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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3270
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 3270 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section 7-10 as follows:
6	(10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)
7	Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
8	candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman, or
9	township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward
10	committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to
11	national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the
12	primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed
13	in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the
14	following form:
15	We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the

16 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in

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1 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois, 2 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons 3 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the 4 nomination for (or in case of committeemen for election to) the 5 office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert date). 6 7 Name Office Address 8 John Jones Governor Belvidere, Ill. 9 Thomas Smith Attorney General Oakland, Ill. 10 Name..... Address..... State of Illinois) 11 12) ss. 13 County of....) I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No. 14 15 street, in the of, county of, and State of, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen 16 17 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the 18 19 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at 20 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the 21 party, and that their respective residences are correctly 22 stated, as above set forth. 23 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date). 24

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

10 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors residing in the political division for which the nomination is 11 12 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address shall be 13 14 written or printed. The residence address required to be 15 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's name shall include the street address or rural route number of 16 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county, 17 18 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or 19 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors 20 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors 21 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village 22 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address, including street number, if any. 23 24 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a 25 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or

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1 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as 2 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying 3 4 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed 5 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that 6 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last 7 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that 8 9 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 10 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and 11 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the 12 13 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a 14 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before 15 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

19 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on 20 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any 21 signature from the petition, provided that:

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

(2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
 certification listing the page number and line number of
 each signature struck from the petition. Such

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certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened 2 3 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and 4 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable 5 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively. The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end 6 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition 7 8 sheets which are filed with the proper local election 9 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections 10 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the 11 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part 12 13 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates 14 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This 15 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the 16 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which 17 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified 18 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state 19 20 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he 21 22 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing 23 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the 24 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the 25 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall 26 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some

1 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State and shall be in substantially the following form: 2 3 Statement of Candidacy 4 Name Address Office District Party 5 John Jones 102 Main St. Governor Statewide Republican Belvidere, 6 7 Illinois 8 State of Illinois) 9) ss. 10 County of) I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at 11 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county of, 12 13 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a 14 qualified primary voter of the party; that I am a candidate for nomination (for election in the case 15 of 16 committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates) to the office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be 17 18 held on (insert date); that I am legally gualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility 19 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold 20 21 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the 22 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic 23 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act 24 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case 25

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1 of committeemen and delegates and alternate delegates) such office. 2 Signed 3 4 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by, 5 who is to me personally known, on (insert date). 6 Signed 7 (Official Character) 8 (Seal, if officer has one.)

9 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added 10 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election 11 12 authority or local election official with whom the petition is 13 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition. 14 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required 15 by this Article is deemed quilty of a forgery and on conviction thereof shall be punished accordingly. 16

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

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

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1 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for 2 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or 3 4 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating 5 convention elected from a congressional district, then the 6 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary 7 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional 8 9 district. In the first primary election following а 10 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's 11 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party 12 13 in his or her congressional district.

(c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any 14 15 countywide office, including but not limited to county board 16 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's 17 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of 18 signatures equal to 0.5% of the gualified electors of his or 19 20 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election in his or her county or 500, whichever is greater. If a 21 22 candidate seeks to run for county board member elected from a 23 county board district, then the candidate's petition for 24 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal 25 to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in the county board district or 500, whichever is greater. In 26

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1 the first primary election following a redistricting of county board districts or the initial establishment of county board 2 3 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain 4 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the 5 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by 6 the total number of county board districts comprising the 7 county board, or 500, whichever is greater; provided that in no 8 event shall the number of signatures be less than 25. 9

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(d) County office; Cook County only.

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

17 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination 18 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 19 20 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party 21 in his or her county board district. In the first primary 22 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of 23 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for 24 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures 25 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party 26 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding 1

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general election divided by the total number of county board districts comprising the county board; provided that in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

(3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board 4 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district 5 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property 6 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must 7 8 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of 9 the total number of registered voters in his or her board 10 of review district in the last general election at which a commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from 11 that board of review district. In no event shall the number 12 13 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number 14 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County 15 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first primary election following a redistricting of Cook County 16 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for 17 18 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at 19 least the number of signatures required for a countywide candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the 20 21 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

(e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in the municipality or township. If a 09500HB3270ham001 -11- LRB095 06472 JAM 35448 a

1 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the 2 3 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary 4 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary 5 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or а municipality or 6 trustee districts of the initial establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for 7 8 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at 9 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate 10 of that political party who received the highest number of 11 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from 12 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or 13 14 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less 15 than 25.

(f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party of his or her congressional district.

(g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a 09500HB3270ham001 -12- LRB095 06472 JAM 35448 a

1 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at 2 3 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary 4 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary 5 the first primary election district. In following redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a 6 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the 7 8 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward 9 of that sanitary district.

10 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition 11 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to 12 13 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the 14 candidate for his or her political party for the office of 15 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was 16 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or 17 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must 18 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number 19 20 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her 21 political party who received the highest number of votes at the 22 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same 23 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, 24 but in no event less than 500 signatures.

(i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If acandidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the

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1 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10 2 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the 3 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson, 4 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no 5 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16% 6 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of 7 8 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is 9 greater. Ιf а candidate seeks to run for township 10 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination 11 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5% of the primary electors of his or her party of the township, 12 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the 13 14 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum 15 number, whichever is greater.

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

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

3 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors 4 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the 5 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party 6 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the last general election in the State at which electors for 7 8 President of the United States were elected. For political 9 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be 10 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for 11 that political party who received the highest number of votes in the political subdivision at the last regular election at 12 13 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from subdivision. For wards or 14 that districts of political 15 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be 16 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for that political party who received the highest number of votes 17 18 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which 19 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward 20 or district.

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

The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law, except for item (3) of subsection (d). 09500HB3270ham001 -15- LRB095 06472 JAM 35448 a

Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different offices.

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