

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing Section  
5 45-10 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

7 Sec. 45-10. Political party caucus in township; notice.

8 (a) On the first Tuesday in December preceding the date of  
9 the regular township election, a caucus shall be held by the  
10 voters of each established political party in a township to  
11 nominate its candidates for the various offices to be filled at  
12 the election. Notice of the caucus shall be given at least 10  
13 days before it is held by publication in some newspaper having  
14 a general circulation in the township. Not less than 30 days  
15 before the caucus, the township clerk shall notify the chairman  
16 or membership of each township central committee by first-class  
17 mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation to report the  
18 time and location of the political party's caucus. Not less  
19 than 20 days before the caucus, each chairman of the township  
20 central committee shall notify the township clerk by  
21 first-class mail of the time and location of the political  
22 party's caucus. If the time and location of 2 or more political  
23 party caucuses conflict, the township clerk shall establish, by

1 a fair and impartial public lottery, the time and location for  
2 each caucus.

3 If the chairperson of the township central committee fails  
4 to meet the requirements of this Section, the chairperson's  
5 political party shall not be permitted to nominate a candidate,  
6 either by caucus as provided for in this Section or as  
7 otherwise authorized by the Election Code, in the next upcoming  
8 consolidated election for any office for which a nomination  
9 could have been made at the caucus should the chairperson of  
10 the township central committee have met the requirements of  
11 this Section.

12 (b) Except as provided in this Section, the township board  
13 shall cause notices of the caucuses to be published. The notice  
14 shall state the time and place where the caucus for each  
15 political party will be held. The board shall fix a place  
16 within the township for holding the caucus for each established  
17 political party. When a new township has been established under  
18 Section 10-25, the county board shall cause notice of the  
19 caucuses to be published as required by this Section and shall  
20 fix the place within the new township for holding the caucuses.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.