

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 1-3, 1-12, 1A-16.5, 1A-16.8, 4-8, 4-20, 4-33, 5-7,  
6 5-28, 5-43, 6-35, 6-65, 6-79, 7-9, 9-3, 10-6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-8,  
7 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-8, 20-10, 21-1, 24C-12  
8 and 29-5, and by adding Sections 1-13 and 1A-50 as follows:

9 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

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

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

16 2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,  
17 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly  
18 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal  
19 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only  
20 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is  
21 required to be held on such date.

22 3. "Special election" means an election not regularly  
23 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is

1 held at the same time and place and by the same election  
2 officers as a regular election.

3 4. "General election" means the biennial election at which  
4 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary  
5 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary  
6 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates  
7 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

8 5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,  
9 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and  
10 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,  
11 village or incorporated town.

12 6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit  
13 of local government, or school district in which elections are  
14 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also  
15 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School  
16 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

17 7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply  
18 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization  
19 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township  
20 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality  
21 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal  
22 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

23 8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of  
24 Election Commissioners.

25 9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in  
26 the case of a county in which no city board of election

1 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of  
2 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial  
3 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (c)  
4 the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city  
5 board of election commissioners. In each instance election  
6 jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election  
7 authority maintains the permanent registration records of  
8 qualified electors.

9 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary  
10 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case  
11 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,  
12 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the  
13 various school officer elections and school referenda for which  
14 the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by The  
15 School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

16 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar  
17 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,  
18 when used in connection with duties at an election during the  
19 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of  
20 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with  
21 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to  
22 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the  
23 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated  
24 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,  
25 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be  
26 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be

1 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the  
2 holdover judges.

3 12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and  
4 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's  
5 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of  
6 qualified primary electors bound together.

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

11 14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the  
12 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of  
13 local government or school district, and includes, but is not  
14 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,  
15 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and  
16 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and  
17 precincts.

18 15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means  
19 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at  
20 an election dealing with subject matter other than the  
21 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is  
22 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions  
23 relating to the Constitution.

24 16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a  
25 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the  
26 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions

1 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of government,  
2 the officers or the manner of selection or terms of office of  
3 officers of such municipality or county, pursuant to the  
4 provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the  
5 Constitution.

6 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,  
7 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc  
8 or other electronic data processing information containing  
9 voter information.

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

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

15 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a  
16 temporary or permanent physical disability.

17 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two  
18 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most  
19 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the  
20 highest or second highest average number of votes. The  
21 political party whose candidates for governor received the  
22 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first  
23 leading political party and the political party whose  
24 candidates for governor received the second highest average  
25 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political  
26 party.

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

4           23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a  
5 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a  
6 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space under  
7 a bridge.

8           24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized  
9 form. This definition does not apply to a nominating or  
10 candidate petition or a referendum petition.

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

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

18 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

19 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition  
20 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required  
21 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and  
22 grace period voting at the student union on the campus of a  
23 public university within the election authority's  
24 jurisdiction. The voting required by this subsection (a) to be  
25 conducted on campus must be conducted from the 6th day before a

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

22 (b) (Blank).

23 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"  
24 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,  
25 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern  
26 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern

1 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and  
2 Northeastern Illinois University.

3 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union" means  
4 the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of  
5 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the  
6 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building  
7 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student  
8 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the  
9 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;  
10 the SIUC Student Center at the Southern Illinois University at  
11 Carbondale campus; the Morris University Center at the Southern  
12 Illinois University at Edwardsville campus; the University  
13 Union at the Western Illinois University at the Macomb campus;  
14 the Holmes Student Center at the Northern Illinois University  
15 campus; the University Union at the Eastern Illinois University  
16 campus; NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois  
17 University campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois  
18 State University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the  
19 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in  
20 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;  
22 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/1-13 new)

24 Sec. 1-13. Forms of signature. The making and signing of  
25 any form, including an application to register, a certificate



1 authorizing cancellation of a registration or authorizing a  
2 transfer of registration, an application to vote, a provisional  
3 ballot, or affidavit, but not including a nominating or  
4 candidate petition or a referendum petition, may be by a  
5 signature written in ink or in digitized form.

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

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

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
9 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a  
10 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her  
11 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical  
12 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each  
13 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system  
14 capable of receiving and processing voter registration  
15 application information, including electronic signatures, from  
16 the online voter registration system established by the State  
17 Board of Elections.

18 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ  
19 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter  
20 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to  
21 this Section.

22 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information  
23 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'  
24 website, may cross reference that information with data or  
25 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in

1 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may  
2 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized  
3 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's  
4 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's  
5 database.

6 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
7 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic  
8 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued  
9 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register  
10 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State  
11 Board of Elections.

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

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

18 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social  
19 security number; and

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

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

26 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the

1 following:

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

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

7 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the  
8 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the  
9 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be  
10 used by my local election authority on this online voter  
11 registration application for admission as an elector as if I  
12 had signed this form personally."

13 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter  
14 registration application, the online voter registration system  
15 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the  
16 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving  
17 such an application, the online voter registration system shall  
18 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of  
19 whether the following information has been matched with the  
20 Secretary of State database:

21 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois  
22 driver's license or State identification card issued by the  
23 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State  
24 identification number provided by the applicant matches  
25 the driver's license or State identification card number  
26 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

1           (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's  
2 license or State identification card listed on the  
3 application matches the date of issuance of that card for  
4 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

5           (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant  
6 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the  
7 Secretary of State; and

8           (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social  
9 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person  
10 on file with the Secretary of State.

11           (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches  
12 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any  
13 driver's license and State identification card holder and is  
14 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter  
15 registration system shall:

16           (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database  
17 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from  
18 his or her Illinois driver's license or State  
19 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to  
20 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter  
21 registration application;

22           (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward  
23 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners  
24 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter  
25 registration: (i) the application, along with the  
26 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into

1 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a  
2 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a  
3 certification from the State Board of Elections that the  
4 applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
5 number, driver's license or State identification card date  
6 of issuance, and date of birth and social security  
7 information have been successfully matched.

8 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration  
9 application, the county clerk or board of election  
10 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter  
11 registration shall promptly search its voter registration  
12 database to determine whether the applicant is already  
13 registered to vote at the address on the application and  
14 whether the new registration would create a duplicate  
15 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at  
16 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case  
17 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and  
18 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic  
19 mail address on the original voter registration form for that  
20 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law  
21 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to  
22 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already  
23 registered to vote at the address on the application and the  
24 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk  
25 or board, as the case may be, shall:

26 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the

1 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

2 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant  
3 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter  
4 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as  
5 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's  
6 name and address as it appears on the application and  
7 stating that the person is registered to vote.

8 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a  
9 duplicate registration application or a change of address form  
10 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's  
11 driver's license or State identification card database as  
12 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,  
13 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that  
14 individual in the voter registration database of the county  
15 clerk or board of election commissioners.

16 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted  
17 electronically as provided in this Section shall become  
18 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or  
19 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said  
20 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section  
21 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online  
22 application or change of address by the county clerk or board  
23 of election commissioners.

24 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter  
25 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with  
26 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under

1 this Section. All applications submitted on a website  
2 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed  
3 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on  
4 the 16th day ~~final day for voter registration~~ prior to an  
5 election. After the registration period for an upcoming  
6 election has ended and until the 2nd day following such  
7 election, the web page containing the online voter registration  
8 form on the State Board of Elections website shall inform users  
9 of the procedure for grace period voting.

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

17 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or  
18 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able  
19 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile  
20 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

21 (o) (Blank).

22 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet  
23 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website  
24 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For  
25 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the  
26 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the

1 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and  
2 Departments of State Government).

3 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;  
4 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

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

18 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes  
19 the new registration address provides the voter an  
20 opportunity to reject the change in registration address  
21 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new  
22 registration address, and

23 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction  
24 includes the previous registration address is a different  
25 election authority, then that election authority provides



1 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by forwardable  
2 mail, to the previous registration address.

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

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/1A-50 new)

21 Sec. 1A-50. The ERIC Operations Trust Fund. The ERIC  
22 Operations Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is created as a  
23 nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside of the State  
24 treasury, with the State Treasurer as ex officio custodian. The  
25 Trust Fund shall be financed by a combination of private

1 donations and by appropriations by the General Assembly. The  
2 Board may accept from all sources, contributions, grants,  
3 gifts, bequeaths, legacies of money, and securities to be  
4 deposited into the Trust Fund. All deposits shall become part  
5 of the Trust Fund corpus. Moneys in the Trust Fund are not  
6 subject to appropriation and shall be used by the Board solely  
7 for the costs and expenses related to the participation in the  
8 Electronic Registration Information Center pursuant to this  
9 Code.

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

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

25 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient

1 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which  
2 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
3 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
4 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
5 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable  
6 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration  
7 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration  
8 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

9 The registration record card shall contain the following  
10 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
11 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
12 registration:

13 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
14 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
15 for such middle name, if any.

16 Sex.

17 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
18 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
19 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
20 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
21 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
22 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be  
23 determined by street and number, then the section,  
24 congressional township and range number may be used, or such  
25 other description as may be necessary, including post-office  
26 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the

1 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
2 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
3 card.

4 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.  
5 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating  
6 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which  
7 he resided in such place or places during the year next  
8 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

9 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was  
10 born.

11 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
12 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
13 naturalization.

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

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

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

19 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
20 registered.

21 Electronic mail address, if any.

22 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration  
23 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
24 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
25 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and  
26 duplicate registration record cards.

1 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

2 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
3 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
4 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
5 description of the applicant in the space provided on the back  
6 or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the  
7 following questions and record the answers thereto:

8 Father's first name.

9 Mother's first name.

10 From what address did the applicant last register?

11 Reason for inability to sign name.

12 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
13 substantially the following form:

14 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

15 STATE OF ILLINOIS

16 COUNTY OF .....

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

23 .....

24 (His or her signature or mark)

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

26 .....

1 Signature of registration officer.

2 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

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

6 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
7 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
8 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
9 determine.

10 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
11 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
12 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
13 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
14 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
15 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
16 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
17 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
18 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
19 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
20 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
21 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
22 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the  
23 records but the election authority is not required to extend  
24 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for  
25 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so

1 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of  
2 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be  
3 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,  
4 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
5 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by  
6 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the  
7 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary  
8 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or  
9 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers  
10 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration  
11 record cards.

12 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
13 electronic data processing information containing voter  
14 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk  
15 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and  
16 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the  
17 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
18 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed  
19 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.  
20 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,  
21 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone  
22 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,  
23 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,  
24 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of  
25 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to  
26 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of

1 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the  
2 circuit court of the county in which the election authority  
3 maintains the registration information. The costs of  
4 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a  
5 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election  
6 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall  
7 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of  
8 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such  
9 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,  
10 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state  
11 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois  
12 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
13 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
14 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
15 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
16 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
17 State or local political committee and other than to a  
18 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
19 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures  
20 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
21 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
22 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
23 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
24 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
25 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
26 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business



1 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
2 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
3 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
4 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the  
5 county clerk to local political committees and governmental  
6 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable  
7 cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be  
8 the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration. The  
9 individual representing a political committee requesting  
10 copies of such tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the  
11 information shall be used only for bona fide political  
12 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or  
13 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic  
14 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political  
15 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial  
16 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain  
17 information on county residents related to the operations of  
18 county government in addition to registration information,  
19 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for  
20 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The  
21 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or  
22 computer discs or other electronic data processing information  
23 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
24 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
25 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of  
26 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of

1 a Class 4 felony.

2 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
3 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
4 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
5 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
6 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
7 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
8 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
9 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
10 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
11 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
12 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

13 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
14 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
15 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
16 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
17 following form:

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

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

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

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

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

25 .....

26 (Signature of Voter)

1 Attest: ....., County Clerk, .....

2 County, Illinois.

3 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
4 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election commission  
5 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly  
6 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority  
7 for cancellation of any previous registration.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/4-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-20)

10 Sec. 4-20. The original registration cards shall remain  
11 permanently in the office of the county clerk or election  
12 authority except as destroyed as provided in Section 4-5.01;  
13 shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts; and  
14 shall be known as the master file. The master file may be kept  
15 in a computer-based voter registration file or paper format,  
16 provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site. The  
17 digital file shall be searchable and remain current with all  
18 registration activity conducted by the county clerk or election  
19 authority. The duplicate registration cards shall constitute  
20 the official registry of voters for all elections subject to  
21 the provisions of this Article 4, shall be filed by precincts  
22 alphabetically or geographically so as to correspond with the  
23 arrangement of the list for such precincts respectively,  
24 compiled pursuant to Section 4-11 of this Article, and shall be  
25 known as the precinct file. The duplicate cards for use in

1 conducting elections shall be delivered to the judges of  
2 election by the county clerk in a suitable binder or other  
3 device, which shall be locked and sealed in accordance with the  
4 directions to be given by the county clerk and shall also be  
5 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.  
6 The duplicate cards shall be delivered to the judges of  
7 election for use at the polls for elections at the same time as  
8 the official ballots are delivered to them, and shall be  
9 returned to the county clerk by the judges of election within  
10 the time provided for the return of the official ballots. The  
11 county clerk shall determine the manner of delivery and return  
12 of such duplicate cards, and shall at all other times retain  
13 them at his office except for such use of them as may be made  
14 under this Article with respect to registration not at the  
15 office of the county clerk.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/4-33)

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

19 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a  
20 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
21 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
22 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
23 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall  
24 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
25 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.

1 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
2 required under Sections 4-8 and 4-21; provided that the cards  
3 shall also contain: (i) A space for a person to fill in his or  
4 her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
5 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
6 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
7 security number if the person has a social security number.

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

20 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a  
21 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
22 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
23 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
24 The making and signing of any form, including an application to  
25 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
26 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be

1 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

2 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under  
3 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
4 standards:

5 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration  
6 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the  
7 election authority, and each access to the computer-based  
8 voter registration file, other than an access solely for  
9 inquiry, shall be recorded.

10 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
11 computer-based voter registration file that includes any  
12 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered  
13 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the  
14 offices of the election authority.

15 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
16 computer-based voter registration file that includes a  
17 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered  
18 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be  
19 reproduced.

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

25 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter  
26 registration file that includes computer-stored images of

1 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a  
2 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the  
3 election authority in secure storage until the end of the  
4 second calendar year following the election in which it was  
5 used.

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

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

22 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
23 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
24 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,  
25 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
26 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy

1 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
2 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations  
3 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
4 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
5 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
6 voter registration record.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

9 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
10 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which  
11 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
12 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
13 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
14 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable  
15 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration  
16 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration  
17 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

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

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

25 Sex.



1 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
2 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
3 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
4 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
5 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
6 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing  
7 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's  
8 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be  
9 included on his or her registration record card.

10 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
11 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant  
12 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30  
13 days in the precinct.

14 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was  
15 born.

16 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
17 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
18 naturalization.

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

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

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

24 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
25 registered.

26 Electronic mail address, if any.

1 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration  
 2 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
 3 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
 4 or digitized form to the affidavit on the original and  
 5 duplicate registration record card.

6 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

7 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
 8 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
 9 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
 10 description of the applicant in the space provided at the  
 11 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following  
 12 questions and record the answers thereto:

13 Father's first name .....

14 Mother's first name .....

15 From what address did you last register?

16 Reason for inability to sign name.

17 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
 18 substantially the following form:

19 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

20 State of Illinois)

21 )ss

22 County of )

23 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
 24 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall  
 25 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
 26 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified

1 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence  
2 and that the above statements are true.

3 .....  
4 (His or her signature or mark)

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

6 .....

7 Signature of Registration Officer.

8 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

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

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

17 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
18 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
19 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
20 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
21 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
22 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
23 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
24 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
25 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board

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

19 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
20 electronic data processing information containing voter  
21 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk  
22 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and  
23 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the  
24 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
25 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed  
26 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.

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

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

1 business purposes. The prohibition in this Section against  
2 using the computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic  
3 data processing information containing voter registration  
4 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
5 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
6 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
7 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

8 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
9 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
10 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
11 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
12 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
13 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
14 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
15 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
16 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
17 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
18 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

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

24 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois. To the Election  
25 Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

26 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)

1 (city) and that my residence was .....

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

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

5 .....

6 (Signature of Voter)

7 Attest ....., County Clerk, ..... County, Illinois.

8 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
9 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election commission  
10 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly  
11 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority  
12 for cancellation of any previous registration.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/5-28) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-28)

15 Sec. 5-28. The original registration record cards shall  
16 remain permanently in the office of the county clerk or  
17 election authority except as destroyed as provided in Section  
18 5-6; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts;  
19 and shall be known as the master file. The master file may be  
20 kept in a computer-based voter registration file or paper  
21 format, provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site.  
22 The digital file shall be searchable and remain current with  
23 all registration activity conducted by the county clerk or  
24 election authority. The duplicate registration record cards  
25 shall constitute the official registry of voters for all



1 elections and shall be filed by precincts and townships. The  
2 duplicate cards for use in conducting elections shall be  
3 delivered to the judges of election by the county clerk in a  
4 suitable binder or other device, which shall be locked and  
5 sealed in accordance with the directions to be given by the  
6 county clerk and shall also be suitably indexed for convenient  
7 use by the precinct officers. The precinct files shall be  
8 delivered to the judges of election for use at the polls for  
9 elections at the same time as the official ballots are  
10 delivered to them, and shall be returned to the county clerk by  
11 the judges of election within the time provided for the return  
12 of the official ballots. The county clerk shall determine the  
13 manner of return and delivery of such file.

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

15 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

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

17 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a  
18 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
19 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
20 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
21 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall  
22 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
23 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.  
24 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
25 required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided that the cards

1 shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in his  
2 or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
3 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
4 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
5 security number if the person has a social security number.

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

18 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a  
19 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
20 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
21 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
22 The making and signing of any form, including an application to  
23 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
24 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be  
25 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

26 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under

1 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
2 standards:

3 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration  
4 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the  
5 election authority, and each access to the computer-based  
6 voter registration file, other than an access solely for  
7 inquiry, shall be recorded.

8 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
9 computer-based voter registration file that includes any  
10 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered  
11 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the  
12 offices of the election authority.

13 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any  
14 computer-based voter registration file that includes a  
15 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered  
16 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be  
17 reproduced.

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

23 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter  
24 registration file that includes computer-stored images of  
25 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a  
26 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the

1 election authority in secure storage until the end of the  
2 second calendar year following the election in which it was  
3 used.

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

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

20 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
21 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
22 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,  
23 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
24 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy  
25 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
26 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations

1 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
2 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
3 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
4 voter registration record.

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

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

7 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall  
8 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration  
9 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards  
10 and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of  
11 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data  
12 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards  
13 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
14 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of  
15 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
16 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the  
17 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other  
18 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or  
19 duplications.

20 The registration record card shall contain the following  
21 and such other information as the Board of Election  
22 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the  
23 identification of the applicant for registration:

24 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
25 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial

1 for such middle name, if any.

2 Sex.

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

12 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
13 precinct.

14 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was  
15 born.

16 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
17 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
18 naturalization.

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

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

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

24 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
25 registered.

26 Electronic mail address, if any.

1           Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and  
 2 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
 3 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
 4 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and the  
 5 duplicate registration record card.

6           Signature of deputy registrar.

7           In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
 8 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the registration  
 9 officer shall write a detailed description of the applicant in  
 10 the space provided at the bottom of the card or sheet; and  
 11 shall ask the following questions and record the answers  
 12 thereto:

13           Father's first name .....

14           Mother's first name .....

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

16           Reason for inability to sign name .....

17           Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
 18 substantially the following form:

19                                   AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

20           State of Illinois    )

21                                   )ss

22           County of .....    )

23           I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
 24 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall  
 25 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
 26 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my

1 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the  
2 above statements are true.

3 .....  
4 (His or her signature or mark)

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

6 .....

7 Signature of registration officer  
8 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

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

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

16 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
17 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
18 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
19 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
20 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
21 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
22 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
23 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
24 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
25 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
26 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election



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

17 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other  
18 electronic data processing information containing voter  
19 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of  
20 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and May  
21 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration period  
22 is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed  
23 by the State Board. For the purposes of this Section, a  
24 registration period is closed 27 days before the date of any  
25 regular or special election. Registration information shall  
26 include, but not be limited to, the following information:

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

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

1 computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data  
2 processing information containing voter registration  
3 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
4 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
5 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
6 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

7 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
8 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
9 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
10 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
11 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
12 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
13 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
14 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
15 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
16 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
17 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

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

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

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

25 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
26 (city) and that my residence was ..... Having moved out of your

1 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that  
2 registration in your office.

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

4 .....

5 (Signature of Voter)

6 Attest ....., Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,  
7 Illinois.

8 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
9 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,  
10 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant  
11 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be  
12 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-65) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-65)

15 Sec. 6-65.

16 The duplicate registration record cards shall remain  
17 permanently in the office of the Board of Election  
18 Commissioners; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to  
19 wards or precincts; and shall be known as the master file. The  
20 master file may be kept in a computer-based voter registration  
21 file or paper format, provided a secondary digital back-up is  
22 kept off site. The digital file shall be searchable and remain  
23 current with all registration activity conducted by the Board  
24 of Election Commissioners. The original registration record  
25 cards shall constitute the official precinct registry of

1 voters; shall be filed by wards and precincts; and shall be  
2 known as the precinct file. The original cards shall be  
3 delivered to the judges of election by the Board of Election  
4 Commissioners in a suitable binder or other device, which shall  
5 be locked and sealed in accordance with directions to be given  
6 by the Board of Election Commissioners and shall also be  
7 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.  
8 The precinct files shall be delivered to the precinct officers  
9 for use at the polls, on the day of election and shall be  
10 returned to the Board of Election Commissioners immediately  
11 after the close of the polls. The board shall determine by  
12 rules the manner of delivery and return to such file. At all  
13 other times the precinct file shall be retained at the office  
14 of the Board of Election Commissioners except for such use of  
15 it as may be made under this Article with respect to  
16 registration not at the office of the Board of Election  
17 Commissioners.

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

19 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

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

21 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a  
22 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in  
23 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election  
24 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter  
25 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall

1 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not  
2 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.  
3 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information  
4 required under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35; provided that the  
5 cards shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in  
6 his or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
7 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's  
8 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social  
9 security number if the person has a social security number.

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

22 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a  
23 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using  
24 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based  
25 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.  
26 The making and signing of any form, including an application to

1 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a  
2 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be  
3 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

4 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under  
5 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following  
6 standards:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

24           (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority  
25 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate  
26 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,

1 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record  
2 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy  
3 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State  
4 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations  
5 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal  
6 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained  
7 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the  
8 voter registration record.

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

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

11 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
12 conventions.

13 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
14 committeemen are elected, the county central committee of each  
15 political party shall meet within the county and proceed to  
16 organize by electing from its own number a chairman and either  
17 from its own number, or otherwise, such other officers as such  
18 committee may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the  
19 county central committee shall be known as the county  
20 convention.

21 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10 days  
22 after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
23 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
24 precinct committeemen and representative committeemen elected  
25 by his political party.

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

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

25           Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
26 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph

1 (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the State  
2 Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,  
3 who must be residents of the member's Congressional District.

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

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

19 (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention, if  
20 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2  
21 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of  
22 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses  
23 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors  
24 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of  
25 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and  
26 alternate delegates at large to national nominating

1 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by such  
2 State convention for electors of President and Vice President  
3 of the United States, shall be caused by the State Board of  
4 Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at the general  
5 election, in the manner required by law, and shall be certified  
6 to the various county clerks of the proper counties in the  
7 manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the  
8 certifying of the names of persons nominated by any party for  
9 State offices. If and as long as this Act prescribes that the  
10 names of such electors be not printed on the ballot, then the  
11 names of such electors shall be certified in such manner as may  
12 be prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

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

16 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,  
17 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chairman  
18 of the State central committee of each political party shall  
19 file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a  
20 call for the State convention. Such call shall state, among  
21 other things, the time and place (designating the building or  
22 hall) for holding the State convention. Such call shall be  
23 signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of the  
24 committee. In such convention each county shall be entitled to  
25 one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors  
26 of the party in such county at the primary to be held next

1 after the issuance of such call; and if in such county, less  
2 than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so  
3 voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one  
4 delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for such  
5 group representing the number of votes over the multiple of  
6 500, which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each  
7 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such  
8 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in  
9 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen  
10 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of  
11 delegates be chosen.

12 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeemen when  
13 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though  
14 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made  
15 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting  
16 strength of each committeeman shall remain as provided in this  
17 Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

18 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
19 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
20 provided in this Act.

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

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

12           (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
13 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of  
14 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
15 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a  
16 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
17 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
18 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
19 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
20 their terms.

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

22           (10 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-3)

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

24           (a) Every political committee shall file with the State  
25 Board of Elections a statement of organization within 10

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

19 In addition to the civil penalties authorized by this  
20 Section, the State Board of Elections or any other political  
21 committee may apply to the circuit court for a temporary  
22 restraining order or a preliminary or permanent injunction  
23 against the political committee to cease the expenditure of  
24 funds and to cease operations until the statement of  
25 organization is filed.

26 For the purpose of this Section, "statewide office" means



1 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,  
2 Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller.

3 (b) The statement of organization shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

14 (6) a statement of what specific disposition of  
15 residual fund will be made in the event of the dissolution  
16 or termination of the committee;

17 (7) a listing of all banks or other financial  
18 institutions, safety deposit boxes, and any other  
19 repositories or custodians of funds used by the committee;  
20 and

21 (8) the amount of funds available for campaign  
22 expenditures as of the filing date of the committee's  
23 statement of organization.

24 For purposes of this Section, a "sponsoring entity" is (i)  
25 any person, organization, corporation, or association that  
26 contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the political

1 committee or (ii) any person or other entity that is registered  
 2 or is required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act  
 3 and contributes at least 33% of the total funding of the  
 4 political committee.

5 (c) Each statement of organization required to be filed in  
 6 accordance with this Section shall be verified, dated, and  
 7 signed by either the treasurer of the political committee  
 8 making the statement or the candidate on whose behalf the  
 9 statement is made and shall contain substantially the following  
 10 verification:

11 "VERIFICATION:

12 I declare that this statement of organization (including  
 13 any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by  
 14 me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is a true,  
 15 correct, and complete statement of organization as required by  
 16 Article 9 of the Election Code. I understand that willfully  
 17 filing a false or incomplete statement is subject to a civil  
 18 penalty of at least \$1,001 and up to \$5,000.

19 .....

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

21 (d) The statement of organization for a ballot initiative  
 22 committee also shall include a verification signed by the  
 23 chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is formed  
 24 for the purpose of supporting or opposing a question of public  
 25 policy, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the  
 26 committee will be used for the purpose described in the

1 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept  
2 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the  
3 ballot initiative committee does not make contributions or  
4 expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate or  
5 candidates for nomination for election, election, or  
6 retention, and (iv) failure to abide by these requirements  
7 shall deem the committee in violation of this Article.

8 (d-5) The statement of organization for an independent  
9 expenditure committee also shall include a verification signed  
10 by the chairperson of the committee that (i) the committee is  
11 formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent  
12 expenditures, (ii) all contributions and expenditures of the  
13 committee will be used for the purpose described in the  
14 statement of organization, (iii) the committee may accept  
15 unlimited contributions from any source, provided that the  
16 independent expenditure committee does not make contributions  
17 to any candidate political committee, political party  
18 committee, or political action committee, and (iv) failure to  
19 abide by these requirements shall deem the committee in  
20 violation of this Article.

21 (e) For purposes of implementing the changes made by this  
22 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, every political  
23 committee in existence on the effective date of this amendatory  
24 Act of the 96th General Assembly shall file the statement  
25 required by this Section with the Board by December 31, 2010.

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

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

2 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Certificates of  
3 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of  
4 candidates for offices to be filled by electors of the entire  
5 State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for  
6 congressional, state legislative or judicial offices, shall be  
7 presented to the principal office of the State Board of  
8 Elections not more than 141 nor less than 134 days previous to  
9 the day of election for which the candidates are nominated. The  
10 State Board of Elections shall endorse the certificates of  
11 nomination or nomination papers, as the case may be, and the  
12 date and hour of presentment to it. Except as otherwise  
13 provided in this section, all other certificates for the  
14 nomination of candidates shall be filed with the county clerk  
15 of the respective counties not more than 141 but at least 134  
16 days previous to the day of such election. Certificates of  
17 nomination and nomination papers for the nomination of  
18 candidates for school district offices to be filled at  
19 consolidated elections shall be filed with the county clerk or  
20 county board of election commissioners of the county ~~election~~  
21 ~~authority~~ in which the principal office of the school district  
22 is located not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
23 consolidated election. Certificates of nomination and  
24 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for the  
25 other offices of political subdivisions to be filled at regular

1 elections other than the general election shall be filed with  
2 the local election official of such subdivision:

3 (1) (Blank);

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

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

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

14 (5) not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the  
15 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
16 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are  
17 provided; or

18 (6) in the case of petitions for the office of  
19 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed  
20 with the election authority not more than 113 nor less than  
21 106 days before the consolidated election.

22 However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are  
23 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
24 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of  
25 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such  
26 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of

1 such Board.

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

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

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

6 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

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

10 I state that I am a resident of the .... precinct of the  
11 (1) \*township of .... (2) \*City of .... or (3) \*.... ward in  
12 the city of .... residing at .... in such city or town in the  
13 county of .... and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such  
14 address for .... month(s) last past; that I am lawfully  
15 entitled to vote in such precinct at the .... election to be  
16 held therein on ....; and that I wish to vote by vote by mail  
17 ballot.

18 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
19 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall  
20 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same  
21 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election  
22 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than ~~midnight~~  
23 ~~preceding~~ election day, for counting no later than during the  
24 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which  
25 is the 14th day following election day.

1 I understand that this application is made for an official  
 2 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the  
 3 election specified in this application and that I must submit a  
 4 separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
 5 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

6 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
 7 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
 8 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

9 . . . .

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

11 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

12 .....

13 However, if application is made for a primary election  
 14 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to  
 15 designate the name of the political party with which the  
 16 applicant is affiliated.

17 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall  
 18 mark the box associated with the above described statement  
 19 included as part of the online application certifying that the  
 20 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,  
 21 and a signature is not required.

22 Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to  
 23 an election authority the application for vote by mail ballot.  
 24 Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall accept  
 25 and promptly process any application for vote by mail ballot  
 26 submitted in a form substantially similar to that required by

1 this Section, including any substantially similar production  
2 or reproduction generated by the applicant.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;  
4 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

6 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.  
7 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail  
8 or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than 5 days  
9 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than  
10 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the  
11 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such  
12 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether  
13 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as  
14 requested, including a verification of the applicant's  
15 signature by comparison with the signature on the official  
16 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to  
17 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,  
18 street address, ward and precinct number or township and  
19 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on  
20 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to  
21 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a  
22 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at  
23 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in  
24 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of  
25 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting



1 the name and other information of an applicant for a vote by  
2 mail ballot, the election authority shall transmit by  
3 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the State  
4 Board of Elections that name and other posted information to  
5 the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names  
6 and other information in an electronic format on its website,  
7 arranged by county and accessible to State and local political  
8 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and  
9 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner  
10 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall  
11 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office an  
12 official ballot or ballots if more than one are to be voted at  
13 said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent Student  
14 ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall be by  
15 nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated election,  
16 vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be delivered to  
17 applicants not less than 25 days before the election if so much  
18 time is required to have prepared and printed the ballots  
19 containing the names of persons nominated for offices at the  
20 consolidated primary. The election authority shall enclose  
21 with each vote by mail ballot or application written  
22 instructions on how voting assistance shall be provided  
23 pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document, written and approved  
24 by the State Board of Elections, informing the vote by mail  
25 voter of the required postage for returning the application and  
26 ballot, and enumerating the circumstances under which a person

1 is authorized to vote by vote by mail ballot pursuant to this  
2 Article; such document shall also include a statement informing  
3 the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is solicited by  
4 another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast a vote by  
5 mail ballot, such applicant or other is subject to penalties  
6 pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the Election  
7 Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list of the  
8 name, street address, ward and precinct, or township and  
9 district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who have  
10 returned vote by mail ballots to such authority, and the name  
11 of such vote by mail voter shall be added to such list within  
12 one business day from receipt of such ballot. If the vote by  
13 mail ballot envelope indicates that the voter was assisted in  
14 casting the ballot, the name of the person so assisting shall  
15 be included on the list. The list, the pages of which are to be  
16 numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each election  
17 authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place accessible  
18 to the public at the entrance of the office of the election  
19 authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed without  
20 necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

21 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each  
22 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail  
23 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within  
24 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the  
25 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority  
26 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the

1 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail  
2 ballots have been issued by mail.

3 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each  
4 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent  
5 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each election  
6 jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily abide.  
7 Immediately after the close of the period during which  
8 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by  
9 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other  
10 election authority within the State a certified list of all  
11 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the  
12 other election authority.

13 In the event that the return address of an application for  
14 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a  
15 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,  
16 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the  
17 ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the  
18 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a  
19 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is  
20 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a  
21 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the  
22 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the  
23 election as designated by the election authority under Section  
24 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated  
25 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility  
26 from which application was made. The election authority shall

1 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot  
2 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

3 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be  
4 available at the office of the election authority for public  
5 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by the  
6 election authority until 30 days after the election, except  
7 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the  
8 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during  
9 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges  
10 of election.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;  
12 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-180, eff.  
13 7-29-15.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

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

16 (a) (Blank.)

17 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
18 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
19 and received by that election authority before the closing of  
20 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving  
21 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be  
22 processed by the election authority beginning on the ~~15th day~~  
23 ~~before election~~ day it is received by the election authority in  
24 the central ballot counting location of the election authority,  
25 but the results of the processing may not be counted until the

1 day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in  
2 subsections (g) and (g-5).

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

12 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
13 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
14 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
15 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
16 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
17 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by  
18 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
19 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
20 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day  
21 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under  
22 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot  
23 counting location of the election authority during the period  
24 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
25 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

26 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail

1 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election  
2 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent  
3 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed  
4 no later than election day.

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

23 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
24 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
25 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
26 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by

1 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of  
2 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
3 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
4 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
5 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
6 election.

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

14 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
15 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
16 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is  
17 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for  
18 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official  
19 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification  
20 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the signature of the  
21 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the  
22 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures  
23 match, and that the vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified  
24 to cast a vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall  
25 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot  
26 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the

1 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If  
2 the election judge or official determines that the signatures  
3 do not match, or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified  
4 to cast a vote by mail ballot, then without opening the  
5 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark across  
6 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
7 shall not cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

18 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
19 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
20 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
21 shall not cast or count the ballot.

22 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
23 judge or official for any reason, the election authority shall,  
24 within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases before the  
25 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, notify  
26 the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The



1 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
2 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear  
3 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after  
4 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be  
5 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election  
6 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot  
7 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel  
8 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,  
9 application, and certification envelope, as well as any  
10 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2  
11 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same  
12 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall  
13 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested  
14 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be  
15 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

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

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

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

2 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,  
3 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his  
4 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the  
5 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by  
6 mail ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over  
7 his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form  
8 furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section  
9 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the election.  
10 A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant  
11 to a vote by mail ballot for every election in one calendar  
12 year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the  
13 office of the election authority for one year as authorization  
14 to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held  
15 within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application  
16 for ballot shall be sent each election with the vote by mail  
17 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting  
18 location to be used in lieu of the original application for  
19 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote  
20 pursuant to this Section.

21 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election  
22 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this  
23 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section  
24 must be returned postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~  
25 election day and received for counting at the central ballot  
26 counting location of the election authority during the period

1 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
2 14th day following election day.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

5 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily  
6 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States  
7 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who  
8 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the  
9 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or  
10 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make  
11 simultaneous application to the election authority having  
12 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration  
13 by mail and vote by mail ballot not less than 30 days before  
14 the election. Such application may be made on the official  
15 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as  
16 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by facsimile or  
17 electronic transmission. A request pursuant to this Section  
18 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every  
19 election in one calendar year. The original application for  
20 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority  
21 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for  
22 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified  
23 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election  
24 with the vote by mail ballot to the election authority's  
25 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the

1 original application for ballot.

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

8 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the  
9 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of  
10 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
11 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
12 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

13 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned  
14 postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and  
15 received for counting at the central ballot counting location  
16 of the election authority during the period for counting  
17 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day  
18 following election day.

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

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

21 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise  
22 qualified to vote, may make application to the election  
23 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former  
24 residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the Federal  
25 offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election.

1 Such application may be made on the official postcard or by  
2 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to  
3 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail  
4 ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal  
5 offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall  
6 be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as  
7 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election  
8 to be held within that calendar year at which Federal offices  
9 are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot  
10 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ballot to the  
11 election authority's central ballot counting location to be  
12 used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No  
13 registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to  
14 this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by  
15 the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5  
16 of this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
17 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
18 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots  
19 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later  
20 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting  
21 at the central ballot counting location of the election  
22 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,  
23 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

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

25 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

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

13           Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the  
14 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of  
15 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the  
16 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by  
17 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots  
18 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later  
19 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day and received for counting  
20 at the central ballot counting location of the election  
21 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,  
22 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

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

24           (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

25           Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the

1 following applications for registration by mail or vote by mail  
2 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in  
3 lieu of the official postcard.

4 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the  
5 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial  
6 limits of the United States, and certified program participants  
7 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic  
8 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed  
9 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such  
10 application shall be substantially in the following form:

11 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

12 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in  
13 which is located my residence at....., in the  
14 city/village/township of .....(insert home address)  
15 County of..... and State of Illinois.

16 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on  
17 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of  
18 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the  
19 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am  
20 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;  
21 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

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

23 2. ( ) a citizen of the United States temporarily residing  
24 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I  
25 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the  
26 date of holding such election, and that I will have no

1 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

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

4 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
5 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said  
6 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said  
7 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later  
8 than ~~midnight preceding~~ election day, for counting no later  
9 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the  
10 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or  
11 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

12 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously  
13 registered)

14 ( ) I hereby make application to become registered as a  
15 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for  
16 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days  
17 before the election.

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

21 .....

22 Post office address or service address to which  
23 registration materials or ballot should be mailed

24 .....

25 .....

26 .....



1 ....."

2 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such  
3 application shall designate the name of the political party  
4 with which the applicant is affiliated.

5 Such applications may be obtained from the election  
6 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of  
7 residence.

8 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States  
9 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in  
10 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in  
11 the office of the election authority within the periods  
12 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the  
13 following form:

14 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election  
15 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person  
16 for whom this application is made at.....(insert  
17 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....  
18 County of..... and State of Illinois.

19 I certify that the following named person.....  
20 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States  
21 Service.

22 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;  
23 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have  
24 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct  
25 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the  
26 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;

1 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct  
 2 at that election; that said person is a member of the United  
 3 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said  
 4 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the  
 5 date of holding such election, and that said person will have  
 6 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

7 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots  
 8 to be voted by said person at such election and said person  
 9 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the  
 10 election authority postmarked no later than ~~midnight preceding~~  
 11 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
 12 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th  
 13 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or  
 14 ballots.

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

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

22 Name of applicant .....

23 Residence address .....

24 City/village/township.....

25 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:  
 26 .....

1 .....  
 2 .....  
 3 ....."

4 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such  
 5 application shall designate the name of the political party  
 6 with which the person for whom application is made is  
 7 affiliated.

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

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

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

14 (a) (Blank.)

15 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
 16 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
 17 and received by that election authority may be processed by the  
 18 election authority beginning on the ~~15th day before election~~  
 19 day it is received by the election authority in the central  
 20 ballot counting location of the election authority, but the  
 21 results of the processing may not be counted until the day of  
 22 the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections  
 23 (g) and (g-5).

24 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
 25 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,

1 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
2 close on election day and before the close of the period for  
3 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
4 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
5 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
6 location of the election authority during the period for  
7 counting provisional ballots.

8 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
9 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
10 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
11 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
12 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
13 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by  
14 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
15 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
16 if the certification date is ~~a date preceding the~~ election day  
17 or earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under  
18 the requirements of this Section, counted at the central ballot  
19 counting location of the election authority during the period  
20 for counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
21 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

22 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
23 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an election  
24 authority absent a postmark may be counted if the intelligent  
25 mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope was mailed  
26 no later than election day.

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

20 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
21 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
22 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
23 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed  
24 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of  
25 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
26 authority for the period of time required for the preservation

1 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
2 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
3 election.

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

11 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
12 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
13 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article  
14 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period  
15 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or  
16 official shall compare the voter's signature on the  
17 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the  
18 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the  
19 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures  
20 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a  
21 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast  
22 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is  
23 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results  
24 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the  
25 election judge or official determines that the signatures do  
26 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot

1 under this Article, then without opening the certification  
2 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of  
3 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not  
4 cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

15 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
16 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
17 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
18 shall not cast or count the ballot.

19 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
20 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
21 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
22 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
23 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.  
24 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
25 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear  
26 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after

1 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be  
2 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election  
3 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot  
4 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel  
5 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,  
6 application, and certification envelope, as well as any  
7 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2  
8 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same  
9 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall  
10 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested  
11 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable  
12 either administratively or judicially.

13 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to  
14 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for  
15 counting provisional ballots.

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

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

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/20-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-10)

24 Sec. 20-10. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to be present  
25 during the casting of the vote by mail voters' ballots, each



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

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

20 (10 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 21-1)

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

24 (a) In each year in which a President and Vice-President of  
25 the United States are chosen, each political party or group in

1 this State shall choose by its State Convention or State  
2 central committee electors of President and Vice-President of  
3 the United States and such State Convention or State central  
4 committee of such party or group shall also choose electors at  
5 large, if any are to be appointed for this State and such State  
6 Convention or State central committee of such party or group  
7 shall by its chairman and secretary certify the total list of  
8 such electors together with electors at large so chosen to the  
9 State Board of Elections.

10 The filing of such certificate with the Board, of such  
11 choosing of electors shall be deemed and taken to be the  
12 choosing and selection of the electors of this State, if such  
13 party or group is successful at the polls as herein provided in  
14 choosing their candidates for President and Vice-President of  
15 the United States.

16 (b) The names of the candidates of the several political  
17 parties or groups for electors of President and Vice-President  
18 shall not be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the  
19 election to be held on the day in this Act above named. In lieu  
20 of the names of the candidates for such electors of President  
21 and Vice-President, immediately under the appellation of party  
22 name of a party or group in the column of its candidates on the  
23 official ballot, to be voted at said election first above named  
24 in subsection (1) of Section 2A-1.2 and Section 2A-2, there  
25 shall be printed within a bracket the name of the candidate for  
26 President and the name of the candidate for Vice-President of

1 such party or group with a square to the left of such bracket.  
2 Each voter in this State from the several lists or sets of  
3 electors so chosen and selected by the said respective  
4 political parties or groups, may choose and elect one of such  
5 lists or sets of electors by placing a cross in the square to  
6 the left of the bracket aforesaid of one of such parties or  
7 groups. Placing a cross within the square before the bracket  
8 enclosing the names of President and Vice-President shall not  
9 be deemed and taken as a direct vote for such candidates for  
10 President and Vice-President, or either of them, but shall only  
11 be deemed and taken to be a vote for the entire list or set of  
12 electors chosen by that political party or group so certified  
13 to the State Board of Elections as herein provided. Voting by  
14 means of placing a cross in the appropriate place preceding the  
15 appellation or title of the particular political party or  
16 group, shall not be deemed or taken as a direct vote for the  
17 candidates for President and Vice-President, or either of them,  
18 but instead to the Presidential vote, as a vote for the entire  
19 list or set of electors chosen by that political party or group  
20 so certified to the State Board of Elections as herein  
21 provided.

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

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

17           (e) Should a vacancy occur in the choice of an elector in a  
18 congressional district, such vacancy may be filled by the  
19 executive committee of the party or group for such  
20 congressional district, to be certified by such committee to  
21 the State Board of Elections. Should a vacancy occur in the  
22 office of elector at large, such vacancy shall be filled by the  
23 State committee of such political party or group, and certified  
24 by it to the State Board of Elections.

25           (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-12)

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

6 Before the opening of the polls, the judges of elections  
7 shall assemble the voting equipment and devices and turn the  
8 equipment on. The judges shall, if necessary, take steps to  
9 activate the voting devices and counting equipment by inserting  
10 into the equipment and voting devices appropriate data cards  
11 containing passwords and data codes that will select the proper  
12 ballot formats selected for that polling place and that will  
13 prevent inadvertent or unauthorized activation of the  
14 poll-opening function. Before voting begins and before ballots  
15 are entered into the voting devices, the judges of election  
16 shall cause to be printed a record of the following: the  
17 election's identification data, the device's unit  
18 identification, the ballot's format identification, the  
19 contents of each active candidate register by office and of  
20 each active public question register showing that they contain  
21 all zero votes, all ballot fields that can be used to invoke  
22 special voting options, and other information needed to ensure  
23 the readiness of the equipment and to accommodate  
24 administrative reporting requirements. The judges must also  
25 check to be sure that the totals are all zeros in the counting  
26 columns and in the public counter affixed to the voting

1 devices.

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

16 Upon completing his or her selection of candidates or  
17 public questions, the voter shall signify that voting has been  
18 completed by activating the appropriate button, switch or  
19 active area of the ballot screen associated with end of voting.  
20 Upon activation, the voting system shall record an image of the  
21 completed ballot, increment the proper ballot position  
22 registers, and shall signify to the voter that the ballot has  
23 been cast. Upon activation, the voting system shall also print  
24 a permanent paper record of each ballot cast as defined in  
25 Section 24C-2 of this Code. This permanent paper record shall  
26 (i) be printed in a clear, readily readable format that can be

1 easily reviewed by the voter for completeness and accuracy and  
2 (ii) either be self-contained within the voting device or be  
3 deposited by the voter into a secure ballot box. No permanent  
4 paper record shall be removed from the polling place except by  
5 election officials as authorized by this Article. All permanent  
6 paper records shall be preserved and secured by election  
7 officials in the same manner as paper ballots and shall be  
8 available as an official record for any recount, redundant  
9 count, or verification or retabulation of the vote count  
10 conducted with respect to any election in which the voting  
11 system is used. The voter shall exit the voting station and the  
12 voting system shall prevent any further attempt to vote until  
13 it has been properly re-activated. If a voting device has been  
14 enabled for voting but the voter leaves the polling place  
15 without casting a ballot, 2 judges of election, one from each  
16 of the 2 major political parties, shall spoil the ballot.

17 Throughout the election day and before the closing of the  
18 polls, no person may check any vote totals for any candidate or  
19 public question on the voting or counting equipment. Such  
20 equipment shall be programmed so that no person may reset the  
21 equipment for reentry of ballots unless provided the proper  
22 code from an authorized representative of the election  
23 authority.

24 The precinct judges of election shall check the public  
25 register to determine whether the number of ballots counted by  
26 the voting equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as

1 shown by the applications for ballot. If the same do not agree,  
2 the judges of election shall immediately contact the offices of  
3 the election authority in charge of the election for further  
4 instructions. If the number of ballots counted by the voting  
5 equipment agrees with the number of voters voting as shown by  
6 the application for ballot, the number shall be listed on the  
7 "Statement of Ballots" form provided by the election authority.

8 The totals for all candidates and propositions shall be  
9 tabulated. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals Report" shall be  
10 generated by the automatic tabulating equipment for return to  
11 the election authority. One copy of an "In-Precinct Totals  
12 Report" shall be generated and posted in a conspicuous place  
13 inside the polling place, provided that any authorized  
14 pollwatcher or other official authorized to be present in the  
15 polling place to observe the counting of ballots is present.  
16 The judges of election shall provide, if requested, a set for  
17 each authorized pollwatcher or other official authorized to be  
18 present in the polling place to observe the counting of  
19 ballots. In addition, sufficient time shall be provided by the  
20 judges of election to the pollwatchers to allow them to copy  
21 information from the copy which has been posted.

22 Until December 31, 2019 ~~2015~~, in elections at which  
23 fractional cumulative votes are cast for candidates, the  
24 tabulation of those fractional cumulative votes may be made by  
25 the election authority at its central office location, and 4  
26 copies of a "Certificate of Results" shall be printed by the



1 automatic tabulation equipment and shall be posted in 4  
2 conspicuous places at the central office location where those  
3 fractional cumulative votes have been tabulated.

4 If instructed by the election authority, the judges of  
5 election shall cause the tabulated returns to be transmitted  
6 electronically to the offices of the election authority via  
7 modem or other electronic medium.

8 The precinct judges of election shall select a bi-partisan  
9 team of 2 judges, who shall immediately return the ballots in a  
10 sealed container, along with all other election materials and  
11 equipment as instructed by the election authority; provided,  
12 however, that such container must first be sealed by the  
13 election judges with filament tape or other approved sealing  
14 devices provided for the purpose in a manner that the ballots  
15 cannot be removed from the container without breaking the seal  
16 or filament tape and disturbing any signatures affixed by the  
17 election judges to the container. The election authority shall  
18 keep the office of the election authority, or any receiving  
19 stations designated by the authority, open for at least 12  
20 consecutive hours after the polls close or until the ballots  
21 and election material and equipment from all precincts within  
22 the jurisdiction of the election authority have been returned  
23 to the election authority. Ballots and election materials and  
24 equipment returned to the office of the election authority  
25 which are not signed and sealed as required by law shall not be  
26 accepted by the election authority until the judges returning

1 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon  
2 acceptance of the ballots and election materials and equipment  
3 by the election authority, the judges returning the ballots  
4 shall take a receipt signed by the election authority and  
5 stamped with the time and date of the return. The election  
6 judges whose duty it is to return any ballots and election  
7 materials and equipment as provided shall, in the event the  
8 ballots, materials or equipment cannot be found when needed, on  
9 proper request, produce the receipt which they are to take as  
10 above provided.

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

13 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having  
14 voted once, knowingly during any election ~~on the same election~~  
15 ~~day~~ where the ballot or machine lists any of the same  
16 candidates and issues listed on the ballot or machine  
17 previously used for voting by that person, (a) files an  
18 application to vote in the same or another polling place, or  
19 (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting machine (except to  
20 legally give assistance pursuant to the provisions of this  
21 Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony; however, if a  
22 person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an election  
23 authority as a vote by mail voter and due to a change of  
24 circumstances is able to and does vote in the precinct of his  
25 residence on election day, shall not be deemed to be in

1 violation of this Code.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/20-6 rep.)

4 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing  
5 Section 20-6.

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

8 (60 ILCS 1/45-20)

9 Sec. 45-20. Caucus result; filing nomination papers;  
10 certifying candidates.

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

13 (b) The chairman of the township central committee shall,  
14 not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the township  
15 election, file nomination papers as provided in this Section.  
16 The nomination papers shall consist of (i) a certification by  
17 the chairman of the names of all candidates for office in the  
18 township nominated at the caucus and (ii) a statement of  
19 candidacy by each candidate in the form prescribed in the  
20 general election law. The nomination papers shall be filed in  
21 the office of the township clerk, except that if the township  
22 is entirely within the corporate limits of a city, village, or  
23 incorporated town under the jurisdiction of a board of election

1 commissioners, the nomination papers shall be filed in the  
2 office of the board of election commissioners instead of the  
3 township clerk.

4 (c) The township clerk shall certify the candidates so  
5 nominated to the proper election authorities not less than 68  
6 ~~61~~ days before the township election. The election shall be  
7 conducted in accordance with the general election law.

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

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

11 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

12 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.  
13 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated  
14 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,  
15 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with  
16 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,  
17 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office  
18 of the school district is located.

19 Nominations for members of boards of education, including  
20 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition  
21 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is  
22 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the  
23 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as  
24 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of

1 the school district is located. In addition to the requirements  
2 of the general election law, the form of such petitions shall  
3 be substantially as follows:

4 NOMINATING PETITIONS

5 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

6 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election  
7 Commissioners) .... of .... County:

8 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)  
9 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,  
10 hereby petition that .... who resides at .... in the (city or  
11 village) of .... in Township .... (or who resides outside any  
12 city, village or incorporated town and in Township ....) in  
13 said district shall be a candidate for the office of .... of  
14 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)  
15 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert  
16 date).

17 Name: ..... Address: .....

18 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
19 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
20 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
21 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
22 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
23 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
24 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the  
25 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name

1 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list  
2 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on  
3 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition  
4 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the  
5 candidate's previous names during the period specified in  
6 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was  
7 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds  
8 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the  
9 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes  
10 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or  
11 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or  
12 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of  
13 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such  
14 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the  
15 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or  
16 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,  
17 or similar information may be used in connection with the  
18 candidate's surname.

19 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid  
20 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk  
21 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may  
22 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school  
23 district is located a receipt from the county clerk showing  
24 that the candidate has filed a statement of economic interests  
25 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such  
26 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar

1 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the  
2 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with  
3 the general election law.

4 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of  
5 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county  
6 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the  
7 county in which the principal office of the school district is  
8 located within the time provided for by the general election  
9 law. ~~The county clerk or the county board of election~~  
10 ~~commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions which~~  
11 ~~include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter~~  
12 ~~signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator~~  
13 ~~and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate~~  
14 ~~has filed a statement of economic interest on or before the~~  
15 ~~last day to file as required by the Illinois Governmental~~  
16 ~~Ethics Act.~~ The county clerk or the county board of election  
17 commissioners may have petition forms available for issuance to  
18 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition  
19 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general  
20 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days  
21 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the  
22 county board of election commissioners shall make  
23 certification to the proper election authorities in accordance  
24 with the general election law.

25 The county clerk or the county board of election  
26 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the

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

11 A candidate for membership on the board of education or for  
12 office as a school director, who has petitioned for nomination  
13 to fill a full term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon  
14 at the same election, must withdraw his or her petition for  
15 nomination from either the full term or the vacant term by  
16 written declaration.

17 In all newly organized districts the petition for the  
18 nomination of candidates for members of the board of education  
19 at the first election shall be addressed to and filed with the  
20 regional superintendent of schools in the manner herein  
21 specified for the petitions for members of a board of  
22 education. For such election the regional superintendent shall  
23 fulfill all duties otherwise assigned to the secretary of the  
24 board of education.

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

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon



1 becoming law.