

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 Section  
5 1A-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

7 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise the  
8 following powers and perform the following duties in addition  
9 to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by law:

10 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the State  
11 Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as heretofore  
12 provided in this Act;

13 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with  
14 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections  
15 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State  
16 and the laws of the United States;

17 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each  
18 primary and general election and any other election it  
19 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions  
20 consistent with the provisions of this Act which shall be  
21 used by election authorities in the preparation of the  
22 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of  
23 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,  
24 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the  
25 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board  
26 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions  
27 applicable to different election jurisdictions which  
28 administer elections under different options provided by  
29 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular  
30 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any  
31 official manual of instructions published by election  
32 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any

1 election authority shall be identical with the manual of  
2 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be  
3 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special or  
4 unusual local election problems, provided that all manuals  
5 published by election authorities must be consistent with  
6 the provisions of this Act in all respects and must receive  
7 the approval of the State Board of Elections prior to  
8 publication; provided further that if the State Board does  
9 not approve or disapprove of a proposed manual within 60  
10 days of its submission, the manual shall be deemed  
11 approved.

12 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform  
13 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with  
14 the provisions of this Act as it shall deem advisable which  
15 shall be used by election authorities in the conduct of  
16 elections and registrations;

17 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any  
18 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
19 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the electors  
20 throughout the State or, when required to do so by law, to  
21 the voters of any area or unit of local government of the  
22 State;

23 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the  
24 conduct of elections and registration from election  
25 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

26 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating  
27 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed  
28 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to the  
29 appropriate State's Attorney;

30 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to  
31 improve the administration of elections and registration;

32 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in  
33 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules  
34 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of  
35 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise  
36 provided by law;

1           (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of  
2 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the  
3 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

4           (11) Maintain in its principal office a research  
5 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of  
6 votes by precinct for general primary elections and general  
7 elections, current precinct maps and current precinct poll  
8 lists from all election jurisdictions within the State. The  
9 research library shall be open to the public during regular  
10 business hours. Such abstracts, maps and lists shall be  
11 preserved as permanent records and shall be available for  
12 examination and copying at a reasonable cost;

13           (12) Supervise the administration of the registration  
14 and election laws throughout the State;

15           (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management  
16 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of  
17 Central Management Services Law (20 ILCS 405/405-250),  
18 such use of electronic data processing equipment as may be  
19 required to perform the duties of the State Board of  
20 Elections and to provide election-related information to  
21 candidates, public and party officials, interested civic  
22 organizations and the general public in a timely and  
23 efficient manner; and

24           (14) To take such action as may be necessary or  
25 required to give effect to directions of the national  
26 committee or State central committee of an established  
27 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11 and 7-14.1 or such  
28 other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to the  
29 selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an  
30 established political party's national nominating  
31 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate  
32 certification schedule contained within the Election Code,  
33 the certification of the Presidential and Vice  
34 Presidential candidate selected by the established party's  
35 national nominating convention in 2004.

36 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or

1 functions under this Article, except that final determinations  
2 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the  
3 Board.

4 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall  
5 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,  
6 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the  
8 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as  
9 required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law in  
10 relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25, 1874,  
11 as amended, and filing such additional copies with the State  
12 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly  
13 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State  
14 Library Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.