

HB0262



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0262

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/21-1

from Ch. 46, par. 21-1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that electors of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be chosen by congressional district.

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A BILL FOR

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 21-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

7 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President
8 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the
9 following manner:

10 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of
11 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in
12 this State shall choose by its State Convention one elector
13 ~~electors~~ of President and Vice-President of the United States
14 from each congressional district and such State Convention of
15 such party or group shall also choose 2 electors at large, if
16 any are to be appointed for this State and such State
17 Convention of such party or group shall by its chairman and
18 secretary certify the total list of such electors together with
19 electors at large so chosen to the State Board of Elections.

20 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such
21 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the
22 choosing and selection of the electors for the individual
23 congressional districts of this State, if such party or group

1 is successful at the polls in the individual congressional
2 district as herein provided in choosing their candidates for
3 President and Vice-President of the United States.

4 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political
5 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President
6 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the
7 election to be held on the day in this Act above named. In lieu
8 of the names of the candidates for such electors of President
9 and Vice-President, immediately under the appellation of party
10 name of a party or group in the column of its candidates on the
11 official ballot, to be voted at said election first above named
12 in subsection (1) of Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there
13 shall be printed within a bracket the name of the candidate for
14 President and the name of the candidate for Vice-President of
15 such party or group with a square to the left of such bracket.
16 Each voter in this State from the several lists or sets of
17 electors so chosen and selected by the said respective
18 political parties or groups, may choose and elect an elector
19 ~~one of such lists or sets of electors~~ by placing a cross in the
20 square to the left of the bracket aforesaid of one of such
21 parties or groups. Placing a cross within the square before the
22 bracket enclosing the names of President and Vice-President
23 shall not be deemed and taken as a direct vote for such
24 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,
25 but shall only be deemed and taken to be a vote for the elector
26 ~~entire list or set of electors~~ chosen by that political party

1 or group for that congressional district so certified to the
2 State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by means of
3 placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the
4 appellation or title of the particular political party or
5 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the
6 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,
7 but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the elector
8 ~~entire list or set of electors~~ chosen by that political party
9 or group so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein
10 provided.

11 (c) Such certification by the respective political parties
12 or groups in this State of electors of President and
13 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections
14 within 2 days after such State convention.

15 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and
16 selection of electors of the same political party or group be
17 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it shall
18 be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10 days
19 after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to meet
20 and determine which set of nominees for electors of such party
21 or group was chosen and selected by the authorized convention
22 of such party or group. The Board, after notice to the chairman
23 and secretaries or managers of the conventions or groups and
24 after a hearing shall determine which elector ~~set of electors~~
25 was so chosen for each congressional district by the authorized
26 convention and shall so announce and publish the fact, and such

1 decision shall be final and the set of electors so determined
2 upon by the electoral board to be so chosen shall be the list
3 or set of electors to be deemed elected if that party shall be
4 successful at the polls in each congressional district, as
5 herein provided.

6 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a
7 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the
8 executive committee of the party or group for such
9 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to
10 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the
11 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the
12 State committee of such political party or group, and certified
13 by it to the State Board of Elections.

14 (f) Each congressional district presidential elector shall
15 cast his or her ballot for the Presidential and Vice
16 Presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes
17 in his or her congressional district.

18 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)