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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1529

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1529, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
6 Sections 1-3, 1-12, 1A-16.5, 1A-16.8, 4-8, 4-20, 4-33, 5-7,  
7 5-28, 5-43, 6-35, 6-65, 6-79, 7-9, 9-3, 10-6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-8,  
8 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-8, 20-10, 20-10, 24C-12  
9 and 29-5, and by adding Sections 1-13 and 1A-50 as follows:

10 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

11 Sec. 1-3. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise  
12 requires:

13 1. "Election" includes the submission of all questions of  
14 public policy, propositions, and all measures submitted to  
15 popular vote, and includes primary elections when so indicated  
16 by the context.

1           2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,  
2 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly  
3 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal  
4 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only  
5 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is  
6 required to be held on such date.

7           3. "Special election" means an election not regularly  
8 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is  
9 held at the same time and place and by the same election  
10 officers as a regular election.

11           4. "General election" means the biennial election at which  
12 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary  
13 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary  
14 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates  
15 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

16           5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,  
17 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and  
18 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,  
19 village or incorporated town.

20           6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit  
21 of local government, or school district in which elections are  
22 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also  
23 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School  
24 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

25           7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply  
26 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization

1 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township  
2 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality  
3 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal  
4 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

5 8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of  
6 Election Commissioners.

7 9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in  
8 the case of a county in which no city board of election  
9 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of  
10 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial  
11 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (c)  
12 the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city  
13 board of election commissioners. In each instance election  
14 jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election  
15 authority maintains the permanent registration records of  
16 qualified electors.

17 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary  
18 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case  
19 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,  
20 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the  
21 various school officer elections and school referenda for which  
22 the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by The  
23 School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

24 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar  
25 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,  
26 when used in connection with duties at an election during the

1 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of  
2 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with  
3 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to  
4 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the  
5 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated  
6 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,  
7 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be  
8 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be  
9 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the  
10 holdover judges.

11 12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and  
12 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's  
13 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of  
14 qualified primary electors bound together.

15 13. "Election district" and "precinct", when used with  
16 reference to a 30-day residence requirement, means the smallest  
17 constituent territory in which electors vote as a unit at the  
18 same polling place in any election governed by this Act.

19 14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the  
20 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of  
21 local government or school district, and includes, but is not  
22 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,  
23 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and  
24 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and  
25 precincts.

26 15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means

1 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at  
2 an election dealing with subject matter other than the  
3 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is  
4 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions  
5 relating to the Constitution.

6 16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a  
7 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the  
8 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions  
9 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of government,  
10 the officers or the manner of selection or terms of office of  
11 officers of such municipality or county, pursuant to the  
12 provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the  
13 Constitution.

14 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,  
15 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc  
16 or other electronic data processing information containing  
17 voter information.

18 18. "Accessible" means accessible to persons with  
19 disabilities and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting  
20 or registration, as determined by rule of the State Board of  
21 Elections.

22 19. "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

23 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a  
24 temporary or permanent physical disability.

25 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two  
26 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most

1 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the  
2 highest or second highest average number of votes. The  
3 political party whose candidates for governor received the  
4 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first  
5 leading political party and the political party whose  
6 candidates for governor received the second highest average  
7 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political  
8 party.

9 22. "Business day" means any day in which the office of an  
10 election authority, local election official or the State Board  
11 of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of 7 hours.

12 23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a  
13 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a  
14 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space under  
15 a bridge.

16 24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized  
17 form. This definition does not apply to a nominating or  
18 candidate petition or a referendum petition.

19 25. "Intelligent mail barcode tracking system" means a  
20 printed trackable barcode attached to the return business reply  
21 envelope for mail-in ballots under Article 19 or Article 20  
22 that allows an election authority to determine the date the  
23 envelope was mailed in absence of a postmark.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

1           Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

2           (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition  
3 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required  
4 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and  
5 grace period voting at the student union on the campus of a  
6 public university within the election authority's  
7 jurisdiction. The voting required by this subsection (a) to be  
8 conducted on campus must be conducted from the 6th day before a  
9 general primary or general election until and including the 4th  
10 day before a general primary or general election from 10:00  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and as otherwise required by Article 19A of this  
12 Code, except that the voting required by this subsection (a)  
13 need not be conducted during a consolidated primary or  
14 consolidated election. If an election authority has voting  
15 equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required  
16 in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election  
17 authority shall extend early voting and grace period  
18 registration and voting under this Section to any registered  
19 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the  
20 election authority does not have voting equipment that can  
21 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election  
22 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may  
23 limit early voting and grace period registration and voting  
24 under this Section to voters in precincts where the public  
25 university is located and precincts bordering the university.  
26 Each public university shall make the space available at the

1 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the  
2 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this  
3 subsection (a).

4 (b) (Blank).

5 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"  
6 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,  
7 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern  
8 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern  
9 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and  
10 Northeastern Illinois University.

11 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union" means  
12 the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of  
13 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the  
14 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building  
15 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student  
16 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the  
17 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;  
18 the SIUC Student Center at the Southern Illinois University at  
19 Carbondale campus; the Morris University Center at the Southern  
20 Illinois University at Edwardsville campus; the University  
21 Union at the Western Illinois University at the Macomb campus;  
22 the Holmes Student Center at the Northern Illinois University  
23 campus; the University Union at the Eastern Illinois University  
24 campus; NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois  
25 University campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois  
26 State University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the



1 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in  
2 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;  
4 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/1-13 new)

6 Sec. 1-13. Forms of signature. The making and signing of  
7 any form, including an application to register, a certificate  
8 authorizing cancellation of a registration or authorizing a  
9 transfer of registration, an application to vote, a provisional  
10 ballot, or affidavit, but not including a nominating or  
11 candidate petition or a referendum petition, may be by a  
12 signature written in ink or in digitized form.

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

14 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

15 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
16 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a  
17 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her  
18 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical  
19 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each  
20 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system  
21 capable of receiving and processing voter registration  
22 application information, including electronic signatures, from  
23 the online voter registration system established by the State  
24 Board of Elections.

1           (b) The online voter registration system shall employ  
2 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter  
3 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to  
4 this Section.

5           (c) The Board may receive voter registration information  
6 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'  
7 website, may cross reference that information with data or  
8 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in  
9 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may  
10 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized  
11 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's  
12 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's  
13 database.

14           (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
15 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic  
16 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued  
17 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register  
18 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State  
19 Board of Elections.

20           (e) An online voter registration application shall contain  
21 all of the information that is required for a paper application  
22 as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except that the  
23 applicant shall be required to provide:

24                 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or  
25                 State identification card number;

26                 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social

1 security number; and

2 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State  
3 identification card was issued.

4 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in  
5 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box  
6 associated with the following statement included as part of the  
7 online voter registration application:

8 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the  
9 following:

10 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information  
11 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in  
12 the State of Illinois.

13 (2) All the information I have provided on this form is  
14 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

15 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the  
16 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the  
17 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be  
18 used by my local election authority on this online voter  
19 registration application for admission as an elector as if I  
20 had signed this form personally."

21 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter  
22 registration application, the online voter registration system  
23 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the  
24 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving  
25 such an application, the online voter registration system shall  
26 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of

1 whether the following information has been matched with the  
2 Secretary of State database:

3 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois  
4 driver's license or State identification card issued by the  
5 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State  
6 identification number provided by the applicant matches  
7 the driver's license or State identification card number  
8 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

9 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's  
10 license or State identification card listed on the  
11 application matches the date of issuance of that card for  
12 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

13 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant  
14 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the  
15 Secretary of State; and

16 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social  
17 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person  
18 on file with the Secretary of State.

19 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches  
20 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any  
21 driver's license and State identification card holder and is  
22 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter  
23 registration system shall:

24 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database  
25 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from  
26 his or her Illinois driver's license or State

1 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to  
2 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter  
3 registration application;

4 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward  
5 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners  
6 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter  
7 registration: (i) the application, along with the  
8 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into  
9 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a  
10 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a  
11 certification from the State Board of Elections that the  
12 applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
13 number, driver's license or State identification card date  
14 of issuance, and date of birth and social security  
15 information have been successfully matched.

16 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration  
17 application, the county clerk or board of election  
18 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter  
19 registration shall promptly search its voter registration  
20 database to determine whether the applicant is already  
21 registered to vote at the address on the application and  
22 whether the new registration would create a duplicate  
23 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at  
24 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case  
25 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and  
26 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic

1 mail address on the original voter registration form for that  
2 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law  
3 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to  
4 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already  
5 registered to vote at the address on the application and the  
6 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk  
7 or board, as the case may be, shall:

8 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the  
9 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

10 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant  
11 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter  
12 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as  
13 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's  
14 name and address as it appears on the application and  
15 stating that the person is registered to vote.

16 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a  
17 duplicate registration application or a change of address form  
18 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's  
19 driver's license or State identification card database as  
20 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,  
21 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that  
22 individual in the voter registration database of the county  
23 clerk or board of election commissioners.

24 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted  
25 electronically as provided in this Section shall become  
26 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or

1 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said  
2 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section  
3 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online  
4 application or change of address by the county clerk or board  
5 of election commissioners.

6 (1) All provisions of this Code governing voter  
7 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with  
8 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under  
9 this Section. All applications submitted on a website  
10 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed  
11 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on  
12 the 16th day ~~final day for voter registration~~ prior to an  
13 election. After the registration period for an upcoming  
14 election has ended and until the 2nd day following such  
15 election, the web page containing the online voter registration  
16 form on the State Board of Elections website shall inform users  
17 of the procedure for grace period voting.

18 (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of  
19 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,  
20 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of  
21 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration  
22 system and those names and that information shall be stored in  
23 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and  
24 accessible to State and local political committees.

25 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or  
26 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able

1 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile  
2 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

3 (o) (Blank).

4 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet  
5 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website  
6 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For  
7 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the  
8 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the  
9 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and  
10 Departments of State Government).

11 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;  
12 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

14 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based  
15 upon information from the National Change of Address database.  
16 The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the  
17 statewide voter registration database against the United  
18 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database  
19 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in  
20 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in even-numbered  
21 years, and shall share the findings with the election  
22 authorities. An election authority shall automatically  
23 register any voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from  
24 another jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its  
25 jurisdiction provided that:



1           (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes  
2           the new registration address provides the voter an  
3           opportunity to reject the change in registration address  
4           through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new  
5           registration address, and

6           (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction  
7           includes the previous registration address is a different  
8           election authority, then that election authority provides  
9           the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by forwardable  
10          mail, to the previous registration address.

11          This change in registration shall trigger the same  
12          inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if  
13          the voter completed a new registration card, including the  
14          cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the  
15          registration of a voter be changed from one address to another  
16          within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and  
17          offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting  
18          that the prior registration address is the true current  
19          address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as  
20          having been registered at the prior registration address and  
21          canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall  
22          be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration  
23          address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable  
24          to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be  
25          issued a provisional ballot ~~and the provisional ballot shall be~~  
26          counted.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/1A-50 new)

3 Sec. 1A-50. The ERIC Operations Trust Fund. The ERIC  
4 Operations Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is created as a  
5 nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside of the State  
6 treasury, with the State Treasurer as ex officio custodian. The  
7 Trust Fund shall be financed by a combination of private  
8 donations and by appropriations by the General Assembly. The  
9 Board may accept from all sources, contributions, grants,  
10 gifts, bequeaths, legacies of money, and securities to be  
11 deposited into the Trust Fund. All deposits shall become part  
12 of the Trust Fund corpus. Moneys in the Trust Fund are not  
13 subject to appropriation and shall be used by the Board solely  
14 for the costs and expenses related to the participation in the  
15 Electronic Registration Information Center pursuant to this  
16 Code.

17 All gifts, grants, assets, funds, or moneys received by the  
18 Board for the purpose of participation in the Electronic  
19 Registration Information Center shall be deposited and held in  
20 the Trust Fund by the State Treasurer separate and apart from  
21 all public moneys or funds of this State and shall be  
22 administered by the Board exclusively for the purposes set  
23 forth in this Section. All moneys in the Trust Fund shall be  
24 invested and reinvested by the State Treasurer. All interest  
25 accruing from these investments shall be deposited in the Trust

1 Fund.

2 The ERIC Operations Trust Fund is not subject to sweeps,  
3 administrative charge-backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary  
4 maneuver that would in any way transfer any amounts from the  
5 ERIC Operations Trust Fund into any other fund of the State.

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

7 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
8 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which  
9 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
10 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
11 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
12 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable  
13 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration  
14 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration  
15 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

16 The registration record card shall contain the following  
17 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
18 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
19 registration:

20 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
21 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
22 for such middle name, if any.

23 Sex.

24 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
25 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit

1 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
2 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
3 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
4 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be  
5 determined by street and number, then the section,  
6 congressional township and range number may be used, or such  
7 other description as may be necessary, including post-office  
8 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
9 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
10 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
11 card.

12 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.  
13 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating  
14 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which  
15 he resided in such place or places during the year next  
16 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

17 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was  
18 born.

19 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
20 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
21 naturalization.

22 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month  
23 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

24 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

25 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
26 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.



1 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
 2 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that this  
 3 location shall be my residence; that I am fully qualified to  
 4 vote, and that the above statements are true.

5 .....  
 6 (His or her signature or mark)

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

8 .....

9 Signature of registration officer.

10 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

11 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
 12 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
 13 registered thereon.

14 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
 15 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
 16 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
 17 determine.

18 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
 19 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
 20 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
 21 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
 22 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
 23 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
 24 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
 25 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or

1 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
2 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
3 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
4 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
5 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the  
6 records but the election authority is not required to extend  
7 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for  
8 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so  
9 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of  
10 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be  
11 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,  
12 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
13 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by  
14 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the  
15 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary  
16 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or  
17 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers  
18 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration  
19 record cards.

20 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
21 electronic data processing information containing voter  
22 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk  
23 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and  
24 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the  
25 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
26 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed

1 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.  
2 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,  
3 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone  
4 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,  
5 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,  
6 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of  
7 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to  
8 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of  
9 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the  
10 circuit court of the county in which the election authority  
11 maintains the registration information. The costs of  
12 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a  
13 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election  
14 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall  
15 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of  
16 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such  
17 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,  
18 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state  
19 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois  
20 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
21 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
22 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
23 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
24 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
25 State or local political committee and other than to a  
26 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically



1 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures  
2 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
3 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
4 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
5 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
6 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
7 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
8 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
9 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
10 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
11 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
12 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the  
13 county clerk to local political committees and governmental  
14 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable  
15 cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be  
16 the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration. The  
17 individual representing a political committee requesting  
18 copies of such tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the  
19 information shall be used only for bona fide political  
20 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or  
21 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic  
22 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political  
23 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial  
24 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain  
25 information on county residents related to the operations of  
26 county government in addition to registration information,

1 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for  
2 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The  
3 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or  
4 computer discs or other electronic data processing information  
5 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
6 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
7 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of  
8 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of  
9 a Class 4 felony.

10 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
11 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
12 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
13 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
14 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
15 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
16 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
17 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
18 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
19 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
20 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

21 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
22 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
23 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
24 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
25 following form:

26 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)

1 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

2 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
3 (city) and that my residence was .....

4 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize  
5 you to cancel said registration in your office.

6 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

7 .....

8 (Signature of Voter)

9 Attest: ....., County Clerk, .....

10 County, Illinois.

11 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
12 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election commission  
13 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly  
14 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority  
15 for cancellation of any previous registration.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/4-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-20)

18 Sec. 4-20. The original registration cards shall remain  
19 permanently in the office of the county clerk or election  
20 authority except as destroyed as provided in Section 4-5.01;  
21 shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts; and  
22 shall be known as the master file. The master file may be kept  
23 in a computer-based voter registration file or paper format,  
24 provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site. The  
25 digital file shall be searchable and remain current with all

1 registration activity conducted by the county clerk or election  
2 authority. The duplicate registration cards shall constitute  
3 the official registry of voters for all elections subject to  
4 the provisions of this Article 4, shall be filed by precincts  
5 alphabetically or geographically so as to correspond with the  
6 arrangement of the list for such precincts respectively,  
7 compiled pursuant to Section 4-11 of this Article, and shall be  
8 known as the precinct file. The duplicate cards for use in  
9 conducting elections shall be delivered to the judges of  
10 election by the county clerk in a suitable binder or other  
11 device, which shall be locked and sealed in accordance with the  
12 directions to be given by the county clerk and shall also be  
13 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.  
14 The duplicate cards shall be delivered to the judges of  
15 election for use at the polls for elections at the same time as  
16 the official ballots are delivered to them, and shall be  
17 returned to the county clerk by the judges of election within  
18 the time provided for the return of the official ballots. The  
19 county clerk shall determine the manner of delivery and return  
20 of such duplicate cards, and shall at all other times retain  
21 them at his office except for such use of them as may be made  
22 under this Article with respect to registration not at the  
23 office of the county clerk.

24 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

1           Sec. 4-33. Computerization of voter records.

2           (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a  
3 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
4 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
5 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
6 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall  
7 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
8 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.  
9 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
10 required under Sections 4-8 and 4-21; provided that the cards  
11 shall also contain: (i) A space for a person to fill in his or  
12 her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
13 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
14 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
15 security number if the person has a social security number.

16           (b) The election authority may develop and implement a  
17 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter  
18 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the  
19 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration  
20 file may be used for all purposes for which the original  
21 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~  
22 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~  
23 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration  
24 forms received via an online voter registration system, the  
25 original registration cards will include the signature  
26 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic

1 file shall be the master file.

2 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a  
3 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
4 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
5 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
6 The making and signing of any form, including an application to  
7 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
8 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be  
9 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

10 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under  
11 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
12 standards:

13 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration  
14 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the  
15 election authority, and each access to the computer-based  
16 voter registration file, other than an access solely for  
17 inquiry, shall be recorded.

18 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
19 computer-based voter registration file that includes any  
20 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered  
21 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the  
22 offices of the election authority.

23 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
24 computer-based voter registration file that includes a  
25 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered  
26 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be

1 reproduced.

2 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an  
3 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison  
4 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made  
5 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of  
6 the registered voter.

7 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter  
8 registration file that includes computer-stored images of  
9 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a  
10 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the  
11 election authority in secure storage until the end of the  
12 second calendar year following the election in which it was  
13 used.

14 (d) Before the first election in which the election  
15 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the  
16 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters  
17 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature  
18 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections  
19 shall certify that the system used by the election authority  
20 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The  
21 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list  
22 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of  
23 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the  
24 signatures of the registered voters.

25 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of  
26 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,

1 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other  
2 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall  
3 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

4 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
5 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
6 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,  
7 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
8 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy  
9 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
10 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations  
11 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
12 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
13 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
14 voter registration record.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

17 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
18 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which  
19 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
20 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
21 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
22 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable  
23 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration  
24 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration  
25 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.



1           The registration record card shall contain the following  
2 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
3 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
4 registration:

5           Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
6 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
7 for such middle name, if any.

8           Sex.

9           Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
10 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
11 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
12 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
13 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
14 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing  
15 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's  
16 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be  
17 included on his or her registration record card.

18           Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
19 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant  
20 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30  
21 days in the precinct.

22           Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was  
23 born.

24           Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
25 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
26 naturalization.

1 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month  
2 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

3 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

4 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
5 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

6 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
7 registered.

8 Electronic mail address, if any.

9 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration  
10 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
11 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
12 or digitized form to the affidavit on the original and  
13 duplicate registration record card.

14 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

15 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
16 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
17 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
18 description of the applicant in the space provided at the  
19 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following  
20 questions and record the answers thereto:

21 Father's first name .....

22 Mother's first name .....

23 From what address did you last register?

24 Reason for inability to sign name.

25 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
26 substantially the following form:

AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

State of Illinois)

) ss

County of )

I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States; that on the date of the next election I shall have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence and that the above statements are true.

.....

(His or her signature or mark)

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

.....

Signature of Registration Officer.

(To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration record card for the notation of the voting record of the person registered thereon.

Each registration record card shall be numbered according to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the case may be, and may be serially or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the county clerk may determine.

The registration cards shall be deemed public records and

1 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
2 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
3 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
4 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
5 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
6 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
7 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
8 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
9 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
10 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
11 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
12 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the  
13 records but the election authority is not required to extend  
14 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for  
15 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so  
16 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of  
17 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be  
18 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,  
19 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
20 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by  
21 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the  
22 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary  
23 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or  
24 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers  
25 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration  
26 record cards.

1 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
2 electronic data processing information containing voter  
3 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk  
4 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and  
5 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the  
6 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
7 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed  
8 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.  
9 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,  
10 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone  
11 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,  
12 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,  
13 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of  
14 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to  
15 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of  
16 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the  
17 circuit court of the county in which the election authority  
18 maintains the registration information. The costs of  
19 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a  
20 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election  
21 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall  
22 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of  
23 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such  
24 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,  
25 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state  
26 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois

1 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
2 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
3 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
4 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
5 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
6 State or local political committee and other than to a  
7 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
8 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures  
9 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
10 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
11 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
12 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
13 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
14 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
15 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
16 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
17 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
18 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
19 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county  
20 clerk to local political committees and governmental entities  
21 at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of  
22 the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be the cost  
23 of duplication plus 15% for administration. The individual  
24 representing a political committee requesting copies of such  
25 tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the information shall  
26 be used only for bona fide political purposes, including by or

1 for candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such  
2 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under  
3 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals for  
4 purposes of commercial solicitation or other business  
5 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county residents  
6 related to the operations of county government in addition to  
7 registration information, that information shall not be used  
8 under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other  
9 business purposes. The prohibition in this Section against  
10 using the computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic  
11 data processing information containing voter registration  
12 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
13 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
14 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
15 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

16 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
17 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
18 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
19 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
20 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
21 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
22 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
23 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
24 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
25 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
26 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

1           If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
 2 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
 3 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
 4 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
 5 following form:

6 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois. To the Election  
 7 Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

8           This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
 9 (city) and that my residence was .....

10           Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby  
 11 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

12 Dated at .... Illinois, on (insert date).

13 .....  
 14 (Signature of Voter)

15           Attest ....., County Clerk, ..... County, Illinois.

16           The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
 17 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election commission  
 18 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly  
 19 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority  
 20 for cancellation of any previous registration.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

22           (10 ILCS 5/5-28) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-28)

23           Sec. 5-28. The original registration record cards shall  
 24 remain permanently in the office of the county clerk or  
 25 election authority except as destroyed as provided in Section



1 5-6; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts;  
2 and shall be known as the master file. The master file may be  
3 kept in a computer-based voter registration file or paper  
4 format, provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site.  
5 The digital file shall be searchable and remain current with  
6 all registration activity conducted by the county clerk or  
7 election authority. The duplicate registration record cards  
8 shall constitute the official registry of voters for all  
9 elections and shall be filed by precincts and townships. The  
10 duplicate cards for use in conducting elections shall be  
11 delivered to the judges of election by the county clerk in a  
12 suitable binder or other device, which shall be locked and  
13 sealed in accordance with the directions to be given by the  
14 county clerk and shall also be suitably indexed for convenient  
15 use by the precinct officers. The precinct files shall be  
16 delivered to the judges of election for use at the polls for  
17 elections at the same time as the official ballots are  
18 delivered to them, and shall be returned to the county clerk by  
19 the judges of election within the time provided for the return  
20 of the official ballots. The county clerk shall determine the  
21 manner of return and delivery of such file.

22 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

24 Sec. 5-43. Computerization of voter records.

25 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a

1 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
2 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
3 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
4 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall  
5 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
6 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.  
7 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
8 required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided that the cards  
9 shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in his  
10 or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
11 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
12 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
13 security number if the person has a social security number.

14 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a  
15 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter  
16 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the  
17 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration  
18 file may be used for all purposes for which the original  
19 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~  
20 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~  
21 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration  
22 forms received via an online voter registration system, the  
23 original registration cards will include the signature  
24 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic  
25 file shall be the master file.

26 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a

1 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
2 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
3 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
4 The making and signing of any form, including an application to  
5 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
6 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be  
7 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

8 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under  
9 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
10 standards:

11 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration  
12 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the  
13 election authority, and each access to the computer-based  
14 voter registration file, other than an access solely for  
15 inquiry, shall be recorded.

16 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
17 computer-based voter registration file that includes any  
18 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered  
19 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the  
20 offices of the election authority.

21 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
22 computer-based voter registration file that includes a  
23 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered  
24 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be  
25 reproduced.

26 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an

1 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison  
2 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made  
3 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of  
4 the registered voter.

5 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter  
6 registration file that includes computer-stored images of  
7 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a  
8 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the  
9 election authority in secure storage until the end of the  
10 second calendar year following the election in which it was  
11 used.

12 (d) Before the first election in which the election  
13 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the  
14 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters  
15 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature  
16 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections  
17 shall certify that the system used by the election authority  
18 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The  
19 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list  
20 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of  
21 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the  
22 signatures of the registered voters.

23 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of  
24 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,  
25 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other  
26 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall

1 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

2 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
3 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
4 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,  
5 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
6 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy  
7 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
8 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations  
9 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
10 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
11 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
12 voter registration record.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

15 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall  
16 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration  
17 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards  
18 and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of  
19 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data  
20 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards  
21 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
22 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of  
23 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
24 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the  
25 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other

1 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or  
2 duplications.

3 The registration record card shall contain the following  
4 and such other information as the Board of Election  
5 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the  
6 identification of the applicant for registration:

7 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
8 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
9 for such middle name, if any.

10 Sex.

11 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
12 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
13 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
14 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
15 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
16 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing  
17 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's  
18 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be  
19 included on his or her registration record card.

20 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
21 precinct.

22 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was  
23 born.

24 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
25 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
26 naturalization.

1 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month  
2 and year when the applicant presented himself for registration.

3 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

4 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
5 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

6 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
7 registered.

8 Electronic mail address, if any.

9 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and  
10 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
11 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
12 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and the  
13 duplicate registration record card.

14 Signature of deputy registrar.

15 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
16 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the registration  
17 officer shall write a detailed description of the applicant in  
18 the space provided at the bottom of the card or sheet; and  
19 shall ask the following questions and record the answers  
20 thereto:

21 Father's first name .....

22 Mother's first name .....

23 From what address did you last register? ....

24 Reason for inability to sign name .....

25 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
26 substantially the following form:

1 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

2 State of Illinois )

3 )ss

4 County of ..... )

5 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
6 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall  
7 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
8 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my  
9 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the  
10 above statements are true.

11 .....

12 (His or her signature or mark)

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

14 .....

15 Signature of registration officer  
16 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

17 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
18 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
19 registered thereon.

20 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
21 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be serially  
22 or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the  
23 Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

24 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
25 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
26 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.



1 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
2 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
3 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
4 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
5 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
6 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
7 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
8 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
9 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
10 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the  
11 records but the election authority is not required to extend  
12 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for  
13 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so  
14 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of  
15 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be  
16 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,  
17 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
18 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by  
19 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the  
20 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary  
21 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or  
22 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers  
23 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration  
24 record cards.

25 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
26 electronic data processing information containing voter

1 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of  
2 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and May  
3 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration period  
4 is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed  
5 by the State Board. For the purposes of this Section, a  
6 registration period is closed 27 days before the date of any  
7 regular or special election. Registration information shall  
8 include, but not be limited to, the following information:  
9 name, sex, residence, telephone number, if any, age, party  
10 affiliation, if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county,  
11 and representative, legislative and congressional districts.  
12 In the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is  
13 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this  
14 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by instituting  
15 legal proceedings in the circuit court of the county in which  
16 the election authority maintains the registration information.  
17 The costs of furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall  
18 be paid at a rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in  
19 the election jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or  
20 disc and shall be paid from appropriations made to the State  
21 Board of Elections for reimbursement to the election authority  
22 for such purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such  
23 tapes, discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to  
24 state political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois  
25 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
26 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable

1 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
2 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
3 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
4 State or local political committee and other than to a  
5 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
6 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures  
7 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
8 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
9 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
10 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
11 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
12 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
13 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
14 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
15 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
16 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
17 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the Board  
18 of Election Commissioners to local political committees and  
19 governmental entities at their request and at a reasonable  
20 cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this  
21 purpose would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for  
22 administration. The individual representing a political  
23 committee requesting copies of such tapes shall make a sworn  
24 affidavit that the information shall be used only for bona fide  
25 political purposes, including by or for candidates for office  
26 or incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other

1 electronic data shall not be used under any circumstances by  
2 any political committee or individuals for purposes of  
3 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. If such  
4 tapes contain information on county residents related to the  
5 operations of county government in addition to registration  
6 information, that information shall not be used under any  
7 circumstances for commercial solicitation or other business  
8 purposes. The prohibition in this Section against using the  
9 computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data  
10 processing information containing voter registration  
11 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
12 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
13 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
14 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

15 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
16 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
17 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
18 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
19 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
20 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
21 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
22 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
23 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
24 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
25 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

26 If the applicant for registration was last registered in

1 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
2 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
3 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
4 following form:

5 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois.

6 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

7 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
8 (city) and that my residence was ....., Having moved out of your  
9 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that  
10 registration in your office.

11 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

12 .....  
13 (Signature of Voter)

14 Attest ....., Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,  
15 Illinois.

16 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
17 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,  
18 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant  
19 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be  
20 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.  
21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/6-65) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-65)  
23 Sec. 6-65.

24 The duplicate registration record cards shall remain  
25 permanently in the office of the Board of Election

1 Commissioners; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to  
2 wards or precincts; and shall be known as the master file. The  
3 master file may be kept in a computer-based voter registration  
4 file or paper format, provided a secondary digital back-up is  
5 kept off site. The digital file shall be searchable and remain  
6 current with all registration activity conducted by the Board  
7 of Election Commissioners. The original registration record  
8 cards shall constitute the official precinct registry of  
9 voters; shall be filed by wards and precincts; and shall be  
10 known as the precinct file. The original cards shall be  
11 delivered to the judges of election by the Board of Election  
12 Commissioners in a suitable binder or other device, which shall  
13 be locked and sealed in accordance with directions to be given  
14 by the Board of Election Commissioners and shall also be  
15 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.  
16 The precinct files shall be delivered to the precinct officers  
17 for use at the polls, on the day of election and shall be  
18 returned to the Board of Election Commissioners immediately  
19 after the close of the polls. The board shall determine by  
20 rules the manner of delivery and return to such file. At all  
21 other times the precinct file shall be retained at the office  
22 of the Board of Election Commissioners except for such use of  
23 it as may be made under this Article with respect to  
24 registration not at the office of the Board of Election  
25 Commissioners.

26 (Source: P.A. 78-934.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

2 Sec. 6-79. Computerization of voter records.

3 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a  
4 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
5 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
6 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
7 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall  
8 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
9 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.  
10 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
11 required under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35; provided that the  
12 cards shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in  
13 his or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
14 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
15 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
16 security number if the person has a social security number.

17 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a  
18 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter  
19 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the  
20 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration  
21 file may be used for all purposes for which the original  
22 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~  
23 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~  
24 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration  
25 forms received via an online voter registration system, the

1 original registration cards will include the signature  
2 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic  
3 file shall be the master file.

4 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a  
5 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
6 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
7 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
8 The making and signing of any form, including an application to  
9 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
10 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be  
11 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

12 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under  
13 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
14 standards:

15 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration  
16 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the  
17 election authority, and each access to the computer-based  
18 voter registration file, other than an access solely for  
19 inquiry, shall be recorded.

20 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
21 computer-based voter registration file that includes any  
22 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered  
23 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the  
24 offices of the election authority.

25 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
26 computer-based voter registration file that includes a



1 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered  
2 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be  
3 reproduced.

4 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an  
5 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison  
6 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made  
7 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of  
8 the registered voter.

9 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter  
10 registration file that includes computer-stored images of  
11 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a  
12 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the  
13 election authority in secure storage until the end of the  
14 second calendar year following the election in which it was  
15 used.

16 (d) Before the first election in which the election  
17 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the  
18 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters  
19 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature  
20 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections  
21 shall certify that the system used by the election authority  
22 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The  
23 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list  
24 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of  
25 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the  
26 signatures of the registered voters.

1           (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of  
2 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,  
3 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other  
4 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall  
5 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

6           (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
7 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
8 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,  
9 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
10 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy  
11 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
12 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations  
13 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
14 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
15 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
16 voter registration record.

17           (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

18           (10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

19           Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
20 conventions.

21           (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
22 committeemen are elected, the county central committee of each  
23 political party shall meet within the county and proceed to  
24 organize by electing from its own number a chairman and either  
25 from its own number, or otherwise, such other officers as such

1 committee may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the  
2 county central committee shall be known as the county  
3 convention.

4 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10 days  
5 after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
6 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
7 precinct committeemen and representative committeemen elected  
8 by his political party.

9 The county convention of each political party shall choose  
10 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party  
11 chooses to hold a State convention; but in any county having  
12 within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or  
13 over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the  
14 ward committeemen from the respective wards choosing the number  
15 of delegates to which such ward is entitled on the basis  
16 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to  
17 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such  
18 county. In all counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or  
19 more outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or more,  
20 the delegates from each of the townships or parts of townships  
21 as the case may be shall be chosen by townships or parts of  
22 townships as the case may be, the township committeemen from  
23 the respective townships or parts of townships as the case may  
24 be choosing the number of delegates to which such townships or  
25 parts of townships as the case may be are entitled, on the  
26 basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such

1 delegates to be members of the delegation to the State  
2 convention from such county.

3 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
4 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
5 (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State Convention,  
6 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, ex officio.

7 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
8 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
9 (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the State  
10 Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
11 who must be residents of the member's Congressional District.

12 (b) State conventions may ~~shall~~ be held within 180 days  
13 after the general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years  
14 thereafter. In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the  
15 chairman of a State central committee may issue a call for a  
16 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

17 The State convention of each political party, if the party  
18 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make  
19 nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
20 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
21 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined  
22 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
23 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
24 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee  
25 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the  
26 State convention.

1           (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention, if  
2 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2  
3 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of  
4 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses  
5 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors  
6 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of  
7 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and  
8 alternate delegates at large to national nominating  
9 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by such  
10 State convention for electors of President and Vice President  
11 of the United States, shall be caused by the State Board of  
12 Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at the general  
13 election, in the manner required by law, and shall be certified  
14 to the various county clerks of the proper counties in the  
15 manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the  
16 certifying of the names of persons nominated by any party for  
17 State offices. If and as long as this Act prescribes that the  
18 names of such electors be not printed on the ballot, then the  
19 names of such electors shall be certified in such manner as may  
20 be prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

21           (d) Each convention, if the party chooses to hold a State  
22 convention, may perform all other functions inherent to such  
23 political organization and not inconsistent with this Article.

24           (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,   
25 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chairman  
26 of the State central committee of each political party shall

1 file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a  
2 call for the State convention. Such call shall state, among  
3 other things, the time and place (designating the building or  
4 hall) for holding the State convention. Such call shall be  
5 signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of the  
6 committee. In such convention each county shall be entitled to  
7 one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors  
8 of the party in such county at the primary to be held next  
9 after the issuance of such call; and if in such county, less  
10 than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so  
11 voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one  
12 delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for such  
13 group representing the number of votes over the multiple of  
14 500, which delegate shall have  $1/500$  of one vote for each  
15 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such  
16 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in  
17 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen  
18 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of  
19 delegates be chosen.

20 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeemen when  
21 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though  
22 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made  
23 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting  
24 strength of each committeeman shall remain as provided in this  
25 Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

26 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in

1 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
2 provided in this Act.

3 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
4 called by the chairman, or by not less than 25% of the members  
5 of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such  
6 committee in writing designating the time and place at which  
7 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is  
8 proposed to present at such special meeting.

9 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a  
10 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman because  
11 no one was elected to that office or because the precinct  
12 committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct or for any other  
13 reason, the chairman of the county central committee of the  
14 appropriate political party may fill the vacancy in such office  
15 by appointment of a qualified resident of the county and the  
16 appointed precinct committeeman shall serve as though elected;  
17 however, no such appointment may be made between the general  
18 primary election and the 30th day after the general primary  
19 election.

20 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
21 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of  
22 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
23 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
24 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
25 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
26 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve

1 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
2 their terms.

3 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

5 Sec. 9-3. Political committee statement of organization.

6 (a) Every political committee shall file with the State  
7 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10  
8 business days of the creation of such committee, except any  
9 political committee created within the 30 days before an  
10 election shall file a statement of organization within 2  
11 business days in person, by facsimile transmission, or by  
12 electronic mail. Any change in information previously  
13 submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported, as  
14 required for the original statement of organization by this  
15 Section, within 10 days following that change. ~~A political~~  
16 ~~committee that acts as both a state political committee and a~~  
17 ~~local political committee shall file a copy of each statement~~  
18 ~~of organization with the State Board of Elections and the~~  
19 ~~county clerk.~~ The Board shall impose a civil penalty of \$50 per  
20 business day upon political committees for failing to file or  
21 late filing of a statement of organization. Such penalties  
22 shall not exceed \$5,000, and shall not exceed \$10,000 for  
23 statewide office political committees. There shall be no fine  
24 if the statement is mailed and postmarked at least 72 hours  
25 prior to the filing deadline.



1           In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this  
2 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political  
3 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary  
4 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction  
5 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of  
6 funds and to cease operations until the statement of  
7 organization is filed.

8           For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means  
9 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,  
10 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

11           (b) The statement of organization shall include:

12                 (1) the name and address of the political committee and  
13 the designation required by Section 9-2;

14                 (2) the scope, area of activity, party affiliation, and  
15 purposes of the political committee;

16                 (3) the name, address, and position of each custodian  
17 of the committee's books and accounts;

18                 (4) the name, address, and position of the committee's  
19 principal officers, including the chairman, treasurer, and  
20 officers and members of its finance committee, if any;

21                 (5) the name and address of any sponsoring entity;

22                 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of  
23 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution  
24 or termination of the committee;

25                 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial  
26 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other



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(date of filing) (signature of person making the statement)".

3 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative  
4 committee also shall include a verification signed by the  
5 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed  
6 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public  
7 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the  
8 committee will be used for the purpose described in the  
9 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept  
10 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the  
11 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or  
12 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or  
13 candidates for nomination for election, election, or  
14 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements  
15 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

16 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent  
17 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed  
18 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is  
19 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent  
20 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the  
21 committee will be used for the purpose described in the  
22 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept  
23 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the  
24 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions  
25 to any candidate political committee, political party  
26 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to

1 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in  
2 violation of this Article.

3 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this  
4 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political  
5 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory  
6 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the statement  
7 required by this Section with the Board by December 31, 2010.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 7-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6)

10 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Certificates of  
11 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of  
12 candidates for offices to be filled by electors of the entire  
13 State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for  
14 congressional, state legislative or judicial offices, shall be  
15 presented to the principal office of the State Board of  
16 Elections not more than 141 nor less than 134 days previous to  
17 the day of election for which the candidates are nominated. The  
18 State Board of Elections shall endorse the certificates of  
19 nomination or nomination papers, as the case may be, and the  
20 date and hour of presentment to it. Except as otherwise  
21 provided in this section, all other certificates for the  
22 nomination of candidates shall be filed with the county clerk  
23 of the respective counties not more than 141 but at least 134  
24 days previous to the day of such election. Certificates of  
25 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of

1 candidates for school district offices to be filled at  
2 consolidated elections shall be filed with the county clerk or  
3 county board of election commissioners of the county ~~election~~  
4 ~~authority~~ in which the principal office of the school district  
5 is located not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
6 consolidated election. Certificates of nomination and  
7 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for the  
8 other offices of political subdivisions to be filled at regular  
9 elections other than the general election shall be filed with  
10 the local election official of such subdivision:

11 (1) (Blank);

12 (2) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to  
13 the consolidated election; or

14 (3) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to  
15 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
16 filled at the general primary election; or

17 (4) not more than 99 nor less than 92 days before the  
18 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
19 elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law (including  
20 without limitation, those municipal offices subject to  
21 Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

22 (5) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
23 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
24 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are  
25 provided; or

26 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of

1 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed  
2 with the election authority not more than 113 nor less than  
3 106 days before the consolidated election.

4 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are  
5 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
6 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of  
7 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such  
8 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of  
9 such Board.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

12 Sec. 19-3. The application for vote by mail ballot shall be  
13 substantially in the following form:

14 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

15 To be voted at the .... election in the County of .... and  
16 State of Illinois, in the .... precinct of the (1) \*township of  
17 .... (2) \*City of .... or (3) \*.... ward in the City of ....

18 I state that I am a resident of the .... precinct of the  
19 (1) \*township of .... (2) \*City of .... or (3) \*.... ward in  
20 the city of .... residing at .... in such city or town in the  
21 county of .... and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such  
22 address for .... month(s) last past; that I am lawfully  
23 entitled to vote in such precinct at the .... election to be  
24 held therein on ....; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail  
25 ballot.

1 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
 2 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall  
 3 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same  
 4 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election  
 5 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than ~~midnight~~  
 6 ~~preceding~~ election day, for counting no later than during the  
 7 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which  
 8 is the 14th day following election day.

9 I understand that this application is made for an official  
 10 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the  
 11 election specified in this application and that I must submit a  
 12 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
 13 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

14 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
 15 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
 16 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

17 . . . .

18 \*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

20 .....

21 However, if application is made for a primary election  
 22 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to  
 23 designate the name of the political party with which the  
 24 applicant is affiliated.

25 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall  
 26 mark the box associated with the above described statement

1 included as part of the online application certifying that the  
2 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,  
3 and a signature is not required.

4 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to  
5 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.  
6 Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall accept  
7 and promptly process any application for vote by mail ballot  
8 submitted in a form substantially similar to that required by  
9 this Section, including any substantially similar production  
10 or reproduction generated by the applicant.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;  
12 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

14 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.  
15 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail  
16 or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than 5 days  
17 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than  
18 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the  
19 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such  
20 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether  
21 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as  
22 requested, including a verification of the applicant's  
23 signature by comparison with the signature on the official  
24 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to  
25 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,



1 street address, ward and precinct number or township and  
2 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on  
3 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to  
4 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a  
5 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at  
6 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in  
7 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of  
8 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting  
9 the name and other information of an applicant for a vote by  
10 mail ballot, the election authority shall transmit by  
11 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the State  
12 Board of Elections that name and other posted information to  
13 the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names  
14 and other information in an electronic format on its website,  
15 arranged by county and accessible to State and local political  
16 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and  
17 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner  
18 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall  
19 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office an  
20 official ballot or ballots if more than one are to be voted at  
21 said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent Student  
22 ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall be by  
23 nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated election,  
24 vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be delivered to  
25 applicants not less than 25 days before the election if so much  
26 time is required to have prepared and printed the ballots

1 containing the names of persons nominated for offices at the  
2 consolidated primary. The election authority shall enclose  
3 with each vote by mail ballot or application written  
4 instructions on how voting assistance shall be provided  
5 pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document, written and approved  
6 by the State Board of Elections, informing the vote by mail  
7 voter of the required postage for returning the application and  
8 ballot, and enumerating the circumstances under which a person  
9 is authorized to vote by vote by mail ballot pursuant to this  
10 Article; such document shall also include a statement informing  
11 the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is solicited by  
12 another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast a vote by  
13 mail ballot, such applicant or other is subject to penalties  
14 pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the Election  
15 Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list of the  
16 name, street address, ward and precinct, or township and  
17 district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who have  
18 returned vote by mail ballots to such authority, and the name  
19 of such vote by mail voter shall be added to such list within  
20 one business day from receipt of such ballot. If the vote by  
21 mail ballot envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in  
22 casting the ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall  
23 be included on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be  
24 numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each election  
25 authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place accessible  
26 to the public at the entrance of the office of the election

1 authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed without  
2 necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

3 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each  
4 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail  
5 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within  
6 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the  
7 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority  
8 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the  
9 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail  
10 ballots have been issued by mail.

11 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each  
12 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent  
13 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election  
14 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.  
15 Immediately after the close of the period during which  
16 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by  
17 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other  
18 election authority within the State a certified list of all  
19 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the  
20 other election authority.

21 In the event that the return address of an application for  
22 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a  
23 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,  
24 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the  
25 ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the  
26 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a

1 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is  
2 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a  
3 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the  
4 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the  
5 election as designated by the election authority under Section  
6 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated  
7 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility  
8 from which application was made. The election authority shall  
9 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot  
10 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

11 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be  
12 available at the office of the election authority for public  
13 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by the  
14 election authority until 30 days after the election, except  
15 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the  
16 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during  
17 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges  
18 of election.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;  
20 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-180, eff.  
21 7-29-15.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

23 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

24 (a) (Blank.)

25 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an

1 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
2 and received by that election authority before the closing of  
3 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving  
4 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be  
5 processed by the election authority beginning on the ~~15th day~~  
6 ~~before election~~ day it is received by the election authority in  
7 the central ballot counting location of the election authority,  
8 but the results of the processing may not be counted until the  
9 day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in  
10 subsections (g) and (g-5).

11 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
12 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,  
13 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
14 close on election day and before the close of the period for  
15 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
16 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
17 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
18 location of the election authority during the period for  
19 counting provisional ballots.

20 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
21 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
22 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
23 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
24 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
25 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by  
26 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,

1 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
2 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day  
3 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under  
4 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot  
5 counting location of the election authority during the period  
6 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
7 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

8 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
9 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election  
10 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent  
11 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed  
12 no later than election day.

13 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
14 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by  
15 this Article, and received by the election authority at any  
16 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be  
17 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and  
18 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot  
19 counting location of the election authority during the same  
20 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
21 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail  
22 voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election authority  
23 and postmarked no later than election day, but that are  
24 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
25 election day and before the closing of the period for counting  
26 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by

1 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and  
2 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the  
3 election authority during the same periods provided for  
4 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

5 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
6 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
7 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
8 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by  
9 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of  
10 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
11 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
12 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
13 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
14 election.

15 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on  
16 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no  
17 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or  
18 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by  
19 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'  
20 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
21 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

22 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
23 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
24 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is  
25 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for  
26 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official

1 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification  
2 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the signature of the  
3 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the  
4 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures  
5 match, and that the vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified  
6 to cast a vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall  
7 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot  
8 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the  
9 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If  
10 the election judge or official determines that the signatures  
11 do not match, or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified  
12 to cast a vote by mail ballot, then without opening the  
13 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark across  
14 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
15 shall not cast or count the ballot.

16 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote  
17 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or  
18 official:

19 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened  
20 and resealed;

21 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace  
22 period ballot;

23 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the  
24 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

25 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

26 If the election judge or official determines that any of



1 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
2 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
3 shall not cast or count the ballot.

4 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
5 judge or official for any reason, the election authority shall,  
6 within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases before the  
7 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, notify  
8 the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The  
9 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
10 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear  
11 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after  
12 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be  
13 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election  
14 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot  
15 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel  
16 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,  
17 application, and certification envelope, as well as any  
18 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2  
19 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same  
20 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall  
21 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested  
22 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be  
23 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

24 A vote by mail ballot subject to this subsection that is  
25 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the  
26 period for counting provisional ballots.

1 (g-10) All vote by mail ballots determined to be valid  
2 shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for which  
3 they were cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

4 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic  
5 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher  
6 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

9 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,  
10 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his  
11 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the  
12 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by  
13 mail ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over  
14 his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form  
15 furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section  
16 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the election.  
17 A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant  
18 to a vote by mail ballot for every election in one calendar  
19 year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the  
20 office of the election authority for one year as authorization  
21 to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held  
22 within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application  
23 for ballot shall be sent each election with the vote by mail  
24 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting  
25 location to be used in lieu of the original application for

1 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote  
2 pursuant to this Section.

3 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election  
4 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this  
5 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section  
6 must be returned postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~  
7 election day and received for counting at the central ballot  
8 counting location of the election authority during the period  
9 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
10 14th day following election day.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

13 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily  
14 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States  
15 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who  
16 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the  
17 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or  
18 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make  
19 simultaneous application to the election authority having  
20 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration  
21 by mail and vote by mail ballot not less than 30 days before  
22 the election. Such application may be made on the official  
23 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as  
24 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by facsimile or  
25 electronic transmission. A request pursuant to this Section

1 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every  
2 election in one calendar year. The original application for  
3 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority  
4 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for  
5 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified  
6 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election  
7 with the vote by mail ballot to the election authority's  
8 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the  
9 original application for ballot.

10 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to  
11 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one  
12 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days  
13 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a  
14 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for  
15 that election shall be waived.

16 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the  
17 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of  
18 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
19 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
20 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

21 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned  
22 postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and  
23 received for counting at the central ballot counting location  
24 of the election authority during the period for counting  
25 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day  
26 following election day.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

3 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise  
4 qualified to vote, may make application to the election  
5 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former  
6 residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the Federal  
7 offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election.  
8 Such application may be made on the official postcard or by  
9 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to  
10 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail  
11 ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal  
12 offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall  
13 be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as  
14 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election  
15 to be held within that calendar year at which Federal offices  
16 are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot  
17 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ballot to the  
18 election authority's central ballot counting location to be  
19 used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No  
20 registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to  
21 this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by  
22 the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5  
23 of this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
24 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
25 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots

1 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later  
2 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting  
3 at the central ballot counting location of the election  
4 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,  
5 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

8 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses  
9 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces  
10 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,  
11 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his  
12 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she  
13 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any  
14 other method of making application for vote by mail ballot  
15 under this Article, may make application for a vote by mail  
16 ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his  
17 or her precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or  
18 electronic transmission not less than 10 days before the  
19 election.

20 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the  
21 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of  
22 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
23 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
24 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots  
25 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later

1 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting  
2 at the central ballot counting location of the election  
3 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,  
4 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

7 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the  
8 following applications for registration by mail or vote by mail  
9 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in  
10 lieu of the official postcard.

11 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the  
12 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial  
13 limits of the United States, and certified program participants  
14 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic  
15 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed  
16 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such  
17 application shall be substantially in the following form:

18 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

19 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in  
20 which is located my residence at....., in the  
21 city/village/township of .....(insert home address)  
22 County of..... and State of Illinois.

23 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on  
24 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of  
25 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the

1 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am  
2 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;  
3 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

4 1. ( ) a member of the United States Service,

5 2. ( ) a citizen of the United States temporarily residing  
6 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I  
7 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the  
8 date of holding such election, and that I will have no  
9 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

10 3. ( ) a certified program participant under the Address  
11 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

12 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
13 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said  
14 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said  
15 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later  
16 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day, for counting no later  
17 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the  
18 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or  
19 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

20 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously  
21 registered)

22 ( ) I hereby make application to become registered as a  
23 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for  
24 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days  
25 before the election.

26 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29



1 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
2 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

3 .....  
4 Post office address or service address to which  
5 registration materials or ballot should be mailed  
6 .....  
7 .....  
8 .....  
9 ....."

10 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such  
11 application shall designate the name of the political party  
12 with which the applicant is affiliated.

13 Such applications may be obtained from the election  
14 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of  
15 residence.

16 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States  
17 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in  
18 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in  
19 the office of the election authority within the periods  
20 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the  
21 following form:

22 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election  
23 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person  
24 for whom this application is made at.....(insert  
25 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....  
26 County of..... and State of Illinois.

1 I certify that the following named person.....  
2 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States  
3 Service.

4 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;  
5 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have  
6 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct  
7 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the  
8 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;  
9 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct  
10 at that election; that said person is a member of the United  
11 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said  
12 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the  
13 date of holding such election, and that said person will have  
14 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

15 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
16 to be voted by said person at such election and said person  
17 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the  
18 election authority postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~  
19 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
20 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th  
21 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or  
22 ballots.

23 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,  
24 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a  
25 registered voter in the election precinct for which this  
26 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

1 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29  
2 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
3 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

4 Name of applicant .....

5 Residence address .....

6 City/village/township.....

7 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:  
8 .....  
9 .....  
10 .....  
11 ....."

12 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such  
13 application shall designate the name of the political party  
14 with which the person for whom application is made is  
15 affiliated.

16 Such applications may be obtained from the election  
17 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which  
18 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

21 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

22 (a) (Blank.)

23 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
24 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
25 and received by that election authority may be processed by the

1 election authority beginning on the ~~15th day before election~~  
2 day it is received by the election authority in the central  
3 ballot counting location of the election authority, but the  
4 results of the processing may not be counted until the day of  
5 the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections  
6 (g) and (g-5).

7 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
8 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,  
9 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
10 close on election day and before the close of the period for  
11 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
12 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
13 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
14 location of the election authority during the period for  
15 counting provisional ballots.

16 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
17 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
18 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
19 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
20 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
21 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by  
22 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
23 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
24 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day  
25 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under  
26 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot

1 counting location of the election authority during the period  
2 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
3 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

4 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
5 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election  
6 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent  
7 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed  
8 no later than election day.

9 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
10 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by  
11 this Article, and received by the election authority at any  
12 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be  
13 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and  
14 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot  
15 counting location of the election authority during the same  
16 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
17 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail  
18 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority  
19 and postmarked no later than ~~by midnight preceding the opening~~  
20 ~~of the polls on~~ election day, but that are received by the  
21 election authority after the polls close on election day and  
22 before the closing of the period for counting provisional  
23 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the  
24 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall  
25 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the  
26 election authority during the same periods provided for

1 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

2 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
3 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
4 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
5 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed  
6 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of  
7 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
8 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
9 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
10 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
11 election.

12 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on  
13 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no  
14 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or  
15 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by  
16 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'  
17 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
18 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

19 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
20 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
21 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article  
22 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period  
23 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or  
24 official shall compare the voter's signature on the  
25 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the  
26 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the

1 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures  
2 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a  
3 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast  
4 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is  
5 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results  
6 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the  
7 election judge or official determines that the signatures do  
8 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot  
9 under this Article, then without opening the certification  
10 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of  
11 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not  
12 cast or count the ballot.

13 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a  
14 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election  
15 judge or official:

16 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened  
17 and resealed;

18 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace  
19 period ballot;

20 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the  
21 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

22 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

23 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
24 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
25 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
26 shall not cast or count the ballot.

1 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
2 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
3 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
4 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
5 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.  
6 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
7 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear  
8 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after  
9 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be  
10 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election  
11 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot  
12 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel  
13 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,  
14 application, and certification envelope, as well as any  
15 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2  
16 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same  
17 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall  
18 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested  
19 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable  
20 either administratively or judicially.

21 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to  
22 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for  
23 counting provisional ballots.

24 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to  
25 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in  
26 the order in which the ballots were opened.



1           (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic  
2 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher  
3 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

4           (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5           (10 ILCS 5/20-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-10)

6           Sec. 20-10. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to be present  
7 during the casting of the vote by mail voters' ballots, each  
8 political party, candidate and qualified civic organization  
9 shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher for each  
10 panel of election judges therein assigned. Such pollwatchers  
11 shall be subject to the same provisions as are provided for  
12 pollwatchers in Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of this Code, and shall  
13 be permitted to observe the election judges making the  
14 signature comparison between that which is on the ballot  
15 envelope and that which is on the permanent voter registration  
16 record card taken from the master file ~~and the vote of any vote~~  
17 ~~by mail voter may be challenged for cause the same as if he~~  
18 ~~were present and voted in person, and the judges of the~~  
19 ~~election or a majority thereof shall have power and authority~~  
20 ~~to hear and determine the legality of such ballot; Provided,~~  
21 ~~however, that if a challenge to any vote by mail voter's right~~  
22 ~~to vote is sustained, notice of the same must be given by the~~  
23 ~~judges of election by mail addressed to the voter's mailing~~  
24 ~~address as stated in the certification and application for~~  
25 ~~ballot.~~

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

3 Sec. 21-1. Choosing and election of electors of President  
4 and Vice-President of the United States shall be in the  
5 following manner:

6 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of  
7 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in  
8 this State shall choose by its State Convention or State  
9 central committee electors of President and Vice-President of  
10 the United States and such State Convention or State central  
11 committee of such party or group shall also choose electors at  
12 large, if any are to be appointed for this State and such State  
13 Convention or State central committee of such party or group  
14 shall by its chairman and secretary certify the total list of  
15 such electors together with electors at large so chosen to the  
16 State Board of Elections.

17 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such  
18 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the  
19 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such  
20 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided in  
21 choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President of  
22 the United States.

23 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political  
24 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President  
25 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the

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

1 list or set of electors chosen by that political party or group  
2 so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein  
3 provided.

4 (c) Such certification by the respective political parties  
5 or groups in this State of electors of President and  
6 Vice-President shall be made to the State Board of Elections  
7 within 2 days after such State convention or meeting of the  
8 State central committee in which the electors were chosen.

9 (d) Should more than one certificate of choice and  
10 selection of electors of the same political party or group be  
11 filed by contesting conventions or contesting groups, it shall  
12 be the duty of the State Board of Elections within 10 days  
13 after the adjournment of the last of such conventions to meet  
14 and determine which set of nominees for electors of such party  
15 or group was chosen and selected by the authorized convention  
16 of such party or group. The Board, after notice to the chairman  
17 and secretaries or managers of the conventions or groups and  
18 after a hearing shall determine which set of electors was so  
19 chosen by the authorized convention and shall so announce and  
20 publish the fact, and such decision shall be final and the set  
21 of electors so determined upon by the electoral board to be so  
22 chosen shall be the list or set of electors to be deemed  
23 elected if that party shall be successful at the polls, as  
24 herein provided.

25 (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a  
26 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the

1 executive committee of the party or group for such  
2 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to  
3 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the  
4 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the  
5 State committee of such political party or group, and certified  
6 by it to the State Board of Elections.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/24C-12)

9 Sec. 24C-12. Procedures for Counting and Tallying of  
10 Ballots. In an election jurisdiction where a Direct Recording  
11 Electronic Voting System is used, the following procedures for  
12 counting and tallying the ballots shall apply:

13 Before the opening of the polls, the judges of elections  
14 shall assemble the voting equipment and devices and turn the  
15 equipment on. The judges shall, if necessary, take steps to  
16 activate the voting devices and counting equipment by inserting  
17 into the equipment and voting devices appropriate data cards  
18 containing passwords and data codes that will select the proper  
19 ballot formats selected for that polling place and that will  
20 prevent inadvertent or unauthorized activation of the  
21 poll-opening function. Before voting begins and before ballots  
22 are entered into the voting devices, the judges of election  
23 shall cause to be printed a record of the following: the  
24 election's identification data, the device's unit  
25 identification, the ballot's format identification, the

1 contents of each active candidate register by office and of  
2 each active public question register showing that they contain  
3 all zero votes, all ballot fields that can be used to invoke  
4 special voting options, and other information needed to ensure  
5 the readiness of the equipment and to accommodate  
6 administrative reporting requirements. The judges must also  
7 check to be sure that the totals are all zeros in the counting  
8 columns and in the public counter affixed to the voting  
9 devices.

10 After the judges have determined that a person is qualified  
11 to vote, a voting device with the proper ballot to which the  
12 voter is entitled shall be enabled to be used by the voter. The  
13 ballot may then be cast by the voter by marking by appropriate  
14 means the designated area of the ballot for the casting of a  
15 vote for any candidate or for or against any public question.  
16 The voter shall be able to vote for any and all candidates and  
17 public measures appearing on the ballot in any legal number and  
18 combination and the voter shall be able to delete, change or  
19 correct his or her selections before the ballot is cast. The  
20 voter shall be able to select candidates whose names do not  
21 appear upon the ballot for any office by entering  
22 electronically as many names of candidates as the voter is  
23 entitled to select for each office.

24 Upon completing his or her selection of candidates or  
25 public questions, the voter shall signify that voting has been  
26 completed by activating the appropriate button, switch or

1 active area of the ballot screen associated with end of voting.  
2 Upon activation, the voting system shall record an image of the  
3 completed ballot, increment the proper ballot position  
4 registers, and shall signify to the voter that the ballot has  
5 been cast. Upon activation, the voting system shall also print  
6 a permanent paper record of each ballot cast as defined in  
7 Section 24C-2 of this Code. This permanent paper record shall  
8 (i) be printed in a clear, readily readable format that can be  
9 easily reviewed by the voter for completeness and accuracy and  
10 (ii) either be self-contained within the voting device or be  
11 deposited by the voter into a secure ballot box. No permanent  
12 paper record shall be removed from the polling place except by  
13 election officials as authorized by this Article. All permanent  
14 paper records shall be preserved and secured by election  
15 officials in the same manner as paper ballots and shall be  
16 available as an official record for any recount, redundant  
17 count, or verification or retabulation of the vote count  
18 conducted with respect to any election in which the voting  
19 system is used. The voter shall exit the voting station and the  
20 voting system shall prevent any further attempt to vote until  
21 it has been properly re-activated. If a voting device has been  
22 enabled for voting but the voter leaves the polling place  
23 without casting a ballot, 2 judges of election, one from each  
24 of the 2 major political parties, shall spoil the ballot.

25 Throughout the election day and before the closing of the  
26 polls, no person may check any vote totals for any candidate or

1 public question on the voting or counting equipment. Such  
2 equipment shall be programmed so that no person may reset the  
3 equipment for reentry of ballots unless provided the proper  
4 code from an authorized representative of the election  
5 authority.

6 The precinct judges of election shall check the public  
7 register to determine whether the number of ballots counted by  
8 the voting equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as  
9 shown by the applications for ballot. If the same do not agree,  
10 the judges of election shall immediately contact the offices of  
11 the election authority in charge of the election for further  
12 instructions. If the number of ballots counted by the voting  
13 equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as shown by  
14 the application for ballot, the number shall be listed on the  
15 "Statement of Ballots" form provided by the election authority.

16 The totals for all candidates and propositions shall be  
17 tabulated. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals Report" shall be  
18 generated by the automatic tabulating equipment for return to  
19 the election authority. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals  
20 Report" shall be generated and posted in a conspicuous place  
21 inside the polling place, provided that any authorized  
22 pollwatcher or other official authorized to be present in the  
23 polling place to observe the counting of ballots is present.  
24 The judges of election shall provide, if requested, a set for  
25 each authorized pollwatcher or other official authorized to be  
26 present in the polling place to observe the counting of



1 ballots. In addition, sufficient time shall be provided by the  
2 judges of election to the pollwatchers to allow them to copy  
3 information from the copy which has been posted.

4 Until December 31, 2019 ~~2015~~, in elections at which  
5 fractional cumulative votes are cast for candidates, the  
6 tabulation of those fractional cumulative votes may be made by  
7 the election authority at its central office location, and 4  
8 copies of a "Certificate of Results" shall be printed by the  
9 automatic tabulation equipment and shall be posted in 4  
10 conspicuous places at the central office location where those  
11 fractional cumulative votes have been tabulated.

12 If instructed by the election authority, the judges of  
13 election shall cause the tabulated returns to be transmitted  
14 electronically to the offices of the election authority via  
15 modem or other electronic medium.

16 The precinct judges of election shall select a bi-partisan  
17 team of 2 judges, who shall immediately return the ballots in a  
18 sealed container, along with all other election materials and  
19 equipment as instructed by the election authority; provided,  
20 however, that such container must first be sealed by the  
21 election judges with filament tape or other approved sealing  
22 devices provided for the purpose in a manner that the ballots  
23 cannot be removed from the container without breaking the seal  
24 or filament tape and disturbing any signatures affixed by the  
25 election judges to the container. The election authority shall  
26 keep the office of the election authority, or any receiving

1 stations designated by the authority, open for at least 12  
2 consecutive hours after the polls close or until the ballots  
3 and election material and equipment from all precincts within  
4 the jurisdiction of the election authority have been returned  
5 to the election authority. Ballots and election materials and  
6 equipment returned to the office of the election authority  
7 which are not signed and sealed as required by law shall not be  
8 accepted by the election authority until the judges returning  
9 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon  
10 acceptance of the ballots and election materials and equipment  
11 by the election authority, the judges returning the ballots  
12 shall take a receipt signed by the election authority and  
13 stamped with the time and date of the return. The election  
14 judges whose duty it is to return any ballots and election  
15 materials and equipment as provided shall, in the event the  
16 ballots, materials or equipment cannot be found when needed, on  
17 proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take as  
18 above provided.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-1549, eff. 3-10-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

21 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having  
22 voted once, knowingly during any election ~~on the same election~~  
23 ~~day~~ where the ballot or machine lists any of the same  
24 candidates and issues listed on the ballot or machine  
25 previously used for voting by that person, (a) files an

1 application to vote in the same or another polling place, or  
2 (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting machine (except to  
3 legally give assistance pursuant to the provisions of this  
4 Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony; however, if a  
5 person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an election  
6 authority as a vote by mail voter and due to a change of  
7 circumstances is able to and does vote in the precinct of his  
8 residence on election day, shall not be deemed to be in  
9 violation of this Code.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/20-6 rep.)

12 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing  
13 Section 20-6.

14 Section 15. The Township Code is amended by changing  
15 Section 45-20 as follows:

16 (60 ILCS 1/45-20)

17 Sec. 45-20. Caucus result; filing nomination papers;  
18 certifying candidates.

19 (a) The township central committee shall canvass and  
20 declare the result of the caucus.

21 (b) The chairman of the township central committee shall,  
22 not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the township  
23 election, file nomination papers as provided in this Section.

1 The nomination papers shall consist of (i) a certification by  
2 the chairman of the names of all candidates for office in the  
3 township nominated at the caucus and (ii) a statement of  
4 candidacy by each candidate in the form prescribed in the  
5 general election law. The nomination papers shall be filed in  
6 the office of the township clerk, except that if the township  
7 is entirely within the corporate limits of a city, village, or  
8 incorporated town under the jurisdiction of a board of election  
9 commissioners, the nomination papers shall be filed in the  
10 office of the board of election commissioners instead of the  
11 township clerk.

12 (c) The township clerk shall certify the candidates so  
13 nominated to the proper election authorities not less than 68  
14 ~~61~~ days before the township election. The election shall be  
15 conducted in accordance with the general election law.

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

17 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
18 9-10 as follows:

19 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

20 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.  
21 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated  
22 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,  
23 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with  
24 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,

1 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office  
2 of the school district is located.

3 Nominations for members of boards of education, including  
4 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition  
5 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is  
6 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the  
7 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as  
8 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of  
9 the school district is located. In addition to the requirements  
10 of the general election law, the form of such petitions shall  
11 be substantially as follows:

12 NOMINATING PETITIONS

13 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

14 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election  
15 Commissioners) .... of .... County:

16 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)  
17 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,  
18 hereby petition that .... who resides at .... in the (city or  
19 village) of .... in Township .... (or who resides outside any  
20 city, village or incorporated town and in Township ....) in  
21 said district shall be a candidate for the office of .... of  
22 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)  
23 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert  
24 date).

25 Name: ..... Address: .....

1           In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
2 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
3 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
4 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
5 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
6 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
7 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the  
8 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name  
9 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list  
10 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on  
11 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition  
12 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the  
13 candidate's previous names during the period specified in  
14 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was  
15 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds  
16 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the  
17 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes  
18 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or  
19 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or  
20 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of  
21 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such  
22 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the  
23 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or  
24 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,  
25 or similar information may be used in connection with the  
26 candidate's surname.

1           Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid  
2 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk  
3 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may  
4 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school  
5 district is located a receipt from the county clerk showing  
6 that the candidate has filed a statement of economic interests  
7 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such  
8 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar  
9 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the  
10 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with  
11 the general election law.

12           All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of  
13 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county  
14 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the  
15 county in which the principal office of the school district is  
16 located within the time provided for by the general election  
17 law. ~~The county clerk or the county board of election~~  
18 ~~commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions which~~  
19 ~~include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter~~  
20 ~~signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator~~  
21 ~~and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate~~  
22 ~~has filed a statement of economic interest on or before the~~  
23 ~~last day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental~~  
24 ~~Ethics Act.~~ The county clerk or the county board of election  
25 commissioners may have petition forms available for issuance to  
26 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition

1 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general  
2 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days  
3 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the  
4 county board of election commissioners shall make  
5 certification to the proper election authorities in accordance  
6 with the general election law.

7 The county clerk or the county board of election  
8 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the  
9 principal office of the school district is located shall notify  
10 the candidates for whom a petition for nomination is filed or  
11 the appropriate committee of the obligations under the Campaign  
12 Financing Act as provided in the general election law. Such  
13 notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the State Board  
14 of Elections and in accordance with the requirements of the  
15 general election law. The county clerk or county board of  
16 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the  
17 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
18 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

19 A candidate for membership on the board of education or for  
20 office as a school director, who has petitioned for nomination  
21 to fill a full term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon  
22 at the same election, must withdraw his or her petition for  
23 nomination from either the full term or the vacant term by  
24 written declaration.

25 In all newly organized districts the petition for the  
26 nomination of candidates for members of the board of education



1 at the first election shall be addressed to and filed with the  
2 regional superintendent of schools in the manner herein  
3 specified for the petitions for members of a board of  
4 education. For such election the regional superintendent shall  
5 fulfill all duties otherwise assigned to the secretary of the  
6 board of education.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.".