

1 AN ACT concerning the circulation of election petitions.

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 3-1.2, 7-10, 8-8, 10-4, and 28-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 3-1.2)

7 Sec. 3-1.2. Eligibility to sign ~~or~~ circulate petition.
8 For the purpose of determining eligibility to sign ~~or~~
9 circulate a nominating petition or a petition proposing a
10 public question the terms "voter", "registered voter",
11 "qualified voter", "legal voter", "elector", "qualified
12 elector", "primary elector" and "qualified primary elector"
13 as used in this Code or in another Statute shall mean a
14 person who is registered to vote at the address shown
15 opposite his signature on the petition or was registered to
16 vote at such address when he signed the petition. Any person,
17 otherwise qualified under this Section, who has not moved to
18 another residence but whose address has changed as a result
19 of implementation of a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system shall
20 be considered a "voter", "registered voter", "qualified
21 voter", "legal voter", "elector", "qualified elector",
22 "primary elector", and "qualified primary elector".

23 (Source: P.A. 90-664, eff. 7-30-98; 91-57, eff. 6-30-99.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

25 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of
26 no candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman,
27 or township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward
28 committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate
29 to national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the
30 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been

1 filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in
2 substantially the following form:

3 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the
4 party and qualified primary electors of the party,
5 in the of, in the county of and State of
6 Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person
7 or persons shall be a candidate or candidates of the
8 party for the nomination for (or in case of committeemen for
9 election to) the office or offices hereinafter specified, to
10 be voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert
11 date).

Name	Office	Address
John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

15 Name..... Address.....

16 State of Illinois)

17) ss.

18 County of.....)

19 I,, do hereby certify that-I-am-a-registered-voter
20 and-have-been-a-registered-voter-at-all-times-I-have
21 eirculated--this--petition, that I reside at No. street,
22 in the of, county of, and State of, that
23 I am 18 years of age or older Illinois, that I am a citizen
24 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet
25 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the
26 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were
27 at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
28 party, and that their respective residences are
29 correctly stated, as above set forth.

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

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33 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of
34 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size

1 and shall contain above the space for signatures an
 2 appropriate heading giving the information as to name of
 3 candidate or candidates, in whose behalf such petition is
 4 signed; the office, the political party represented and place
 5 of residence; and the heading of each sheet shall be the
 6 same.

7 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary
 8 electors residing in the political division for which the
 9 nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and
 10 opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address
 11 shall be written or printed. The residence address required
 12 to be written or printed opposite each qualified primary
 13 elector's name shall include the street address or rural
 14 route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as
 15 the signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.
 16 However the county or city, village or town, and state of
 17 residence of the electors may be printed on the petition
 18 forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside
 19 in the same county or city, village or town, and state.
 20 Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence
 21 address, including street number, if any. At the bottom of
 22 each sheet of such petition shall be added a circulator
 23 statement signed by a person 18 years of age or older who is
 24 a citizen of the United States registered--voter--of--the
 25 political--division,--who--has--been--a--registered--voter--at--all
 26 times--he--or--she--circulated--the--petition,--for--which--the
 27 candidate--is--seeking--a--nomination, stating the street address
 28 or rural route number of--the--voter, as the case may be, as
 29 well as the voter's county, and city, village or town, and
 30 state; and certifying that the signatures on that sheet of
 31 the petition were signed in his or her presence and
 32 certifying that the signatures are genuine; and either (1)
 33 indicating the dates on which that sheet was circulated, or
 34 (2) indicating the first and last dates on which the sheet

1 was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of the signatures
 2 on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last
 3 day for the filing of the petition, ~~or more than 45 days~~
 4 ~~preceding the last day for filing of the petition in the case~~
 5 ~~of political party and independent candidates for single or~~
 6 ~~multi-county regional superintendents of schools in the 1994~~
 7 ~~general primary election; and certifying that the signatures~~
 8 ~~on the sheet are genuine,~~ and certifying that to the best of
 9 his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were
 10 at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
 11 political party for which a nomination is sought. Such
 12 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to
 13 administer oaths in this State.

14 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days
 15 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the
 16 filing of such petition, ~~or more than 45 days preceding the~~
 17 ~~last day for filing of the petition in the case of political~~
 18 ~~party and independent candidates for single or multi-county~~
 19 ~~regional superintendents of schools in the 1994 general~~
 20 ~~primary election.~~

21 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
 22 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
 23 signature from the petition, provided that:

24 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial
 25 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;
 26 and

27 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
 28 certification listing the page number and line number of
 29 each signature struck from the petition. Such
 30 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

31 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened
 32 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and
 33 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable
 34 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.

1 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
 2 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All
 3 petition sheets which are filed with the proper local
 4 election officials, election authorities or the State Board
 5 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been
 6 signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not
 7 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must
 8 include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each
 9 of the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is
 10 filed. This statement shall set out the address of such
 11 candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall
 12 state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the
 13 party to which the petition relates and is qualified for the
 14 office specified (in the case of a candidate for State's
 15 Attorney it shall state that the candidate is at the time of
 16 filing such statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this
 17 State), shall state that he has filed (or will file before
 18 the close of the petition filing period) a statement of
 19 economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental
 20 Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed
 21 upon the official ballot, and shall be subscribed and sworn
 22 to by such candidate before some officer authorized to take
 23 acknowledgment of deeds in the State and shall be in
 24 substantially the following form:

25 Statement of Candidacy

26	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
27	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
28		Belvidere,			
29		Illinois			

30 State of Illinois)

31) ss.

32 County of)

33 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
 34 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county

1 of, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter
 2 therein and am a qualified primary voter of the party;
 3 that I am a candidate for nomination (for election in the
 4 case of committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates)
 5 to the office of to be voted upon at the primary
 6 election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally
 7 qualified (including being the holder of any license that may
 8 be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the
 9 nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or
 10 I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a
 11 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
 12 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be
 13 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for
 14 (or election to in the case of committeemen and delegates and
 15 alternate delegates) such office.

16 Signed

17 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by,
 18 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

19 Signed

20 (Official Character)

21 (Seal, if officer has one.)

22 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or
 23 added to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by
 24 revocation filed in writing with the State Board of
 25 Elections, election authority or local election official with
 26 whom the petition is required to be filed, and before the
 27 filing of such petition. Whoever forges the name of a signer
 28 upon any petition required by this Article is deemed guilty
 29 of a forgery and on conviction thereof shall be punished
 30 accordingly.

31 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein
 32 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the
 33 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for
 34 the same or different offices.

1 Such petitions for nominations shall be signed:

2 (a) If for a State office, or for delegate or
3 alternate delegate to be elected from the State at large
4 to a National nominating convention by not less than
5 5,000 nor more than 10,000 primary electors of his party.

6 (b) If for a congressional officer or for delegate
7 or alternate delegate to be elected from a congressional
8 district to a national nominating convention by at least
9 .5% of the qualified primary electors of his party in his
10 congressional district, except that for the first primary
11 following a redistricting of congressional districts such
12 petitions shall be signed by at least 600 qualified
13 primary electors of the candidate's party in his
14 congressional district.

15 (c) If for a county office (including county board
16 member and chairman of the county board where elected
17 from the county at large), by at least .5% of the
18 qualified electors of his party cast at the last
19 preceding general election in his county. However, if
20 for the nomination for county commissioner of Cook
21 County, then by at least .5% of the qualified primary
22 electors of his or her party in his or her county in the
23 district or division in which such person is a candidate
24 for nomination; and if for county board member from a
25 county board district, then by at least .5% of the
26 qualified primary electors of his party in the county
27 board district. In the case of an election for county
28 board member to be elected from a district, for the first
29 primary following a redistricting of county board
30 districts or the initial establishment of county board
31 districts, then by at least .5% of the qualified electors
32 of his party in the entire county at the last preceding
33 general election, divided by the number of county board
34 districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified

1 primary electors of his party in the district.

2 (d) If for a municipal or township office by at
3 least .5% of the qualified primary electors of his party
4 in the municipality or township; if for alderman, by at
5 least .5% of the voters of his party of his ward. In the
6 case of an election for alderman or trustee of a
7 municipality to be elected from a ward or district, for
8 the first primary following a redistricting or the
9 initial establishment of wards or districts, then by .5%
10 of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of
11 such political party who received the highest number of
12 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular
13 election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to
14 be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the
15 number of wards or districts, but in any event not less
16 than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the
17 ward or district.

18 (e) If for State central committeeman, by at least
19 100 of the primary electors of his or her party of his or
20 her congressional district.

21 (f) If for a candidate for trustee of a sanitary
22 district in which trustees are not elected from wards, by
23 at least .5% of the primary electors of his party, from
24 such sanitary district.

25 (g) If for a candidate for trustee of a sanitary
26 district in which the trustees are elected from wards, by
27 at least .5% of the primary electors of his party in his
28 ward of such sanitary district, except that for the first
29 primary following a reapportionment of the district such
30 petitions shall be signed by at least 150 qualified
31 primary electors of the candidate's ward of such sanitary
32 district.

33 (h) If ~~The--number--of--signatures--required~~ for a
34 candidate for judicial office in a district, circuit, or

1 subcircuit, by a number of primary electors at least
2 equal to shall-be 0.25% of the number of votes cast for
3 the judicial candidate of his or her political party who
4 received the highest number of votes at the last regular
5 general election at which a judicial officer from the
6 same district, circuit, or subcircuit was regularly
7 scheduled to be elected, but in no event fewer shall--be
8 less than 500 signatures.

9 (i) If for a candidate for precinct committeeman,
10 by at least 10 primary electors of his or her party of
11 his or her precinct; if for a candidate for ward
12 committeeman, by not less than 10% nor more than 16% (or
13 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the
14 primary electors of his party of his ward; if for a
15 candidate for township committeeman, by not less than 5%
16 nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever
17 is greater) of the primary electors of his party in his
18 township or part of a township as the case may be.

19 (j) If for a candidate for State's Attorney or
20 Regional Superintendent of Schools to serve 2 or more
21 counties, by at least .5% of the primary electors of his
22 party in the territory comprising such counties.

23 (k) If for any other office by at least .5% of the
24 total number of registered voters of the political
25 subdivision, district or division for which the
26 nomination is made or a minimum of 25, whichever is
27 greater.

28 For the purposes of this Section the number of primary
29 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast,
30 in the applicable district, for the candidate for such
31 political party who received the highest number of votes,
32 state-wide, at the last general election in the State at
33 which electors for President of the United States were
34 elected. For political subdivisions, the number of primary

1 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast
2 for the candidate for such political party who received the
3 highest number of votes in such political subdivision at the
4 last regular election at which an officer was regularly
5 scheduled to be elected from that subdivision. For wards or
6 districts of political subdivisions, the number of primary
7 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast
8 for the candidate for such political party who received the
9 highest number of votes in such ward or district at the last
10 regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled
11 to be elected from that ward or district.

12 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
13 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than
14 one party.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;
16 91-358, eff. 7-29-99; revised 8-17-99.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/8-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-8)

18 Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of
19 no candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary
20 ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed
21 in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such
22 petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by
23 Section 7-10.1 of this Act and a statement of candidacy by
24 the candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is
25 filed. This statement shall set out the address of such
26 candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall
27 state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the
28 party to which the petition relates, is qualified for the
29 office specified and has filed a statement of economic
30 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics
31 Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon
32 the official ballot and shall be subscribed and sworn by such
33 candidate before some officer authorized to take

1 acknowledgment of deeds in this State and may be in
2 substantially the following form:

3 State of Illinois)

4) ss.

5 County

6 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
7 street in the city (or village of) in the county of
8 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein
9 and am a qualified primary voter of party; that I am a
10 candidate for nomination to the office of to be voted
11 upon at the primary election to be held on (insert date);
12 that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I
13 have filed a statement of economic interests as required by
14 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request
15 that my name be printed upon the official primary ballot for
16 nomination for such office.

17 Signed

18 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by,
19 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

20 Signed (Official Character)

21 (Seal if officer has one.)

22 All petitions for nomination for the office of State
23 Senator shall be signed by 1% or 600, whichever is greater,
24 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in
25 his legislative district, except that for the first primary
26 following a redistricting of legislative districts, such
27 petitions shall be signed by at least 600 qualified primary
28 electors of the candidate's party in his legislative
29 district.

30 All petitions for nomination for the office of
31 Representative in the General Assembly shall be signed by at
32 least 1% or 300, whichever is greater, of the qualified
33 primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her
34 representative district, except that for the first primary

1 following a redistricting of representative districts such
2 petitions shall be signed by at least 300 qualified primary
3 electors of the candidate's party in his or her
4 representative district.

5 Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector
6 who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State
7 Representative or State Senator such elector's residence
8 address shall be written or printed. The residence address
9 required to be written or printed opposite each qualified
10 primary elector's name shall include the street address or
11 rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well
12 as the signer's county and city, village or town.

13 For the purposes of this Section, the number of primary
14 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast,
15 in the applicable district, for the candidate for such
16 political party who received the highest number of votes,
17 state-wide, at the last general election in the State at
18 which electors for President of the United States were
19 elected.

20 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
21 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than
22 one party.

23 In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the
24 petition circulator, who shall be a person 18 years of age or
25 older who is a citizen of the United States have-been-a
26 registered-voter-at--all--times--he--or--she--circulated--the
27 petition, shall state his or her street address or rural
28 route number, as the case may be, as well as his or her
29 county, and city, village or town, and state; and shall
30 certify that the signatures on that sheet of the petition
31 were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify that
32 the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that to the
33 best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so
34 signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified

1 primary voters for which the nomination is sought.

2 In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet,
3 the petition circulator shall either (1) indicate the dates
4 on which he or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the
5 first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or
6 (3) certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were
7 signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the
8 filing of the petition. No petition sheet shall be
9 circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided
10 in Section 8-9 for the filing of such petition.

11 All petition sheets which are filed with the State Board
12 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been
13 signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not
14 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.

15 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
16 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
17 signature from the petition, provided that:

18 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial
19 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;
20 and

21 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
22 certification listing the page number and line number of
23 each signature struck from the petition. Such
24 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

26 (10 ILCS 5/10-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-4)

27 Sec. 10-4. Form of petition for nomination. All
28 petitions for nomination under this Article 10 for candidates
29 for public office in this State, shall in addition to other
30 requirements provided by law, be as follows: Such petitions
31 shall consist of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall
32 contain, above the space for signature, an appropriate
33 heading, giving the information as to name of candidate or

1 candidates in whose behalf such petition is signed; the
2 office; the party; place of residence; and such other
3 information or wording as required to make same valid, and
4 the heading of each sheet shall be the same. Such petition
5 shall be signed by the qualified voters in their own proper
6 persons only, and opposite the signature of each signer his
7 residence address shall be written or printed. The residence
8 address required to be written or printed opposite each
9 qualified primary elector's name shall include the street
10 address or rural route number of the signer, as the case may
11 be, as well as the signer's county, and city, village or
12 town, and state. However, the county or city, village or
13 town, and state of residence of such electors may be printed
14 on the petition forms where all of the such electors signing
15 the petition reside in the same county or city, village or
16 town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in
17 writing the residence address, including street number, if
18 any. No signature shall be valid or be counted in
19 considering the validity or sufficiency of such petition
20 unless the requirements of this Section are complied with. At
21 the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
22 circulator's statement, signed by a person 18 years of age or
23 older who is a citizen of the United States registered--voter
24 of-the-political-division, who has been a registered voter at
25 all--times--he--or--she--circulated--the--petition, for which the
26 candidate--or--candidates--shall--be--nominated; stating the
27 street address or rural route number ~~of-the-voter~~, as the
28 case may be, as well as the voter's county, and city, village
29 or town, and state; certifying that the signatures on that
30 sheet of the petition were signed in his or her presence;
31 certifying that the signatures are genuine; and either (1)
32 indicating the dates on which that sheet was circulated, or
33 (2) indicating the first and last dates on which the sheet
34 was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of the signatures

1 on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last
2 day for the filing of the petition, ~~7-or-more-than-45-days~~
3 ~~preceding-the-last-day-for-filing-of-the-petition-in-the-case~~
4 ~~of-political-party-and-independent-candidates-for--single--or~~
5 ~~multi-county--regional-superintendents-of-schools-in-the-1994~~
6 general primary election; and certifying that to the best of
7 his knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the
8 time of signing the petition duly registered voters under
9 Articles 4, 5 or 6 of the Code of the political subdivision
10 or district for which the candidate or candidates shall be
11 nominated, and certifying that their respective residences
12 are correctly stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn
13 to before some officer authorized to administer oaths in this
14 State. No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90
15 days preceding the last day provided in Section 10-6 for the
16 filing of such petition, ~~7-or-more-than-45-days-preceding-the~~
17 ~~last-day-for-filing-of-the-petition-in-the-case-of--political~~
18 ~~party--and--independent-candidates-for-single-or-multi-county~~
19 ~~regional-superintendents--of--schools--in--the--1994--general~~
20 ~~primary--election~~. Such sheets, before being presented to the
21 electoral board or filed with the proper officer of the
22 electoral district or division of the state or municipality,
23 as the case may be, shall be neatly fastened together in book
24 form, by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them
25 together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner, and the
26 sheets shall then be numbered consecutively. The sheets
27 shall not be fastened by pasting them together end to end, so
28 as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition sheets
29 which are filed with the proper local election officials,
30 election authorities or the State Board of Elections shall be
31 the original sheets which have been signed by the voters and
32 by the circulator, and not photocopies or duplicates of such
33 sheets. A petition, when presented or filed, shall not be
34 withdrawn, altered, or added to, and no signature shall be

1 revoked except by revocation in writing presented or filed
2 with the officers or officer with whom the petition is
3 required to be presented or filed, and before the presentment
4 or filing of such petition. Whoever forges any name of a
5 signer upon any petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery,
6 and on conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly.
7 The word "petition" or "petition for nomination", as used
8 herein, shall mean what is sometimes known as nomination
9 papers, in distinction to what is known as a certificate of
10 nomination. The words "political division for which the
11 candidate is nominated", or its equivalent, shall mean the
12 largest political division in which all qualified voters may
13 vote upon such candidate or candidates, as the state in the
14 case of state officers; the township in the case of township
15 officers et cetera. Provided, further, that no person shall
16 circulate or certify petitions for candidates of more than
17 one political party, or for an independent candidate or
18 candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted
19 upon at the next primary or general election, or for such
20 candidates and parties with respect to the same political
21 subdivision at the next consolidated election.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/28-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-3)

24 Sec. 28-3. Form of petition for public question.
25 Petitions for the submission of public questions shall
26 consist of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall
27 contain, above the space for signature, an appropriate
28 heading, giving the information as to the question of public
29 policy to be submitted, and specifying the state at large or
30 the political subdivision or district or precinct or
31 combination of precincts or other territory in which it is to
32 be submitted and, where by law the public question must be
33 submitted at a particular election, the election at which it

1 is to be submitted. In the case of a petition for the
2 submission of a public question described in subsection (b)
3 of Section 28-6, the heading shall also specify the regular
4 election at which the question is to be submitted and include
5 the precincts included in the territory concerning which the
6 public question is to be submitted, as well as a common
7 description of such territory in plain and nonlegal language,
8 such description to describe the territory by reference to
9 streets, natural or artificial landmarks, addresses or any
10 other method which would enable a voter signing the petition
11 to be informed of the territory concerning which the question
12 is to be submitted. The heading of each sheet shall be the
13 same. Such petition shall be signed by the registered voters
14 of the political subdivision or district or precinct or
15 combination of precincts in which the question of public
16 policy is to be submitted in their own proper persons only,
17 and opposite the signature of each signer his residence
18 address shall be written or printed, which residence address
19 shall include the street address or rural route number of the
20 signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,
21 and city, village or town, and state; provided that the
22 county or city, village or town, and state of residence of
23 such electors may be printed on the petition forms where all
24 of the such electors signing the petition reside in the same
25 county or city, village or town, and state. Standard
26 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,
27 including street number, if any. No signature shall be valid
28 or be counted in considering the validity or sufficiency of
29 such petition unless the requirements of this Section are
30 complied with.

31 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be
32 added a circulator's statement, signed by a person 18 years
33 of age or older who is a citizen of the United States
34 registered-voter,-who-has-been--a--registered--voter--at--all

1 times--he--or--she--circulated-the-petition,-of-the-political
2 subdivision--or--district--or--precinct--or--combination---of
3 precincts--in--which--the--question-of-public-policy-is-to-be
4 submitted, stating the street address or rural route number
5 of--the--voter, as the case may be, as well as the voter's
6 county, and city, village or town, and state; certifying that
7 the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in
8 his or her presence and are genuine, and that to the best of
9 his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were
10 at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the
11 political subdivision or district or precinct or combination
12 of precincts in which the question of public policy is to be
13 submitted and that their respective residences are correctly
14 stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn to before some
15 officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

16 Such sheets, before being filed with the proper officer
17 or board shall be bound securely and numbered consecutively.
18 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
19 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All
20 petition sheets which are filed with the proper local
21 election officials, election authorities or the State Board
22 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been
23 signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not
24 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when
25 presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added
26 to, and no signature shall be revoked except by revocation in
27 writing presented or filed with the board or officer with
28 whom the petition is required to be presented or filed, and
29 before the presentment or filing of such petition, except as
30 may otherwise be provided in another statute which authorize
31 the public question. Whoever forges any name of a signer upon
32 any petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery, and on
33 conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly.

34 In addition to the foregoing requirements, a petition

1 proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution
2 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution or a
3 petition proposing a question of public policy to be
4 submitted to the voters of the entire State shall be in
5 conformity with the requirements of Section 28-9 of this
6 Article.

7 If multiple sets of petitions for submission of the same
8 public questions are filed, the State Board of Elections,
9 appropriate election authority or local election official
10 where the petitions are filed shall within 2 business days
11 notify the proponent of his or her multiple petition filings
12 and that proponent has 3 business days after receipt of the
13 notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate
14 election authority or local election official that he or she
15 may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the proponent
16 notifies the State Board of Elections, appropriate election
17 authority or local election official, the last set of
18 petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered
19 valid by the State Board of Elections, appropriate election
20 authority or local election official. If the proponent fails
21 to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election
22 authority or local election official then only the first set
23 of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent
24 petitions shall be void.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.