

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 24A-2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/24A-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-2)

7 Sec. 24A-2. As used in this Article: "Computer",
8 "Automatic tabulating equipment" or "equipment" includes
9 apparatus necessary to automatically examine and count votes
10 as designated on ballots, and data processing machines which
11 can be used for counting ballots and tabulating results.

12 "Ballot card" means a ballot which is voted by the
13 process of punching.

14 "Ballot configuration" means the particular combination
15 of political subdivision ballots including, for each
16 political subdivision, the particular combination of offices,
17 candidate names and ballot position numbers for each
18 candidate and question as it appears for each group of voters
19 who may cast the same ballot.

20 "Ballot labels" means the cards, papers, booklet, pages
21 or other material containing the names of officers and
22 candidates and statements of measures to be voted on.

23 "Ballot sheet" means a paper ballot printed on one or
24 both sides which is (1) designed and prepared so that the
25 voter may indicate his or her votes in designated areas,
26 which must be enclosed areas clearly printed or otherwise
27 delineated for such purpose, and (2) capable of having votes
28 marked in the designated areas automatically examined,
29 counted, and tabulated by an electronic scanning process.

30 "Ballot" may include ballot cards, ballot labels and
31 paper ballots and electronic ballot forms.

1 "Separate ballot", with respect to ballot sheets, means a
2 separate portion of the ballot sheet in which the color of
3 the ink used in printing that portion of the ballot sheet is
4 distinct from the color of the ink used in printing any other
5 portion of the ballot sheet.

6 "Column" in an electronic voting system which utilizes a
7 ballot card means a space on a ballot card for punching the
8 voter's vote arranged in a row running lengthwise on the
9 ballot card.

10 "Central Counting" means the counting of ballots in one
11 or more locations selected by the election authority for the
12 processing or counting, or both, of ballots. A location for
13 central counting shall be within the territorial jurisdiction
14 of such election authority unless there is no suitable
15 tabulating equipment available within his territorial
16 jurisdiction. However, in any event a counting location shall
17 be within this State.

18 "In-precinct counting" means the counting of ballots on
19 automatic tabulating equipment provided by the election
20 authority in the same precinct polling place in which those
21 ballots have been cast.

22 "Data pack" means an electronic media container upon
23 which electronic data processing instructions and vote
24 results are stored.

25 "Electronic ballot form" means a ballot that may be
26 displayed upon a video terminal screen.

27 "Computer operator" means any person or persons
28 designated by the election authority to operate the automatic
29 tabulating equipment during any portion of the vote tallying
30 process in an election, but shall not include judges of
31 election operating vote tabulating equipment in the precinct.

32 "Computer program" or "program" means the set of
33 operating instructions for the automatic tabulating equipment
34 by which it examines, counts, tabulates, canvasses and prints

1 votes recorded by a voter on a ballot card or other medium.

2 "Edit listing" means a computer generated listing of the
3 names and ballot position numbers for each candidate and
4 proposition as they appear in the program for each precinct.

5 "Voting System" or "Electronic Voting System" means that
6 combination of equipment and programs used in the casting,
7 examination and tabulation of ballots and the cumulation and
8 reporting of results by electronic means.

9 "Header card" means a data processing card which is coded
10 to indicate to the computer the precinct identity of the
11 ballot cards that will follow immediately and may indicate to
12 the computer how such ballot cards are to be tabulated.

13 "Marking device" means either an apparatus in which
14 ballots or ballot cards are inserted and used in connection
15 with a punch apparatus for the piercing of ballots by the
16 voter, or any approved device for marking a paper ballot with
17 ink or other substance which will enable the ballot to be
18 tabulated by means of automatic tabulating equipment or by an
19 electronic scanning process.

20 "Redundant count" means a verification of the original
21 computer count by another count using compatible equipment or
22 by hand as part of a discovery recount.

23 "Security punch" means a punch placed on a ballot card to
24 identify to the computer program the offices and propositions
25 for which votes may be cast and to indicate the manner in
26 which votes cast should be tabulated while negating any
27 inadmissible votes.

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