political committee
25 making the statement or the candidate on whose behalf the
26 statement is made and shall contain substantially the

1 following verification:

2 "VERIFICATION:

3 I declare that this statement of organization (including
4 any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined
5 by me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is a true,
6 correct, and complete statement of organization as required by
7 Article 9 of the Election Code. I understand that willfully
8 filing a false or incomplete statement is subject to a civil
9 penalty of at least \$1,001 and up to \$5,000.

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11 (date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)".

12 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative
13 committee also shall include a verification signed by the
14 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed
15 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public
16 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
17 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
18 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
19 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
20 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or
21 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or
22 candidates for nomination for election, election, or
23 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements
24 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

25 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent
26 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed

1 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is
2 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent
3 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the
4 committee will be used for the purpose described in the
5 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept
6 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the
7 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions
8 to any candidate political committee, political party
9 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to
10 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in
11 violation of this Article.

12 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this
13 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political
14 committee in existence on the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the
16 statement required by this Section with the Board by December
17 31, 2010.

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

19 (10 ILCS 5/10-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-9)

20 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated
21 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's
22 petition described in Section 10-8.

23 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass
24 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for State
25 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional or

1 legislative offices that are in more than one county or
2 are wholly located within a single county with a
3 population of less than 3,000,000 and judicial offices of
4 districts, subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than
5 one county, nominations of candidates for the offices of
6 State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools to
7 be elected from more than one county, and petitions for
8 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of
9 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the
10 Constitution.

11 2. The county officers electoral board of a county
12 with a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass
13 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
14 county offices and judicial offices of a district,
15 subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less than a
16 county, for any school district offices, for the office of
17 multi-township assessor where candidates for such office
18 are nominated in accordance with this Code, and for all
19 special district offices, shall be composed of the county
20 clerk, or an assistant designated by the county clerk, the
21 State's attorney of the county or an Assistant State's
22 Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk
23 of the circuit court, or an assistant designated by the
24 clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom the
25 county clerk or his designee shall be the chair, except
26 that in any county which has established a county board of

1 election commissioners that board shall constitute the
2 county officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school
3 district is located in 2 or more counties, the county
4 officers electoral board of the county in which the
5 principal office of the school district is located shall
6 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates
7 for school district office in that school district.

8 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county
9 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass
10 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
11 county offices, candidates for congressional ~~and~~
12 ~~legislative~~ offices and representatives in the General
13 Assembly if the district is wholly within a county with a
14 population of 3,000,000 or more, unless the district is
15 wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of a municipal
16 board of election commissioners, and judicial offices of a
17 district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less
18 than a county, for any school district offices, for the
19 office of multi-township assessor where candidates for
20 such office are nominated in accordance with this Code,
21 ~~and~~ for all special district offices, and for candidates
22 for the Senate, shall be composed of the county clerk, or
23 an assistant designated by the county clerk, the State's
24 Attorney of the county or an Assistant State's Attorney
25 designated by the State's Attorney, and the clerk of the
26 circuit court, or an assistant designated by the clerk of

1 the circuit court, of the county, of whom the county clerk
2 or his designee shall be the chair, except that, in any
3 county which has established a county board of election
4 commissioners, that board shall constitute the county
5 officers electoral board ex-officio. If a school district
6 is located in 2 or more counties, the county officers
7 electoral board of the county in which the principal
8 office of the school district is located shall hear and
9 pass upon objections to nominations of candidates for
10 school district office in that school district.

11 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and
12 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
13 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor
14 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village
15 or incorporated town, and the city, village or
16 incorporated town clerk, and one member of the city
17 council or board of trustees, that member being designated
18 who is eligible to serve on the electoral board and has
19 served the greatest number of years as a member of the city
20 council or board of trustees, of whom the mayor or
21 president of the board of trustees shall be the chair.

22 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon
23 objections to the nominations of township officers shall
24 be composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk,
25 and that eligible town trustee elected in the township who
26 has had the longest term of continuous service as town

1 trustee, of whom the township supervisor shall be the
2 chair.

3 5. The education officers electoral board to hear and
4 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
5 offices in community college districts shall be composed
6 of the presiding officer of the community college district
7 board, who shall be the chair, the secretary of the
8 community college district board and the eligible elected
9 community college board member who has the longest term of
10 continuous service as a board member.

11 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,
12 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or
13 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal
14 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all
15 cases where the school district or special district is
16 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of
17 election commissioners and in all cases where the
18 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the
19 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
20 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall
21 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

22 For special districts situated in more than one county,
23 the county officers electoral board of the county in which the
24 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction
25 to hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this
26 Section, "special districts" means all political subdivisions

1 other than counties, municipalities, townships and school and
2 community college districts.

3 In the event that any member of the appropriate board is a
4 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
5 petition is filed, he shall not be eligible to serve on that
6 board and shall not act as a member of the board and his place
7 shall be filled as follows:

8 a. In the county officers electoral board by the
9 county treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve,
10 by the sheriff of the county.

11 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the
12 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member
13 who has served the second greatest number of years as a
14 city council or board of trustees member.

15 c. In the township officers electoral board by the
16 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second
17 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

18 d. In the education officers electoral board by the
19 eligible elected community college district board member
20 who has had the second longest term of continuous service
21 as a board member.

22 In the event that the chair of the electoral board is
23 ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she is a
24 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
25 petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under the
26 provisions of this Section shall be the chair; In this case,

1 the officer or board with whom the objector's petition is
2 filed, shall transmit the certificate of nomination or
3 nomination papers as the case may be, and the objector's
4 petition to the substitute chair of the electoral board.

5 When 2 or more eligible individuals, by reason of their
6 terms of service on a city council or board of trustees,
7 township board of trustees, or community college district
8 board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one to serve
9 shall be chosen by lot.

10 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled
11 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members
12 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the
13 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon
14 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief
15 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board
16 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was
17 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by
18 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the
19 chair of an electoral board shall be designated by the Chief
20 Judge.

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

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

23 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the
24 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or proposed
25 question of public policy, as the case may be, and the

1 objector's petition, the chair of the electoral board other
2 than the State Board of Elections shall send a call by
3 registered or certified mail: to each of the members of the
4 electoral board; ~~and~~ to the objector who filed the objector's
5 petition; ~~and~~ either to the candidate whose certificate of
6 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
7 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of a question
8 of public policy, as the case may be, whose petitions are
9 objected to; to the election authority to whom the ballot is
10 certified; and to the appropriate county clerk. The chair of
11 the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections,
12 ~~and~~ shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in
13 which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such
14 call upon each of such officers and persons, which call shall
15 set out the fact that the electoral board is required to meet
16 to hear and pass upon the objections to nominations made for
17 the office, designating it, and shall state the day, hour and
18 place at which the electoral board shall meet for the purpose,
19 which place shall be in the county court house in the county in
20 the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the Municipal
21 Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers Electoral
22 Board or the Education Officers Electoral Board, except that
23 the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers
24 Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board
25 may meet at the location where the governing body of the
26 municipality, township, or community college district,

1 respectively, holds its regularly scheduled meetings, if that
2 location is available; provided that voter records may be
3 removed from the offices of an election authority only at the
4 discretion and under the supervision of the election
5 authority. In those cases where the State Board of Elections
6 is the electoral board designated under Section 10-9, the
7 chair of the State Board of Elections shall, within 24 hours
8 after the receipt of the certificate of nomination or
9 nomination papers or petitions for a proposed amendment to
10 Article IV of the Constitution or proposed statewide question
11 of public policy, send a call by registered or certified mail
12 to the objector who files the objector's petition, and either
13 to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination
14 papers are objected to or to the principal proponent or
15 attorney for proponents of the proposed Constitutional
16 amendment or statewide question of public policy and shall
17 state the day, hour, and place at which the electoral board
18 shall meet for the purpose, which place may be in the Capitol
19 Building or in the principal or permanent branch office of the
20 State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be less than 3
21 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the certificate of
22 nomination or nomination papers and the objector's petition by
23 the chair of the electoral board.

24 The electoral board shall have the power to administer
25 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the
26 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of

1 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas
2 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces
3 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records
4 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry
5 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses
6 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

7 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or
8 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and
9 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by
10 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes
11 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served
12 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena,
13 or to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a
14 petition in the circuit court of the county in which such
15 hearing is to be heard, or has been attempted to be heard,
16 setting forth the facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect,
17 and accompanying the petition with a copy of the citation and
18 the answer, if one has been filed, together with a copy of the
19 subpoena and the return of service thereon, and shall apply
20 for an order of court requiring such person to attend and
21 testify, and forthwith produce books and papers, before the
22 electoral board. Any circuit court of the state, excluding the
23 judge who is sitting on the electoral board, upon such showing
24 shall order such person to appear and testify, and to
25 forthwith produce such books and papers, before the electoral
26 board at a place to be fixed by the court. If such person shall

1 knowingly fail or refuse to obey such order of the court
2 without lawful excuse, the court shall punish him or her by
3 fine and imprisonment, as the nature of the case may require
4 and may be lawful in cases of contempt of court.

5 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall
6 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and
7 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,
8 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the
9 objection or by other interested persons.

10 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on
11 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the
12 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
13 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy
14 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the
15 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election
16 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of
17 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and
18 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of
19 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed
20 in the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12
21 of this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at
22 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular
23 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of
24 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party
25 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or
26 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,

1 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election
2 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of
3 valid to invalid signatures within the particular election
4 jurisdiction.

5 The electoral board shall take up the question as to
6 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination
7 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they
8 were filed within the time and under the conditions required
9 by law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of
10 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they
11 purport to be, and whether or not in the case of the
12 certificate of nomination in question it represents accurately
13 the decision of the caucus or convention issuing it, and in
14 general shall decide whether or not the certificate of
15 nomination or nominating papers or petitions on file are valid
16 or whether the objections thereto should be sustained and the
17 decision of a majority of the electoral board shall be final
18 subject to judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The
19 electoral board must state its findings in writing and must
20 state in writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A
21 copy of the decision shall be served upon the parties to the
22 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If
23 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the
24 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent
25 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally
26 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is

1 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or
2 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party
3 affected by the decision or to such party's attorney of
4 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the
5 files of the electoral board.

6 Upon the expiration of the period within which a
7 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section
8 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for
9 judicial review has been commenced within such period,
10 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of
11 its ruling, together with the original certificate of
12 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original
13 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the
14 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,
15 as objected to, were on file and to the election authority to
16 whom the ballot is certified or the appropriate county clerk,
17 and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the
18 ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16;
20 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

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

22 Sec. 11-4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Election
23 Commissioners, established under Article 6 of this Act, to
24 appoint the place of registry in each precinct for the first
25 registration under Article 6 of this Act and the places for

1 registry in subsequent registrations in the manner provided by
2 such Article, and also the polling place in each precinct in
3 such city, village or incorporated town which has adopted or
4 is operating under said Article 6, and to give public notice
5 thereof, and shall cause the same to be fitted up, warmed,
6 lighted and cleaned, but in each election precinct and in each
7 area for which a registration place is designated such place
8 or places shall be in the most public, orderly and convenient
9 portions thereof, and no building or part of a building shall
10 be designated or used as a place of registry, or revision of
11 registration, or as a polling place, in which spirituous or
12 intoxicating liquor is sold. Provided, however, where the
13 Board of Election Commissioners is unable to secure a suitable
14 polling place within the boundaries of a precinct, it may
15 select a polling place on a street immediately adjacent to and
16 adjoining the precinct. Said Board of Election Commissioners
17 may demand of the chief of police or the sheriff, to furnish
18 officers of the law to attend during the progress of any
19 registration, revision or election, at any place or places of
20 registration, or any polling place, or places, designated by
21 said commissioners, or to attend at any meeting of said
22 commissioners. Said officers of the law, shall be furnished by
23 said chief of police or sheriff and shall be stationed in the
24 place or places of registration and polling place or places in
25 such manner as said commissioners shall direct, and during
26 said assignment shall be under the direction and control of

1 the election commissioners.

2 Notwithstanding the above, when there are no more than 50
3 registered voters in a precinct who are entitled to vote in a
4 local government or school district election, the election
5 authority having jurisdiction over the precinct, is authorized
6 to reassign such voters to one or more polling places in
7 adjacent precincts, within or without the election authority's
8 jurisdiction, for that election. For the purposes of such
9 local government or school district election only, the votes
10 of the reassigned voters shall be tallied and canvassed as
11 votes from the precinct of the polling place to which such
12 voters have been reassigned. The election authority having
13 jurisdiction over the precinct shall approve all
14 administrative and polling place procedures. Such procedures
15 shall take into account voter convenience, and ensure that the
16 integrity of the election process is maintained and that the
17 secrecy of the ballot is not violated.

18 Except in the event of a fire, flood or total loss of heat
19 in a place fixed or established by the Board of Election
20 Commissioners pursuant to this Section as a polling place for
21 an election, no election authority shall change the location
22 of a polling place so established for any precinct after
23 notice of the place of holding the election for that precinct
24 has been given as required under Article 12 unless the
25 election authority notifies all registered voters in the
26 precinct of the change in location by first class mail in

1 sufficient time for such notice to be received by the
2 registered voters in the precinct at least one day prior to the
3 date of the election.

4 If, within the 10 days before any election, an election
5 authority changes a polling location, the election authority
6 shall send notice by electronic mail or phone call to the
7 township committeeperson, ward committeeperson, or precinct
8 committeepersons, as applicable, as soon as the location of
9 the polling place is changed.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-867.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2023)

13 Sec. 11-8. Vote centers.

14 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, election
15 authorities shall establish at least one location to be
16 located at an office of the election authority or in the
17 largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters
18 in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on election day during
19 polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they
20 are registered, and that location shall provide curbside
21 voting. Election authorities may establish more than one vote
22 center, but in jurisdictions with a population of more than
23 500,000 inhabitants, the election authority shall establish at
24 least 2 vote centers. An election authority establishing such
25 a location under this Section shall identify the location and

1 any health and safety requirements by the 40th day preceding
2 ~~an the 2022 general primary election and the 2022 general~~
3 election and certify such to the State Board of Elections.

4 (b) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2029 ~~2023~~.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
6 102-1109, eff. 12-21-22.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/12-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 12-4)

8 Sec. 12-4. Not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to
9 the date of the consolidated and nonpartisan elections, each
10 election authority shall publish notice of the election of
11 officers of each political subdivision to be conducted in his
12 or its jurisdiction on such election date. The notice of
13 election shall be published once in one or more newspapers
14 published in each political subdivision, and if there is no
15 such newspaper, then published once in a local, community
16 newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and
17 also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the
18 political subdivisions or portions thereof, having such
19 elections are situated.

20 The notice shall be substantially in the form prescribed
21 in Section 12-1, and may include notice of the location of the
22 precincts and polling places within or including part of the
23 political subdivision in which the election is to be
24 conducted.

25 Not less than 10 days before each such election, the

1 election authority shall publish notice of the precincts and
2 the location of the polling places where the election will be
3 conducted for political subdivisions wholly or partially
4 within its jurisdiction. The election authority shall cause
5 publication in the manner heretofore prescribed for the notice
6 of election.

7 If, within the 10 days before any election, an election
8 authority changes a polling location, the election authority
9 shall send notice by electronic mail or phone call to the
10 township committeeperson, ward committeeperson, or precinct
11 committeepersons, as applicable, as soon as the location of
12 the polling place is changed.

13 (Source: P.A. 81-963.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/12A-10)

15 Sec. 12A-10. Candidate statements and photographs in the
16 Internet Guide.

17 (a) Any candidate whose name appears in the Internet Guide
18 may submit a written statement and a photograph to appear in
19 the Internet Guide, provided that:

20 (1) No personal statement may exceed a brief biography
21 (name, age, education, and current employment) and an
22 additional 400 words.

23 (2) Personal statements may include contact
24 information for the candidate, including the address and
25 phone number of the campaign headquarters, an email

1 address for the campaign, and the candidate's website.

2 (3) Personal statements may not mention a candidate's
3 opponents by name.

4 (4) No personal statement may include language that
5 may not be legally sent through the mail.

6 (5) The photograph shall be a conventional photograph
7 with a plain background and show only the face, or the
8 head, neck, and shoulders, of the candidate.

9 (6) The photograph shall not (i) show the candidate's
10 hands, anything in the candidate's hands, or the candidate
11 wearing a judicial robe, a hat, or a military, police, or
12 fraternal uniform or (ii) include the uniform or insignia
13 of any organization.

14 (b) The Board must note in the text of the Internet Guide
15 that personal statements were submitted by the candidate or
16 his or her designee and were not edited by the Board.

17 (c) Where a candidate declines to submit a statement, the
18 Board may note that the candidate declined to submit a
19 statement.

20 (d) (Blank.)

21 (e) Anyone other than the candidate submitting a statement
22 or photograph from a candidate must attest that he or she is
23 doing so on behalf and at the direction of the candidate. The
24 Board may assess a civil fine of no more than \$1,000 against a
25 person or entity who falsely submits a statement or photograph
26 not authorized by the candidate.

1 (f) Nothing in this Article makes the author of any
2 statement exempt from any civil or criminal action because of
3 any defamatory statements offered for posting or contained in
4 the Internet Guide. The persons writing, signing, or offering
5 a statement for inclusion in the Internet Guide are deemed to
6 be its authors and publishers, and the Board shall not be
7 liable in any case or action relating to the content of any
8 material submitted by any candidate.

9 (g) The Board may set reasonable deadlines for the
10 submission of personal statements and photographs.

11 (h) The Board may set formats for the submission of
12 statements and photographs. The Board may require that
13 statements and photographs are submitted in an electronic
14 format.

15 (i) Fines collected pursuant to subsection (e) of this
16 Section shall be deposited into the Voters' Guide Fund, a
17 special fund created in the State treasury. Moneys in the
18 Voters' Guide Fund shall be appropriated solely to the State
19 Board of Elections for use in the implementation and
20 administration of this Article 12A.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/16-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-3)

23 Sec. 16-3. (a) The names of all candidates to be voted for
24 in each election district or precinct shall be printed on one
25 ballot, except as is provided in Sections 16-6, 16-6.1, and

1 21-1.01 of this Code Act and except as otherwise provided in
2 this Code Act with respect to the odd year regular elections
3 and the emergency referenda. The lettering of candidate names
4 on a ballot shall be in both capital and lowercase letters in
5 conformance with standard English language guidelines, unless
6 compliance is not feasible due to the election system utilized
7 by the election authority. All, ~~all~~ nominations of any
8 political party shall be being placed under the party
9 appellation or title of such party as designated in the
10 certificates of nomination or petitions. The names of all
11 independent candidates shall be printed upon the ballot in a
12 column or columns under the heading "independent" arranged
13 under the names or titles of the respective offices for which
14 such independent candidates shall have been nominated and so
15 far as practicable, the name or names of any independent
16 candidate or candidates for any office shall be printed upon
17 the ballot opposite the name or names of any candidate or
18 candidates for the same office contained in any party column
19 or columns upon said ballot. The ballot shall contain no other
20 names, except that in cases of electors for President and
21 Vice-President of the United States, the names of the
22 candidates for President and Vice-President may be added to
23 the party designation and words calculated to aid the voter in
24 his choice of candidates may be added, such as "Vote for one,"
25 "Vote for not more than three." If no candidate or candidates
26 file for an office and if no person or persons file a

1 declaration as a write-in candidate for that office, then
2 below the title of that office the election authority instead
3 shall print "No Candidate". When an electronic voting system
4 is used which utilizes a ballot label booklet, the candidates
5 and questions shall appear on the pages of such booklet in the
6 order provided by this Code; and, in any case where candidates
7 for an office appear on a page which does not contain the name
8 of any candidate for another office, and where less than 50% of
9 the page is utilized, the name of no candidate shall be printed
10 on the lowest 25% of such page. On the back or outside of the
11 ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the words
12 "Official Ballot", followed by the designation of the polling
13 place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the
14 election and a facsimile of the signature of the election
15 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The
16 ballots shall be of plain white paper, through which the
17 printing or writing cannot be read. However, ballots for use
18 at the nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be printed
19 on different color paper, except blue paper, whenever
20 necessary or desirable to facilitate distinguishing between
21 ballots for different political subdivisions. In the case of
22 nonpartisan elections for officers of a political subdivision,
23 unless the statute or an ordinance adopted pursuant to Article
24 VII of the Constitution providing the form of government
25 therefor requires otherwise, the column listing such
26 nonpartisan candidates shall be printed with no appellation or

1 circle at its head. The party appellation or title, or the word
2 "independent" at the head of any column provided for
3 independent candidates, shall be printed in letters not less
4 than one-fourth of an inch in height and a circle one-half inch
5 in diameter shall be printed at the beginning of the line in
6 which such appellation or title is printed, provided, however,
7 that no such circle shall be printed at the head of any column
8 or columns provided for such independent candidates. The names
9 of candidates shall be printed in letters not less than
10 one-eighth nor more than one-fourth of an inch in height, and
11 at the beginning of each line in which a name of a candidate is
12 printed a square shall be printed, the sides of which shall be
13 not less than one-fourth of an inch in length. However, the
14 names of the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor
15 on the same ticket shall be printed within a bracket and a
16 single square shall be printed in front of the bracket. The
17 list of candidates of the several parties and any such list of
18 independent candidates shall be placed in separate columns on
19 the ballot in such order as the election authorities charged
20 with the printing of the ballots shall decide; provided, that
21 the names of the candidates of the several political parties,
22 certified by the State Board of Elections to the several
23 county clerks shall be printed by the county clerk of the
24 proper county on the official ballot in the order certified by
25 the State Board of Elections. Any county clerk refusing,
26 neglecting or failing to print on the official ballot the

1 names of candidates of the several political parties in the
 2 order certified by the State Board of Elections, and any
 3 county clerk who prints or causes to be printed upon the
 4 official ballot the name of a candidate, for an office to be
 5 filled by the Electors of the entire State, whose name has not
 6 been duly certified to him upon a certificate signed by the
 7 State Board of Elections shall be guilty of a Class C
 8 misdemeanor.

9 (b) When an electronic voting system is used which
 10 utilizes a ballot card, on the inside flap of each ballot card
 11 envelope there shall be printed a form for write-in voting
 12 which shall be substantially as follows:

13 WRITE-IN VOTES

14 (See card of instructions for specific information.
 15 Duplicate form below by hand for additional write-in votes.)

16

17 Title of Office

18 ()

19 Name of Candidate

20 Write-in lines equal to the number of candidates for which
 21 a voter may vote shall be printed for an office only if one or
 22 more persons filed declarations of intent to be write-in
 23 candidates or qualify to file declarations to be write-in
 24 candidates under Sections 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the
 25 certification of ballot contains the words "OBJECTION
 26 PENDING".

1 (c) When an electronic voting system is used which uses a
2 ballot sheet, the instructions to voters on the ballot sheet
3 shall refer the voter to the card of instructions for specific
4 information on write-in voting. Below each office appearing on
5 such ballot sheet there shall be a provision for the casting of
6 a write-in vote. Write-in lines equal to the number of
7 candidates for which a voter may vote shall be printed for an
8 office only if one or more persons filed declarations of
9 intent to be write-in candidates or qualify to file
10 declarations to be write-in candidates under Sections 17-16.1
11 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot contains the words
12 "OBJECTION PENDING".

13 (d) When such electronic system is used, there shall be
14 printed on the back of each ballot card, each ballot card
15 envelope, and the first page of the ballot label when a ballot
16 label is used, the words "Official Ballot," followed by the
17 number of the precinct or other precinct identification, which
18 may be stamped, in lieu thereof and, as applicable, the number
19 and name of the township, ward or other election district for
20 which the ballot card, ballot card envelope, and ballot label
21 are prepared, the date of the election and a facsimile of the
22 signature of the election authority who has caused the ballots
23 to be printed. The back of the ballot card shall also include a
24 method of identifying the ballot configuration such as a
25 listing of the political subdivisions and districts for which
26 votes may be cast on that ballot, or a number code identifying

1 the ballot configuration or color coded ballots, except that
2 where there is only one ballot configuration in a precinct,
3 the precinct identification, and any applicable ward
4 identification, shall be sufficient. Ballot card envelopes
5 used in punch card systems shall be of paper through which no
6 writing or punches may be discerned and shall be of sufficient
7 length to enclose all voting positions. However, the election
8 authority may provide ballot card envelopes on which no
9 precinct number or township, ward or other election district
10 designation, or election date are preprinted, if space and a
11 preprinted form are provided below the space provided for the
12 names of write-in candidates where such information may be
13 entered by the judges of election. Whenever an election
14 authority utilizes ballot card envelopes on which the election
15 date and precinct is not preprinted, a judge of election shall
16 mark such information for the particular precinct and election
17 on the envelope in ink before tallying and counting any
18 write-in vote written thereon. If some method of insuring
19 ballot secrecy other than an envelope is used, such
20 information must be provided on the ballot itself.

21 (e) In the designation of the name of a candidate on the
22 ballot, the candidate's given name or names, initial or
23 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,
24 or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the
25 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her
26 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,
4 whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the
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
9 affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the
10 period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those
11 names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be
12 grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for
13 the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot,
14 as 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 or civil union to assume a
17 spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or civil union or
18 declaration of invalidity of marriage or civil union to assume
19 a former surname or a name change that conforms the
20 candidate's name to his or her gender identity. No other
21 designation such as a political slogan, title, or degree or
22 nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree
23 or professional status, or similar information may be used in
24 connection with the candidate's surname. For purposes of this
25 Section, a "political slogan" is defined as any word or words
26 expressing or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that

1 the candidate may espouse, including, but not limited to, any
2 word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the
3 personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a
4 political slogan as part of his or her name on the ballot,
5 notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the
6 candidate's name.

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

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

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

24 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit election
25 authorities from using or reusing ballot card envelopes which
26 were printed before January 1, 1986 (the effective date of

1 Public Act 84-820) ~~this amendatory Act of 1985.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; revised 2-28-22.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/16-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-6)

4 Sec. 16-6. Whenever one or more proposals for amendment of
5 the constitution or the calling of a constitutional convention
6 or any combination thereof is or are to be voted upon by the
7 people, the proposition or propositions for the adoption or
8 rejection of such amendment or amendments or convention shall
9 be submitted upon the same ~~a ballot separate from the~~
10 "Official Ballot" containing the names of candidates for State
11 and other offices to be voted at such election. Such
12 proposition or propositions shall be printed at the top of the
13 "Official Ballot" preceding the names of candidates for State
14 and other offices to be voted at such election. Such
15 proposition or propositions shall be printed upon plain white
16 paper with no shading, highlighting, or other distinct
17 markings and shall include the official title of the section
18 so named to be added or amended in the Constitution. Such
19 separate ballot shall be printed upon paper of a distinctly
20 blue color and shall, as near as may be practicable, be of
21 uniform size and blue color, but any variation in the size of
22 such ballots or in the tincture of blue employed shall not
23 affect or impair the validity thereof. Preceding each proposal
24 to amend the constitution shall be printed the brief
25 explanation of the amendment, prepared by the General

1 Assembly, or in the case of a proposed amendment initiated by
 2 petition pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
 3 Constitution of the State of Illinois by the principal
 4 proponents of the amendment as approved by the Attorney
 5 General, and immediately below the explanation, the
 6 proposition shall be printed in substantially the following
 7 form:

8 -----
 9 YES For the proposed amendment
 10 ----- to Article _____ (or Section
 11 NO _____ of Article _____) of
 12 the Constitution.
 13 -----

14 In the case of a proposition for the calling of a
 15 constitutional convention, such proposition shall be printed
 16 in substantially the following form:

17 -----
 18 YES For the calling
 19 ----- of a Constitutional
 20 NO Convention.
 21 -----

22 Included with the ballot there ~~On the back or outside of~~
 23 ~~the ballot so as to appear when folded,~~ shall be a printed
 24 notice with the words "CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ~~BALLOT~~",
 25 followed by the designation of the polling place for which the
 26 ballot is prepared, the date of the election and a facsimile of

1 the signature of the clerk or other officer who has caused the
2 ballots to be printed. Immediately above the words
3 "CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ~~BALLOT~~" in the case of a proposition
4 for the calling of a constitutional convention or a
5 proposition to amend the Constitution the following legend
6 shall be printed in bold face type:

7 "NOTICE

8 THE FAILURE TO VOTE THIS BALLOT MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A
9 NEGATIVE VOTE, BECAUSE A CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE
10 AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER
11 THREE-FIFTHS OF THOSE VOTING ON THE QUESTION OR A MAJORITY OF
12 THOSE VOTING IN THE ELECTION. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A
13 DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR
14 OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)

15 WHETHER YOU VOTE THIS BALLOT OR NOT YOU MUST RETURN IT TO
16 THE ELECTION JUDGE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH".

17 If a proposition for the calling of a constitutional
18 convention is submitted at the same election as one or more
19 propositions to amend the constitution, the proposition for
20 the calling of a constitutional convention shall be printed at
21 the top of the ballot. In such case, the constitution
22 amendment notice ~~the back or outside of the ballot~~ shall be
23 printed the same as if it were a proposal solely to amend the
24 constitution.

25 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
26 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as

1 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
2 is applicable.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.5)

5 Sec. 19-2.5. Notice for vote by mail ballot. An election
6 authority shall notify all qualified voters, except voters who
7 have applied for permanent vote by mail status under
8 subsection (b) of Section 19-3 or voters who submit a written
9 request to be excluded from the permanent vote by mail status,
10 not more than 90 days nor less than 45 days before a general ~~or~~
11 ~~consolidated~~ election, of the option for permanent vote by
12 mail status using the following notice and including the
13 application for permanent vote by mail status in subsection
14 (b) of Section 19-3:

15 "You may apply to permanently be placed on vote by mail
16 status using the attached application."

17 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

19 Sec. 19-3. Application for a vote by mail ballot.

20 (a) The application for a vote by mail ballot for a single
21 election shall be substantially in the following form:

22 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

23 To be voted at the election in the County of and
24 State of Illinois, ~~in the precinct of the (1) *township~~

1 ~~of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of~~

2 I state that I am a resident of in the city or town of
3 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
4 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at
5 the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote
6 by mail. ~~I state that I am a resident of the precinct of~~
7 ~~the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward~~
8 ~~in the city of residing at in such city or town in~~
9 ~~the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at~~
10 ~~such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully~~
11 ~~entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be~~
12 ~~held therein on; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail~~
13 ~~ballot.~~

14 I hereby make application for an official ballot or
15 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I
16 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing
17 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the
18 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than
19 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
20 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
21 14th day following election day.

22 I understand that this application is made for an official
23 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the
24 election specified in this application and that I must submit
25 a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or
26 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

1 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
2 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
3 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

4

5 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

6 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

7

8 (a-5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot
9 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be
10 substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail
11 ballot for a single election and shall include:

12 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print
13 disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am
14 making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot
15 electronically so that I may privately and independently
16 mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.

17 (b) The application for permanent vote by mail status
18 shall be substantially in the following form:

19 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

20 I am currently a registered voter and wish to apply for
21 permanent vote by mail status.

22 I state that I am a resident of in the city or town of
23 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
24 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at
25 the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote
26 by mail in: ~~I state that I am a resident of the City of~~

1 ~~residing at in such city in the county of and State~~
 2 ~~of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for~~
 3 ~~month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such~~
 4 ~~precinct at the election to be held therein on; and~~
 5 ~~that I wish to vote by vote by mail ballot in:~~

6 all subsequent elections that do not require a party
 7 designation.

8 all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a
 9 Party vote by mail ballot in
 10 elections that require a party designation.

11 I hereby make application for an official ballot or
 12 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I
 13 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing
 14 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the
 15 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than
 16 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
 17 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
 18 14th day following election day.

19 Under penalties as provided by law under Section 29-10 of
 20 the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 21 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

22

23 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

24

25 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots
 26 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be

1 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by
2 mail status and shall include:

3 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a
4 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this
5 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail
6 ballots electronically so that I may privately and
7 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail
8 ballots.

9 (c) However, if application is made for a primary election
10 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
11 designate the name of the political party with which the
12 applicant is affiliated. The election authority shall allow
13 any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her
14 party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method
15 and deadline published and selected by the election authority.

16 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant
17 shall mark the box associated with the above described
18 statement included as part of the online application
19 certifying that the statements set forth in the application
20 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a
21 signature is not required.

22 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or
23 return to an election authority an application under this
24 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box
25 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an
26 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a

1 valid and current phone number for the individual or
2 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be
3 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7
4 days of receipt or, if received within 2 weeks of the election
5 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of
6 receipt. Failure to turn over the applications in compliance
7 with this paragraph shall constitute a violation of this Code
8 and shall be punishable as a petty offense with a fine of \$100
9 per application. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise
10 knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by
11 the election authority shall establish a rebuttable
12 presumption of a violation of this paragraph. Upon receipt,
13 the appropriate election authority shall accept and promptly
14 process any application under this Section submitted in a form
15 substantially similar to that required by this Section,
16 including any substantially similar production or reproduction
17 generated by the applicant.

18 (f) An election authority may combine the applications in
19 subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the distinction
20 between the applications must be clear and the form must
21 provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate whether he or
22 she is applying for a single election vote by mail ballot or
23 for permanent vote by mail status.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22.)

1 Sec. 19-5. Folding and enclosure of ballots in unsealed
2 envelope; address on envelope; certification; instructions for
3 marking and returning ballots. It shall be the duty of the
4 election authority to fold the ballot or ballots in the manner
5 specified by the statute for folding ballots prior to their
6 deposit in the ballot box, and to enclose such ballot or
7 ballots in an envelope unsealed to be furnished by the
8 election authority ~~him~~, which envelope shall bear upon the
9 face thereof the name, official title and post office address
10 of the election authority, and upon the other side a printed
11 certification in substantially the following form:

12 I state that I am a resident of in the city or town of
13 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
14 for at least 30 days; and that I am lawfully entitled to cast a
15 ballot. ~~I state that I am a resident of the precinct of~~
16 ~~the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward~~
17 ~~in the city of residing at in such city or town in~~
18 ~~the county of and State of Illinois, that I have lived at~~
19 ~~such address for months last past; and that I am lawfully~~
20 ~~entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be~~
21 ~~held on~~

22 ~~*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).~~

23 I further state that I personally marked the enclosed
24 ballot in secret.

25 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
26 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies

1 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
2 and correct.

3

4 If the ballot is to go to an elector who is physically
5 incapacitated and needs assistance marking the ballot, the
6 envelope shall bear upon the back thereof a certification in
7 substantially the following form:

8 I state that I am a resident of in the city or town of
9 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
10 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to cast a
11 ballot; and that I am physically incapable of personally
12 marking the ballot for this election. ~~I state that I am a~~
13 ~~resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2)~~
14 ~~*City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at~~
15 ~~.... in such city or town in the county of and State of~~
16 ~~Illinois, that I have lived at such address for months~~
17 ~~last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct~~
18 ~~at the election to be held on; that I am physically~~
19 ~~incapable of personally marking the ballot for such election.~~
20 ~~*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).~~

21 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in
22 secret with the assistance of

23

24 (Individual rendering assistance)

25

26 (Residence Address)

1 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
2 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
3 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
4 and correct.

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6 In the case of a voter with a physical incapacity, marking
7 a ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the
8 assistance of another individual, other than a candidate whose
9 name appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
10 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
11 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
12 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
13 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

14 In the case of a physically incapacitated voter, marking a
15 ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the assistance
16 of another individual, other than a candidate whose name
17 appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
18 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
19 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
20 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
21 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

22 Provided, that if the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a
23 primary election, the certification shall designate the name
24 of the political party with which the voter is affiliated.

25 In addition to the above, the election authority shall
26 provide printed slips, or an electronic version thereof for

1 voters voting by mail pursuant to Section 19-2.6, giving full
2 instructions regarding the manner of marking and returning the
3 ballot in order that the same may be counted, and shall furnish
4 one of such printed slips or the electronic version thereof
5 for voters voting by mail pursuant to Section 19-2.6 to each of
6 such applicants at the same time the ballot is delivered to
7 him. Such instructions shall include the following statement:
8 "In signing the certification on the vote by mail ballot
9 envelope, you are attesting that you personally marked this
10 vote by mail ballot in secret. If you are physically unable to
11 mark the ballot, a friend or relative may assist you after
12 completing the enclosed affidavit. Federal and State laws
13 prohibit a candidate whose name appears on the ballot (unless
14 you are the spouse or a parent, child, brother, or sister of
15 the candidate), your employer, your employer's agent or an
16 officer or agent of your union from assisting voters with
17 physical disabilities."

18 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
19 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question
20 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
21 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
22 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
23 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
24 a notice of the public question, which shall include a
25 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
26 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same

1 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

2 Election authorities transmitting ballots by electronic
3 transmission pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall, to the greatest
4 extent possible, provide those applicants with the same
5 instructions, certifications, and other balloting materials
6 required when sending ballots by mail.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-819, eff. 5-13-22.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

9 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

10 (a) (Blank.)

11 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
12 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
13 and received by that election authority before the closing of
14 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
15 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
16 processed by the election authority beginning on the day it is
17 received by the election authority in the central ballot
18 counting location of the election authority, but the results
19 of the processing may not be counted until the day of the
20 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections
21 (g) and (g-5).

22 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
23 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
24 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
25 close on election day and before the close of the period for

1 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
2 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
3 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
4 location of the election authority during the period for
5 counting provisional ballots.

6 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
7 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with
8 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is
9 received by the election authority after the polls close on
10 election day and before the close of the period for counting
11 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed
12 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
13 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
14 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the
15 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements
16 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting
17 location of the election authority during the period for
18 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
19 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

20 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail
21 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an
22 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the
23 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope
24 was mailed no later than election day.

25 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
26 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by

1 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
2 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
3 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
4 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
5 counting location of the election authority during the same
6 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots
7 under subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote
8 by mail voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election
9 authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that
10 are received by the election authority after the polls close
11 on election day and before the closing of the period for
12 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
13 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
14 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
15 location of the election authority during the same periods
16 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
17 subsection (c).

18 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
19 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
20 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
21 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by
22 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of
23 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
24 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
25 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
26 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that

1 election.

2 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
3 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
4 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
5 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
6 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail
7 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
8 blank ballots required to be counted on election day have been
9 counted.

10 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
11 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
12 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
13 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
14 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official
15 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification
16 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the voter's
17 signature on the application verified in accordance with
18 Section 19-4 or the signature of the voter on file in the
19 office of the election authority. If the election judge or
20 official determines that the 2 signatures match, and that the
21 vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified to cast a vote by
22 mail ballot, the election authority shall cast and count the
23 ballot on election day or the day the ballot is determined to
24 be valid, whichever is later, adding the results to the
25 precinct in which the voter is registered. If the election
26 judge or official determines that the signatures do not match,

1 or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified to cast a vote
2 by mail ballot, then without opening the certification
3 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
4 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
5 cast or count the ballot.

6 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote
7 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or
8 official:

9 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
10 and resealed;

11 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
12 period ballot;

13 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
14 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

15 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

16 If the election judge or official determines that any of
17 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
18 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
19 shall not cast or count the ballot.

20 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
21 judge or official for any reason, the election authority
22 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases
23 before the close of the period for counting provisional
24 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot
25 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason
26 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the

1 voter may appear before the election authority, on or before
2 the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to why the
3 ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence
4 to the election authority supporting his or her contention
5 that the ballot should be counted. The election authority
6 shall appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the
7 contested ballot, application, and certification envelope, as
8 well as any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No
9 more than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of
10 the same political party. The reviewing panel of election
11 judges shall make a final determination as to the validity of
12 the contested vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination
13 shall not be reviewable either administratively or judicially.

14 A vote by mail ballot subject to this subsection that is
15 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the
16 period for counting provisional ballots.

17 If a vote by mail ballot is rejected for any reason, the
18 election authority shall, within one day after the rejection,
19 transmit to the State Board of Elections by electronic means
20 the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct,
21 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be. If a
22 rejected vote by mail ballot is determined to be valid, the
23 election authority shall, within one day after the
24 determination, remove the name of the voter from the list
25 transmitted to the State Board of Elections. The State Board
26 of Elections shall maintain the names and information in an

1 electronic format on its website accessible to State and local
2 political committees.

3 Upon request by the State or local political committee,
4 each election authority shall, within one day after the
5 request, provide the following information about all rejected
6 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email
7 address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as
8 the case may be.

9 (g-10) All vote by mail ballots determined to be valid
10 shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for which
11 they were cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

12 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
13 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
14 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-9.1)

17 Sec. 22-9.1. Within 5 days after the last day for
18 proclamation of the results of any canvass declaring persons
19 nominated, elected or declared eligible for a runoff election
20 for any office or declaring the adoption or rejection of a
21 question of public policy, the following persons may file a
22 petition for discovery:

23 (a) any candidate who, in the entire area in which
24 votes may be cast for the office for which he is a
25 candidate, received votes equal in number to at least 95%

1 of the number of votes cast for any successful candidate
2 for the same office; and

3 (b) any 5 electors of the same area within which votes
4 may be cast on a question of public policy, if the results
5 of the canvass are such that the losing side on the
6 question would have been the prevailing side had it
7 received an additional number of votes equal to 5% of the
8 total number of votes cast on the question.

9 A petition under this Section shall be filed with the
10 election authority for purposes of discovery only. The
11 petition shall ask that ballots, voting machines, or ballot
12 cards - as the case may be - shall be examined, that any
13 automatic tabulating equipment shall be tested, and that
14 ballots, recorded votes, or ballot cards - as the case may be -
15 shall be counted in specified precincts, not exceeding 25% of
16 the total number of precincts within the jurisdiction of the
17 election authority. Where there are fewer than 4 precincts
18 under the jurisdiction of the election authority and within
19 the area in which votes could be cast in the election in
20 connection with which the petition has been filed, discovery
21 shall be permitted in one of such precincts.

22 A petition filed under this Section shall be accompanied
23 by the payment of a fee of \$50 ~~\$10.00~~ per precinct specified.
24 All such fees shall be paid by the election authority into the
25 county or city treasury, as the case may be.

26 After 3 days notice in writing to the successful candidate

1 for the same office or, in the case of a question of public
2 policy, such notice as will reasonably inform interested
3 persons of the time and place of the discovery proceedings,
4 the election authority shall examine the ballots, voting
5 machines, ballot cards, voter affidavits and applications for
6 ballot, test the automatic tabulating equipment, and count the
7 ballots, recorded votes, and ballot cards in the specified
8 election districts or precincts. At the request of any
9 candidate entitled to participate in the discovery
10 proceedings, the election authority shall also make available
11 for examination the ballot applications and voter affidavits
12 for the specified precincts. Each candidate affected by such
13 examination shall have the right to attend the same in person
14 or by his representative. In the case of a question of public
15 policy, the board shall permit an equal number of acknowledged
16 proponents and acknowledged opponents to attend the
17 examination.

18 On completion of the count of any ballots in each district
19 or precinct, the ballots shall be secured and sealed in the
20 same manner required of judges of election by Sections 7-54
21 and 17-20 of the Election Code. The handling of the ballots in
22 accord with this Section shall not of itself affect the
23 admissibility in evidence of the ballots in any other
24 proceedings, either legislative or judicial.

25 The results of the examination and count shall not be
26 certified, used to amend or change the abstracts of the votes

1 previously completed, used to deny the successful candidate
2 for the same office his certificate of nomination or election,
3 nor used to change the previously declared result of the vote
4 on a question of public policy. Such count shall not be binding
5 in an election contest brought about under the provisions of
6 the Election Code, shall not be a prerequisite to bringing
7 such an election contest, shall not prevent the bringing of
8 such an election contest, nor shall it affect the results of
9 the canvass previously proclaimed.

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

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

12 Sec. 23-23. The case shall be tried in like manner as other
13 civil cases, and may be heard and determined by the court at
14 any time not less than 10 days after service of process, or at
15 any time after the defendant is required by notification to
16 appear, and shall have preference in the order of hearing to
17 all other cases. The court may make and enforce all necessary
18 orders for the preservation and production of the ballots,
19 poll books, tally papers, returns, registers and other papers
20 or evidence that may bear upon the contest.

21 Whenever a petition for a recount has been filed as
22 provided in this Article, any opposing candidate or any
23 elector, under like provisions and in like manner may file a
24 petition within 10 days after the completion of the canvass of
25 the precincts specified in the petition for a further recount

1 of the votes cast in any or all of the balance of the precincts
2 in the county, municipality or other political subdivision, as
3 the case may be.

4 In event the court, in any such case, is of the opinion
5 that such action will expedite hearing and determination of
6 the contest, the court may refer the case to the election
7 authority to recount the ballots, to take testimony and other
8 evidence, to examine the election returns, to make a record of
9 all objections to be heard by the court that may be made to the
10 election returns or to any of them or to any ballots cast or
11 counted, and to take all necessary steps and do all necessary
12 things to determine the true and correct result of the
13 election and to make report thereof to the court. The election
14 authority shall have authority to count the ballots or cause
15 the same to be counted under its supervision and direction, to
16 conduct such hearing or hearings as may be necessary and
17 proper, to apply to the court in the manner provided by law for
18 the issuance of subpoenas or for any other appropriate order
19 or orders to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to take
20 such steps and perform such duties and acts in connection with
21 the conduct of any such hearing or hearings as may be
22 necessary. The election authority may, with the approval of
23 the court, employ such assistants as may be necessary and
24 proper to provide for counting the ballots, examining the
25 election returns and for taking all necessary steps and doing
26 all necessary things to determine the true and correct result

1 of the election under the direction and supervision of the
2 election authority. Upon the motion or application of the
3 election authority or of any party to the case, the court shall
4 require the party contesting the election to deposit moneys
5 with the court as security for costs as reasonably needed to
6 compensate the election authority for the costs incurred in
7 relation to the election contest. The money deposited for
8 security shall be taxed and allowed as costs to compensate the
9 election authority for the services of its assistants and for
10 reimbursement of expenses incurred by the election authority
11 in relation to the election contest. The election authority
12 shall not be required to undertake any work in furtherance of
13 the election contest until the necessary funds are deposited
14 with the court. Any money deposited as security for costs by a
15 petitioner contesting an election must be returned to the
16 petitioner if the judgment of the court is to annul the
17 election or to declare as elected someone other than the
18 person whose election is contested. ~~The election authority~~
19 ~~shall receive such compensation for its services and such~~
20 ~~allowances for the services of its assistants and for~~
21 ~~reimbursement of expenses incurred by it as shall be approved~~
22 ~~by the court, and all such compensation and allowances when~~
23 ~~approved by the court shall be taxed and allowed as costs in~~
24 ~~such cause. The court may from time to time, upon the court's~~
25 ~~own motion or upon the application of the election authority~~
26 ~~or of any party to said cause, require the parties to the cause~~

1 ~~or any of them to deposit such amounts of money with the court~~
2 ~~as security for costs as the court may deem reasonable and~~
3 ~~proper.~~

4 ~~Any petitioner may amend his petition at any time before~~
5 ~~the completion of the recount by withdrawing his request for a~~
6 ~~recount of certain precincts, or by requesting a recount of~~
7 ~~additional specified precincts. The petitioner shall deposit~~
8 ~~or shall cause to be deposited, such amounts of money as the~~
9 ~~court may require as security for costs for such additional~~
10 ~~precincts as the court may deem reasonable and proper.~~

11 Any money deposited as security for costs by a petitioner
12 contesting an election must be returned to such petitioner if
13 the judgment of the court is to annul the election or to
14 declare as elected someone other than the person whose
15 election is contested.

16 Any money deposited as security for costs by a petitioner
17 in opposition to a petition contesting an election must be
18 returned to such petitioner if the judgment of the court is to
19 confirm the election or to declare as elected the person whose
20 election is contested.

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

22 Section 15. The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
23 Act is amended by changing Section 14 as follows:

24 (70 ILCS 210/14) (from Ch. 85, par. 1234)

1 Sec. 14. Board; compensation. The governing and
2 administrative body of the Authority shall be a board known as
3 the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board. On the effective
4 date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the
5 Trustee shall assume the duties and powers of the Board for a
6 period of 18 months or until the Board is fully constituted,
7 whichever is later. Any action requiring Board approval shall
8 be deemed approved by the Board if the Trustee approves the
9 action in accordance with Section 14.5. Beginning the first
10 Monday of the month occurring 18 months after the effective
11 date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly and
12 until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd
13 General Assembly, the Board shall consist of 9 members. On and
14 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd
15 General Assembly, the Board shall consist of 11 members. The
16 Governor shall appoint 5 members to the Board, subject to the
17 advice and consent of the Senate. The Mayor shall appoint 5
18 members to the Board. At least one member of the Board shall
19 represent the interests of labor, and at least one member of
20 the Board shall represent the interests of the convention
21 industry. A majority of the members appointed by the Governor
22 and Mayor shall appoint a ninth member to serve as the
23 chairperson until the chairperson's term expires on or after
24 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
25 Assembly, at which time, a majority of the members appointed
26 by the Governor and Mayor shall appoint an eleventh member to

1 serve as the chairperson. The Board shall be fully constituted
2 when a quorum has been appointed. The members of the board
3 shall be individuals of generally recognized ability and
4 integrity. No member of the Board may be (i) an officer or
5 employee of, or a member of a board, commission or authority
6 of, the State, any unit of local government or any school
7 district or (ii) a person who served on the Board prior to the
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
9 Assembly.

10 Of the initial members appointed by the Governor, one
11 shall serve for a term expiring June 1, 2013, one shall serve
12 for a term expiring June 1, 2014, one shall serve for a term
13 expiring June 1, 2015, and one shall serve for a term expiring
14 June 1, 2016, as determined by the Governor. Of the initial
15 members appointed by the Mayor, one shall serve for a term
16 expiring June 1, 2013, one shall serve for a term expiring June
17 1, 2014, one shall serve for a term expiring June 1, 2015, and
18 one shall serve for a term expiring June 1, 2016, as determined
19 by the Mayor. The initial chairperson appointed by the Board
20 shall serve a term for a term expiring June 1, 2015. Additional
21 members of the Board appointed pursuant to this amendatory Act
22 of the 102nd General Assembly shall serve for a term expiring
23 on June 1, 2026. Successors shall be appointed to 4-year
24 terms.

25 Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but
26 shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by them in

1 the performance of their duties. All members of the Board and
2 employees of the Authority are subject to the Illinois
3 Governmental Ethics Act, in accordance with its terms.

4 A mayor of a municipality with a population of over
5 500,000 shall not have the authority to make an appointment to
6 the Board within the last 45 days of his or her term,
7 retroactive to April 1, 2023, except if that mayor's
8 re-election is certified by the relevant election authority.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

10 Section 20. The Park District Code is amended by changing
11 Sections 2-10a and 2-12a as follows:

12 (70 ILCS 1205/2-10a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-10a)

13 Sec. 2-10a. Any district may provide by referendum, or by
14 resolution of the board, that the board shall be comprised of 7
15 commissioners. Any such referendum shall be initiated and held
16 in the same manner as is provided by the general election law.

17 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in
18 favor of the 7-member board, or if the board adopts a
19 resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this Section
20 in order to create a 7-member board, then whichever of the
21 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be
22 applied: At the election of commissioners next following by at
23 least 197 ~~60~~ days after the date on which the proposition to
24 create a 7-member board was approved at referendum or by

1 resolution, the number of commissioners to be elected shall be
2 more than the number that would otherwise have been elected.
3 If this results in the election, pursuant to Section 2-12 of
4 this Act, of 4 commissioners at that election, one of the 4, to
5 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall
6 serve for a term of 4 years or 2 years as the case may be,
7 instead of 6 years, so that his term will expire in the same
8 year in which the term of only one of the incumbent
9 commissioners expires. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be
10 elected for 6-year terms as provided in Section 2-12. If the
11 creation of a 7-member board results in the election of either
12 3 or 4 commissioners, pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, at
13 that election, 2 of them, to be determined by lot within 30
14 days after the election, shall serve for terms of 2 years
15 instead of 4 years. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be
16 elected for 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a of this
17 Act.

18 In any district where a 7-member board has been created
19 pursuant to this Section whether by referendum or by
20 resolution, the number of commissioners may later be reduced
21 to 5, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same
22 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating a 7-member
23 board. No proposition to reduce the number of commissioners
24 shall affect the terms of any commissioners holding office at
25 the time of the referendum or to be elected within 197 ~~60~~ days
26 after ~~of~~ the referendum. If a majority of the votes cast on the

1 proposition is in favor of reducing a 7-member board to a
2 5-member board, then, at the election of commissioners next
3 following by at least 197 ~~60~~ days after the date on which the
4 proposition was approved at referendum, the number of
5 commissioners to be elected shall be 2 less than the number
6 that would otherwise have been elected and whichever of the
7 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be
8 applied: (i) if this results in the election of no
9 commissioners for a 6-year term pursuant to Section 2-12 of
10 this Act, then at the next election in which 3 commissioners
11 are scheduled to be elected to 6-year terms as provided in
12 Section 2-12, one of the 3, to be determined by lot within 30
13 days after the election, shall serve for a term of 4 years or 2
14 years, as the case may be, instead of 6 years, so that his or
15 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of no
16 incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter, all
17 commissioners shall be elected for 6-year terms as provided in
18 Section 2-12; or (ii) if the reduction to a 5-member board
19 results in the election of one commissioner to a 4-year term,
20 pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, then at the next
21 election in which 4 commissioners are scheduled to be elected
22 to 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a, one of the 4, to
23 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall
24 serve for a term of 2 years, instead of 4 years, so that his or
25 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of only
26 one incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter,

1 all commissioners shall be elected for 4-year terms as
2 provided in Section 2-12a.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-351, eff. 8-25-17.)

4 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

5 Sec. 2-12a. Any district may provide, either by resolution
6 of the board or by referendum, that the term of commissioners
7 shall be 4 years rather than 6 years. Any such referendum shall
8 be initiated and held in the same manner as is provided by the
9 general election law for public questions authorized by
10 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

11 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in
12 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board
13 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this
14 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,
15 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first
16 regular park district election at least 197 ~~60~~ days after the
17 date on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at
18 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4
19 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year
20 terms to 4-year terms:

21 (1) If 2 commissioners on a 5-member board are to be
22 elected at the first such election and if the term of only
23 one commissioner is scheduled to expire in the year of the
24 next election at which commissioners are elected, of the 2
25 commissioners elected, one shall serve a 2-year term and

1 one a 4-year term, to be determined by lot between the 2
2 persons elected within 30 days after the election.

3 (2) On a 7-member board under Section 2-10a, if the
4 terms of only 2 commissioners are scheduled to expire in
5 the year of the second election at which commissioners are
6 elected after the first regular park district election at
7 least 197 ~~60~~ days after the date on which the proposition
8 for 4-year terms was approved at referendum or by
9 resolution, then:

10 (A) if 3 commissioners are elected at the first
11 regular election, 2 of the commissioners elected shall
12 serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a 4-year term
13 to be determined by lot between persons elected within
14 30 days after the first election; or

15 (B) if 2 commissioners are elected at the first
16 regular election, those 2 commissioners elected shall
17 serve a 2-year term.

18 In any district where the board has created 4-year terms
19 pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by
20 resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6
21 years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same
22 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year
23 terms. No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners
24 shall affect any commissioner holding office at the time of
25 the referendum or to be elected within 197 ~~60~~ days after ~~of~~ the
26 referendum.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-58, eff. 7-12-19.)

2 Section 25. The School Code is amended by changing Section
3 24-2 as follows:

4 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)
5 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

6 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
7 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
8 shall teachers or other school employees, other than
9 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary
10 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and
11 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to
12 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's
13 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin
14 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President
15 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as
16 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated
17 as Memorial Day by federal law; June 19, Juneteenth National
18 Freedom Day; July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in
19 September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus
20 Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in November
21 commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas
22 Day. School boards may grant special holidays whenever in
23 their judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be
24 made from the time or compensation of a school employee on

1 account of any legal or special holiday.

2 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for
3 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code
4 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,
5 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third
6 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
7 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);
8 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's
9 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and
10 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

11 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are
12 recognized through instructional activities conducted on
13 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,
14 on the first school day preceding or following that day;
15 and

16 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority
17 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The
18 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing
19 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth
20 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
21 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony
22 from educators and parents about the proposal.

23 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
24 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
25 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
26 are: January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali), January 28 (to

1 be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a
2 commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the birthday
3 of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans' Day),
4 September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), the school
5 day immediately preceding Veterans' Day (Korean War Veterans'
6 Day), October 1 (Recycling Day), October 7 (Iraq and
7 Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day), December 7 (Pearl
8 Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so appointed by the
9 President or Governor. School boards may establish
10 commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action
11 is advisable. School boards shall include instruction relative
12 to commemorated persons, activities, or events on the
13 commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school
14 year and at any point in the curriculum when such instruction
15 may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of Education shall
16 prepare and make available to school boards instructional
17 materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
18 events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with
19 any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.

20 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe
21 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday
22 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to
23 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive
24 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late
25 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.
26 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be

1 observed on the following Monday.

2 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
3 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known
4 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
5 the State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
6 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of
7 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be
8 used as a location for election day services or as a polling
9 place.

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
11 contrary, November 8, 2022 shall be a State holiday known as
12 2022 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
13 State under Public Act 102-15.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
15 contrary, November 5, 2024 shall be a State holiday known as
16 2024 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
17 this State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 103rd
18 General Assembly.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20; 102-14, eff. 1-1-22;
20 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21; 102-411, eff.
21 1-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

22 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
23 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
24 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
25 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does

1 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
2 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
3 Public Act.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law, except that the changes made to Section 3-6 of
6 the Election Code are effective January 1, 2024.".