

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 adding Section  
5 7-67 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-67 new)

7 Sec. 7-67. Nominations; regional superintendents of  
8 schools.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
10 this Section shall apply only to the making of nominations for  
11 established party candidates for regional superintendent of  
12 schools in the 2014 general primary election.

13 (b) A candidate's petition for nomination must contain at  
14 least 200 signatures or the number of signatures equal to 0.5%  
15 of the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
16 comprising the county or counties, whichever is less. For  
17 purposes of this subsection, the number of primary electors  
18 shall be determined by taking the total votes cast in the  
19 applicable district for the candidate for that political party  
20 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the  
21 last general election in the State at which electors for  
22 President of the United States were elected.

23 (c) Petitions for nomination for regional superintendent

1 of schools shall be filed no earlier than December 16, 2013,  
2 and no later than December 23, 2013.

3 (d) Petitions for single-county districts shall be filed  
4 with the county election authority. Petitions for multi-county  
5 districts shall be filed with the State Board of Elections.  
6 Signatures and circulator statements on petitions for  
7 nomination filed with the State Board of Elections or county  
8 election authority during the filing period for nominations  
9 shall not be deemed invalid for the sole reason that the  
10 petitions were circulated between 90 and 111 days before the  
11 last day for filing petitions.

12 (e) In the case of a conflict between the provisions of  
13 this Section and any other provision of this Code, the  
14 provisions of this Section shall control.

15 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
16 3A-4 as follows:

17 (105 ILCS 5/3A-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-4)

18 Sec. 3A-4. Mandatory consolidation of educational service  
19 regions.

20 (a) After July 1, 2015, each region must contain at least  
21 61,000 inhabitants. Before June 30, 2013, regions may be  
22 consolidated voluntarily under Section 3A-3 or by joint  
23 resolution of the county boards of regions seeking to join a  
24 voluntary consolidation, effective July 1, 2015, to meet these

1 population requirements. The boundaries of regions already  
2 meeting these population requirements on the effective date of  
3 Public Act 97-703 ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General~~  
4 ~~Assembly~~ may not be changed except to consolidate with another  
5 region or a whole county portion of another region which does  
6 not meet these population requirements. If, before November 1,  
7 2013 ~~January 1, 2014~~, locally determined consolidation  
8 decisions result in more than 35 regions of population greater  
9 than 61,000 each, the State Board of Education shall, before  
10 November 23, 2013 ~~June 1, 2014~~, direct further consolidation,  
11 beginning with the region of lowest population, until the  
12 number of 35 regions is achieved.

13 (b) (Blank).

14 (c) If, within 90 days after the most recent certified  
15 federal census, a region does not meet the population  
16 requirements of this Section, then regions may be consolidated  
17 voluntarily under Section 3A-3 of this Code or by joint  
18 resolution of the county boards of regions seeking to join a  
19 voluntary consolidation to meet these population requirements.  
20 If locally determined consolidation decisions result in a  
21 region not meeting the population requirements of this Section  
22 or result in more than 35 regions, then the State Board of  
23 Education shall have the authority to impose further  
24 consolidation by order of the State Superintendent of  
25 Education. Such an order shall be a final order and is subject  
26 to the Administrative Review Law.

1           (d) All population determinations shall be based on the  
2 most recent federal census.

3           (Source: P.A. 97-703, eff. 6-25-12.)

4           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.