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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1388

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1388 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 7-10, 8-8, and 10-3 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

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  
 6 primary election to be held on (insert date).

7	Name	Office	Address
8	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
9	Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

10 Name..... Address.....

11 State of Illinois)

12 ) ss.

13 County of.....)

14 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....  
 15 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 16 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 17 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 18 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 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 .....

24 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

1 .....  
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3 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
4 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
5 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate  
6 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or  
7 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the  
8 office, the political party represented and place of residence;  
9 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

10 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors  
11 residing in the political division for which the nomination is  
12 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the  
13 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be  
14 written or printed. The residence address required to be  
15 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's  
16 name shall include the street address or rural route number of  
17 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,  
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  
23 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.  
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  
older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street

1 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 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed  
4 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are  
5 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 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90  
9 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and  
10 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief  
11 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the  
12 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a  
13 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before  
14 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

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

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

23 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
24 certification listing the page number and line number of  
25 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
26 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

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

1 and shall be in substantially the following form:

2 Statement of Candidacy

3	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
4	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
5		Belvidere,			
6		Illinois			

7 State of Illinois)

8 ) ss.

9 County of .....)

10 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
11 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
12 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
13 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
14 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
15 committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates) to the  
16 office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to be  
17 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including  
18 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility  
19 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold  
20 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the  
21 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic  
22 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act  
23 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official  
24 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case  
25 of committeemen and delegates and alternate delegates) such

1 office.

2 Signed .....

3 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by .....,  
4 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

5 Signed .....

6 (Official Character)

7 (Seal, if officer has one.)

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

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

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

25 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a

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

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



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

8 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

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

1 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

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

20 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
21 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
22 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
23 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
24 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a  
25 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the  
26 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the

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

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

19 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
20 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not  
21 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
22 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
23 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the  
24 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a  
25 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,  
26 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at

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

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

23 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a  
24 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the  
25 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10  
26 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the

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

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

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

1       A maximum number of signatures on the nominating petition  
2 of a candidate for any office is not required and shall not be  
3 imposed.

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

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

25       The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of  
26 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,

1 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

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

6 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07;  
7 95-916, eff. 8-26-08.)

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

9 Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
10 candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary  
11 ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed  
12 in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such  
13 petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by  
14 Section 7-10.1 of this Act and a statement of candidacy by the  
15 candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This  
16 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the  
17 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
18 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which  
19 the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified and  
20 has filed a statement of economic interests as required by the  
21 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
22 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall  
23 be subscribed and sworn by such candidate before some officer  
24 authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in this State and  
25 may be in substantially the following form:

1 State of Illinois)

2 ) ss.

3 County .....

4 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
5 street in the city (or village of) .... in the county of ....  
6 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
7 qualified primary voter of .... party; that I am a candidate  
8 for nomination to the office of .... to be voted upon at the  
9 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
10 qualified to hold such office and that I have filed a statement  
11 of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental  
12 Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon  
13 the official primary ballot for nomination for such office.

14 Signed .....

15 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by .....,  
16 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

17 Signed .... (Official Character)

18 (Seal if officer has one.)

19 The receipt issued by the Secretary of State indicating  
20 that the candidate has filed the statement of economic  
21 interests required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act must  
22 be filed with the petitions for nomination as provided in  
23 subsection (8) of Section 7-12 of this Code.

24 All petitions for nomination for the office of State  
25 Senator shall be signed by 1% or 1,000 , whichever is greater,  
26 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in



1 his legislative district, except that for the first primary  
2 following a redistricting of legislative districts, such  
3 petitions shall be signed by at least 1,000 qualified primary  
4 electors of the candidate's party in his legislative district.  
5 A maximum number of signatures on the nominating petition of a  
6 candidate for the office of State Senator is not required and  
7 shall not be imposed.

8 All petitions for nomination for the office of  
9 Representative in the General Assembly shall be signed by at  
10 least 1% or 500 , whichever is greater, of the qualified  
11 primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her  
12 representative district, except that for the first primary  
13 following a redistricting of representative districts such  
14 petitions shall be signed by at least 500 qualified primary  
15 electors of the candidate's party in his or her representative  
16 district. A maximum number of signatures on the nominating  
17 petition of a candidate for the office of State Representative  
18 is not required and shall not be imposed.

19 Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector  
20 who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State  
21 Representative or State Senator such elector's residence  
22 address shall be written or printed. The residence address  
23 required to be written or printed opposite each qualified  
24 primary elector's name shall include the street address or  
25 rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well  
26 as the signer's county and city, village or town.

1           For the purposes of this Section, the number of primary  
2 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in  
3 the applicable district, for the candidate for such political  
4 party who received the highest number of votes, state-wide, at  
5 the last general election in the State at which electors for  
6 President of the United States were elected.

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

10           In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the petition  
11 circulator, who shall be a person 18 years of age or older who  
12 is a citizen of the United States, shall state his or her  
13 street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as  
14 well as his or her county, city, village or town, and state;  
15 and shall certify that the signatures on that sheet of the  
16 petition were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify  
17 that the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that to the  
18 best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing  
19 were at the time of signing the petition qualified primary  
20 voters for which the nomination is sought.

21           In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet, the  
22 petition circulator shall either (1) indicate the dates on  
23 which he or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the  
24 first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3)  
25 certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed  
26 more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the

1 petition. No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90  
2 days preceding the last day provided in Section 8-9 for the  
3 filing of such petition.

4 All petition sheets which are filed with the State Board of  
5 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed  
6 by the voters and by the circulator, and not photocopies or  
7 duplicates of such sheets.

8 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
9 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
10 signature from the petition, provided that:

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

13 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
14 certification listing the page number and line number of  
15 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
16 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

17 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

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

19 Sec. 10-3. Nomination of independent candidates (not  
20 candidates of any political party), for any office to be filled  
21 by the voters of the State at large may also be made by  
22 nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by  
23 1% of the number of voters who voted in the next preceding  
24 Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified voters of the  
25 State, whichever is less. Nominations of independent

1 candidates for public office within any district or political  
2 subdivision less than the State, may be made by nomination  
3 papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by qualified  
4 voters of such district, or political subdivision, equaling not  
5 less than 5%, ~~nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum,~~  
6 ~~whichever is greater)~~ of the number of persons, who voted at  
7 the next preceding regular election in such district or  
8 political subdivision in which such district or political  
9 subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to  
10 serve its respective territorial area. However, whenever the  
11 minimum signature requirement for an independent candidate  
12 petition for a district or political subdivision office shall  
13 exceed the minimum number of signatures for an independent  
14 candidate petition for an office to be filled by the voters of  
15 the State at large at the next preceding State-wide general  
16 election, such State-wide petition signature requirement shall  
17 be the minimum for an independent candidate petition for such  
18 district or political subdivision office. For the first  
19 election following a redistricting of congressional districts,  
20 nomination papers for an independent candidate for congressman  
21 shall be signed by at least 5,000 qualified voters of the  
22 congressional district. For the first election following a  
23 redistricting of legislative districts, nomination papers for  
24 an independent candidate for State Senator in the General  
25 Assembly shall be signed by at least 3,000 qualified voters of  
26 the legislative district. For the first election following a

1 redistricting of representative districts, nomination papers  
2 for an independent candidate for State Representative in the  
3 General Assembly shall be signed by at least 1,500 qualified  
4 voters of the representative district. For the first election  
5 following redistricting of county board districts, or of  
6 municipal wards or districts, or for the first election  
7 following the initial establishment of such districts or wards  
8 in a county or municipality, nomination papers for an  
9 independent candidate for county board member, or for alderman  
10 or trustee of such municipality, shall be signed by qualified  
11 voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% ~~nor~~  
12 ~~more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is~~  
13 ~~greater)~~ of the total number of votes cast at the preceding  
14 general or general municipal election, as the case may be, for  
15 the county or municipal office voted on throughout such county  
16 or municipality for which the greatest total number of votes  
17 were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of  
18 districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified  
19 voters of the district or ward.

20 A maximum number of signatures on the nominating petition  
21 of a candidate for any office is not required and shall not be  
22 imposed.

23 Each voter signing a nomination paper shall add to his  
24 signature his place of residence, and each voter may subscribe  
25 to one nomination for such office to be filled, and no more:  
26 Provided that the name of any candidate whose name may appear

1 in any other place upon the ballot shall not be so added by  
2 petition for the same office.

3 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on  
4 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
5 signature from the petition, provided that;

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

8 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
9 certification listing the page number and line number of  
10 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
11 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

12 (3) the persons striking signatures from the petition  
13 shall each sign an additional certificate specifying the  
14 number of certification pages listing stricken signatures  
15 which are attached to the petition and the page numbers  
16 indicated on such certifications. The certificate shall be  
17 filed as a part of the petition, shall be numbered, and  
18 shall be attached immediately following the last page of  
19 voters' signatures and before the certifications of  
20 stricken signatures.

21 (4) all of the foregoing requirements shall be  
22 necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. The  
23 provisions of this Section authorizing the striking of  
24 signatures shall not impose any criminal liability on any  
25 person so authorized for signatures which may be  
26 fraudulent.

1           In the case of the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
2 Governor a joint petition including one candidate for each of  
3 those offices must be filed.

4           A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
5 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated  
6 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is  
7 ineligible to be placed on the ballot as an independent  
8 candidate for election in that general or consolidated  
9 election.

10          A candidate seeking election to an office for which  
11 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is  
12 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her  
13 nomination at such caucus, is ineligible to be listed on the  
14 ballot at that general or consolidated election as an  
15 independent candidate.

16          (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

17          Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
18 adding Section 3.1-15-45 as follows:

19           (65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-45 new)

20           Sec. 3.1-15-45. Maximum nominating petition signatures.  
21 Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary, a  
22 maximum number of signatures on the nominating petition of a  
23 candidate for any elected municipal office is not required and  
24 shall not be imposed. Any such maximum requirement created by

1 this Code is inoperative and shall not be applied.

2 Section 15. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is  
3 amended by changing Section 21-28 as follows:

4 (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)

5 Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.

6 (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city  
7 shall be by petition. All petitions for nominations of  
8 candidates shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of  
9 the ward as will aggregate not less than two per cent of all  
10 the votes cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding  
11 general election. For the election following the redistricting  
12 of wards petitions for nominations of candidates shall be  
13 signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as will  
14 aggregate not less than 2% of the total number of votes cast  
15 for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided by  
16 the number of wards.

17 (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city  
18 treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for  
19 nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500  
20 legal voters of the city.

21 (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,  
22 shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the  
23 election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago  
24 concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public



1 office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is  
2 exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided  
3 by law.

4 (d) A maximum number of signatures on the nominating  
5 petition of a candidate for any office is not required and  
6 shall not be imposed.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)".