

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 12A-5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/12A-5)

7 Sec. 12A-5. Internet Guide. The Board shall publish, no  
8 later than the 45th day before a general election in which a  
9 statewide candidate appears on the ballot, an Internet website  
10 with the following information:

11 (1) The date and time of the general election.

12 (2) Requirements for a citizen to qualify as an  
13 elector.

14 (3) The deadline for registering as an elector in the  
15 State of Illinois for the next election.

16 (4) Contact information for local election  
17 authorities.

18 (5) A description of the following offices, when they  
19 appear on the ballot, including their term of office, basic  
20 duties, and base salary: United States President, United  
21 States Senator, United States Representative, Governor,  
22 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State,  
23 Treasurer, Comptroller, Illinois Supreme Court Judge, and

1 Illinois Appellate Court Judge. The Board shall not include  
2 information on any office other than the offices listed in  
3 this item (5).

4 (6) The names and party affiliations of qualified  
5 candidates for the following offices, when these offices  
6 appear on the ballot: United States President, United  
7 States Senator, United States Representative, Governor,  
8 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State,  
9 Treasurer, Comptroller, Illinois Supreme Court Judge, and  
10 Illinois Appellate Court Judge. The Board shall not include  
11 information on candidates for any office other than the  
12 offices listed in this item (6).

13 (7) Challenged candidates. Where a candidate's right  
14 to appear on the general election ballot has been  
15 challenged, and any appeal remains pending regarding those  
16 challenges, the challenged candidate may appear on the  
17 Internet Guide, subject to the other provisions of Section  
18 12A-10. In this instance, the Board may note that the  
19 candidate's candidacy has been challenged and that he or  
20 she may be removed from the ballot prior to election day.  
21 If the candidate is removed from the ballot prior to  
22 election day, the Board shall remove the candidate's name  
23 and other information from the Internet Guide.

24 (8) Any personal statement and photograph submitted by  
25 a candidate named in the Internet Guide, subject to  
26 Sections 12A-10 and 12A-35.

1           (9) A means by which an elector may determine what type  
2 of balloting equipment is used by his or her local election  
3 authority, and the instructions for properly using that  
4 equipment.

5           (10) The text of any public question that may appear on  
6 the ballot.

7           (11) A mechanism by which electors may determine in  
8 which congressional and judicial districts they reside.  
9 The Internet Guide shall allow visitors to search for  
10 candidates by office (e.g., Governor or United States  
11 Senator) and candidate's name.

12           (12) Information concerning how to become an election  
13 judge.

14           The Board shall archive the contents of the Internet Guide  
15 for a period of at least 5 years.

16           In addition, the Board shall ~~has the discretion to~~ publish  
17 a voters' guide before a general primary election in the manner  
18 provided in this Article.

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