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   Section 24B-2 as follows:

6   (10 ILCS 5/24B-2)
7   Sec. 24B-2. Definitions. As used in this Article:
8   "Computer", "automatic   tabulating   equipment"   or
9   "equipment" includes apparatus necessary to automatically
10   examine and count votes as designated on ballots, and data
11   processing machines which can be used for counting ballots
12   and tabulating results.
13   "Ballot" means paper ballot sheets.
14   "Ballot configuration" means the particular combination
15   of   political   subdivision   ballots including, for each
16   political subdivision, the particular combination of offices,
17   candidate names and questions as it appears for each group of
18   voters who may cast the same ballot.
19   "Ballot sheet" means a paper ballot printed on one or
20   both sides which is (1) designed and prepared so that the
21   voter may indicate his or her votes in designated areas,
22   which must be areas clearly printed or otherwise delineated
23   for such purpose, and (2) capable of having votes marked in
24   the designated areas automatically examined, counted, and
25   tabulated by an electronic scanning process.
26   "Central counting" means the counting of ballots in one
27   or more locations selected by the election authority for the
28   processing or counting, or both, of ballots. A location for
29   central counting shall be within the territorial jurisdiction
30   of the election authority unless there is no suitable
31   tabulating equipment available within his territorial

1   jurisdiction. However, in any event a counting location

2   shall be within this State.

3   "Computer operator" means any person or persons

4   designated by the election authority to operate the automatic

5   tabulating equipment during any portion of the vote tallying

6   process in an election, but shall not include judges of

7   election operating vote tabulating equipment in the precinct.

8   "Computer program" or "program" means the set of

9   operating instructions for the automatic tabulating equipment

10   that examines, counts, tabulates, canvasses and prints votes

11   recorded by a voter on a ballot.

12   "Edit listing" means a computer generated listing of the

13   names of each candidate and proposition as they appear in the

14   program for each precinct.

15   "Header sheet" means a data processing document which is

16   coded to indicate to the computer the precinct identity of

17   the ballots that will follow immediately and may indicate to

18   the computer how such ballots are to be tabulated.

19   "In-precinct counting" means the counting of ballots on

20   automatic tabulating equipment provided by the election

21   authority in the same precinct polling place in which those

22   ballots have been cast.

23   "Marking device" means a pen or similar device approved

24   by the State Board of Elections for marking a paper ballot

25   with ink or other substance which will enable the ballot to

26   be tabulated by automatic tabulating equipment or by an

27   electronic scanning process.

28   "Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology" means the

29   capability to examine a ballot through electronic means and

30   tabulate the votes at one or more counting places.

31   "Redundant count" means a verification of the original

32   computer count by another count using compatible equipment or

33   by hand as part of a discovery recount.

34   "Security designation" means a printed designation placed

1 on a ballot to identify to the computer program the offices

2 and propositions for which votes may be cast and to indicate

3 the manner in which votes cast should be tabulated while

4 negating any inadmissible votes.

5 "Separate ballot", with respect to ballot sheets, means a

6 separate portion of the ballot sheet which is clearly defined

7 by a border or borders or shading.

8 "Voting defect identification" means the capability to

9 detect overvoted ballots or ballots which cannot be read by

10 the automatic tabulating equipment. In no case shall the

11 voting defect identification be enabled to detect undervoted

12 ballots or ballots that do not contain the initials of a

13 judge of election.

14 "Voting defects" means an overvoted ballot, or a ballot

15 which cannot be read by the automatic tabulating equipment.

16 "Voting system" or "electronic voting system" means that

17 combination of equipment and programs used in the casting,

18 examination and tabulation of ballots and the cumulation and

19 reporting of results by electronic means.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-394, eff. 1-1-97.)