

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 16-5.01 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-5.01)

7 Sec. 16-5.01. (a) The election authority shall, at least
8 60 days prior to the date of any general election at which
9 federal officers are elected and 45 days prior to any other
10 regular election, have a sufficient number of ballots printed
11 so that such ballots will be available for mailing 60 days
12 prior to the date of the election to persons who have filed
13 application for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20
14 of this Act.

15 (b) If at any general election at which federal offices
16 are elected the election authority is unable to comply with
17 the provisions of subsection (a), the election authority
18 shall mail to each such person, in lieu of the ballot, a
19 Special Write-in Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot. The Special
20 Write-in Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot shall be used only at
21 general elections at which federal officers are elected and
22 shall be prepared by the election authority in substantially
23 the following form:

24 Special Write-in Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot

25 (To vote for a person, write the title of the office and
26 his or her name on the lines provided. Place to the left of
27 and opposite the title of office a square and place a cross
28 (X) in the square.)

29 Title of Office Name of Candidate

30 ()

31 ()

- 1 ()
- 2 ()
- 3 ()
- 4 ()

5 The election authority shall send with the Special
 6 Write-in Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot a list of all
 7 referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote and all
 8 candidates for whom nomination papers have been filed and for
 9 whom the voter is qualified to vote. The voter shall be
 10 entitled to write in the name of any candidate seeking
 11 election and any referenda for which he or she is entitled to
 12 vote.

13 On the back or outside of the ballot, so as to appear
 14 when folded, shall be printed the words "Official Ballot",
 15 the date of the election and a facsimile of the signature of
 16 the election authority who has caused the ballot to be
 17 printed.

18 The provisions of Article 20, insofar as they may be
 19 applicable to the Special Write-in Absentee Voter's Blank
 20 Ballot, shall be applicable herein.

21 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the
 22 contrary, the election authority shall prepare a special
 23 absentee ballot for candidates to be voted on in the
 24 consolidated primary election. This special ballot shall be
 25 for use only by a qualified voter who either is a member of
 26 the United States military or will be outside of the United
 27 States on the consolidated primary election day and the
 28 consolidated election day. The special ballot shall contain a
 29 list of the titles of all offices contested at the
 30 consolidated primary election and the candidates for each
 31 office and shall permit the elector to vote in the run-off
 32 election by indicating his or her order of preference for
 33 each candidate for each office. To indicate his or her order
 34 of preference for each candidate for each office, the voter

1 shall put the number one next to the name of the candidate
2 who is the voter's first choice, the number 2 for his or her
3 second choice, and so forth so that, in consecutive numerical
4 order, a number indicating the voter's preference is written
5 by the voter next to each candidate's name on the ballot. The
6 voter shall not be required to indicate his or her preference
7 for more than one candidate on the ballot. The election
8 authority shall also prepare instructions for use of the
9 special ballot.

10 The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules for the
11 implementation of this subsection, including but not limited
12 to the application for and counting of special ballots.

13 (Source: P.A. 86-875.)