

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 1A-16, 1A-25, 4-8, 4-10, 4-12, 4-15, 4-33, 4-50, 5-7,
6 5-9, 5-15, 5-21, 5-43, 5-50, 6-29, 6-35, 6-40, 6-57, 6-79,
7 6-100, 6A-1, 6A-2, 6A-3, 6A-4, 8-9, 9-1.8, 9-8.5, 9-9.5,
8 10-6.2, 10-7, 10-9, 10-10, 17-23, 18A-15, 19-2, 19-2.1, 19-3,
9 19-4, 19-7, 19A-15, 19A-70, 22-6, 24A-16, and 28-8 and by
10 adding Sections 1-12, 1A-16.5, 6-19.5, 24A-6.2, 24B-6.2, and
11 24C-6.2 as follows:

12 (10 ILCS 5/1-12 new)

13 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting. Each appropriate
14 election authority shall, in addition to the early voting
15 conducted at locations otherwise required by law, conduct early
16 voting in a high traffic location on the campus of a public
17 university within the election authority's jurisdiction. For
18 the purposes of this Section, "public university" means the
19 University of Illinois at its campuses in Urbana-Champaign and
20 Springfield, Southern Illinois University at its campuses in
21 Carbondale and Edwardsville, Eastern Illinois University,
22 Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, and
23 Western Illinois University at its campuses in Macomb and

1 Moline. The voting required by this Section to be conducted on
2 campus must be conducted as otherwise required by Article 19A
3 of this Code. If an election authority has voting equipment
4 that can accommodate a ballot in every form required in the
5 election authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority
6 shall extend early voting under this Section to any registered
7 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the
8 election authority does not have voting equipment that can
9 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election
10 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may
11 limit early voting under this Section to registered voters in
12 precincts where the public university is located and precincts
13 bordering the university. Each public university shall make the
14 space available in a high traffic area for, and cooperate and
15 coordinate with the appropriate election authority in, the
16 implementation of this Section.

17 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16)

18 Sec. 1A-16. Voter registration information; internet
19 posting; processing of voter registration forms; content of
20 such forms. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
21 following provisions shall apply to voter registration under
22 this Code.

23 (a) Voter registration information; Internet posting of
24 voter registration form. Within 90 days after the effective
25 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the

1 State Board of Elections shall post on its World Wide Web site
2 the following information:

3 (1) A comprehensive list of the names, addresses, phone
4 numbers, and websites, if applicable, of all county clerks
5 and boards of election commissioners in Illinois.

6 (2) A schedule of upcoming elections and the deadline
7 for voter registration.

8 (3) A downloadable, printable voter registration form,
9 in at least English and in Spanish versions, that a person
10 may complete and mail or submit to the State Board of
11 Elections or the appropriate county clerk or board of
12 election commissioners.

13 Any forms described under paragraph (3) must state the
14 following:

15 If you do not have a driver's license or social
16 security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and
17 you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you
18 are now registering in, then you must send, with this
19 application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo
20 identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill,
21 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other
22 government document that shows the name and address of the
23 voter. If you do not provide the information required
24 above, then you will be required to provide election
25 officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first
26 time you vote at a voting place or by absentee ballot.

1 (b) Acceptance of registration forms by the State Board of
2 Elections and county clerks and board of election
3 commissioners. The State Board of Elections, county clerks, and
4 board of election commissioners shall accept all completed
5 voter registration forms described in subsection (a)(3) of this
6 Section and Sections 1A-17 and 1A-30 that are:

7 (1) postmarked on or before the day that voter
8 registration is closed under the Election Code;

9 (2) not postmarked, but arrives no later than 5 days
10 after the close of registration;

11 (3) submitted in person by a person using the form on
12 or before the day that voter registration is closed under
13 the Election Code; or

14 (4) submitted in person by a person who submits one or
15 more forms on behalf of one or more persons who used the
16 form on or before the day that voter registration is closed
17 under the Election Code.

18 Upon the receipt of a registration form, the State Board of
19 Elections shall mark the date on which the form was received
20 and send the form via first class mail to the appropriate
21 county clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case
22 may be, within 2 business days based upon the home address of
23 the person submitting the registration form. The county clerk
24 and board of election commissioners shall accept and process
25 any form received from the State Board of Elections.

26 (c) Processing of registration forms by county clerks and

1 boards of election commissioners. The county clerk or board of
2 election commissioners shall promulgate procedures for
3 processing the voter registration form.

4 (d) Contents of the voter registration form. The State
5 Board shall create a voter registration form, which must
6 contain the following content:

7 (1) Instructions for completing the form.

8 (2) A summary of the qualifications to register to vote
9 in Illinois.

10 (3) Instructions for mailing in or submitting the form
11 in person.

12 (4) The phone number for the State Board of Elections
13 should a person submitting the form have questions.

14 (5) A box for the person to check that explains one of
15 3 reasons for submitting the form:

16 (a) new registration;

17 (b) change of address; or

18 (c) change of name.

19 (6) a box for the person to check yes or no that asks,
20 "Are you a citizen of the United States?", a box for the
21 person to check yes or no that asks, "Will you be 18 years
22 of age on or before election day?", and a statement of "If
23 you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions,
24 then do not complete this form."

25 (7) A space for the person to fill in his or her home
26 telephone number.

1 (8) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her first,
2 middle, and last names, street address (principal place of
3 residence), county, city, state, and zip code.

4 (9) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her mailing
5 address, city, state, and zip code if different from his or
6 her principal place of residence.

7 (10) A space for the person to fill in his or her
8 Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
9 driver's license.

10 (11) A space for a person without a driver's license to
11 fill in the last four digits of his or her social security
12 number if the person has a social security number.

13 (12) A space for a person without an Illinois driver's
14 license to fill in his or her identification number from
15 his or her State Identification card issued by the
16 Secretary of State.

17 (13) A space for the person to fill the name appearing
18 on his or her last voter registration, the street address
19 of his or her last registration, including the city,
20 county, state, and zip code.

21 (14) A space where the person swears or affirms the
22 following under penalty of perjury with his or her
23 signature:

24 (a) "I am a citizen of the United States.";

25 (b) "I will be at least 18 years old on or before
26 the next election.";

1 (c) "I will have lived in the State of Illinois and
2 in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date
3 of the next election."; and

4 "The information I have provided is true to the
5 best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I
6 have provided false information, then I may be fined,
7 imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen, deported
8 from or refused entry into the United States."

9 (15) A space for the person to fill in his or her
10 e-mail address if he or she chooses to provide that
11 information.

12 (d-5) Compliance with federal law; rulemaking authority.
13 The voter registration form described in this Section shall be
14 consistent with the form prescribed by the Federal Election
15 Commission under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
16 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and the Help America
17 Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, in all relevant respects. The
18 State Board of Elections shall periodically update the form
19 based on changes to federal or State law. The State Board of
20 Elections shall promulgate any rules necessary for the
21 implementation of this Section; provided that the rules comport
22 with the letter and spirit of the National Voter Registration
23 Act of 1993 and Help America Vote Act of 2002 and maximize the
24 opportunity for a person to register to vote.

25 (e) Forms available in paper form. The State Board of
26 Elections shall make the voter registration form available in

1 regular paper stock and form in sufficient quantities for the
2 general public. The State Board of Elections may provide the
3 voter registration form to the Secretary of State, county
4 clerks, boards of election commissioners, designated agencies
5 of the State of Illinois, and any other person or entity
6 designated to have these forms by the Election Code in regular
7 paper stock and form or some other format deemed suitable by
8 the Board. Each county clerk or board of election commissioners
9 has the authority to design and print its own voter
10 registration form so long as the form complies with the
11 requirements of this Section. The State Board of Elections,
12 county clerks, boards of election commissioners, or other
13 designated agencies of the State of Illinois required to have
14 these forms under the Election Code shall provide a member of
15 the public with any reasonable number of forms that he or she
16 may request. Nothing in this Section shall permit the State
17 Board of Elections, county clerk, board of election
18 commissioners, or other appropriate election official who may
19 accept a voter registration form to refuse to accept a voter
20 registration form because the form is printed on photocopier or
21 regular paper stock and form.

22 (f) (Blank). ~~Internet voter registration study. The State~~
23 ~~Board of Elections shall investigate the feasibility of~~
24 ~~offering voter registration on its website and consider voter~~
25 ~~registration methods of other states in an effort to maximize~~
26 ~~the opportunity for all Illinois citizens to register to vote.~~

1 ~~The State Board of Elections shall assemble its findings in a~~
2 ~~report and submit it to the General Assembly no later than~~
3 ~~January 1, 2006. The report shall contain legislative~~
4 ~~recommendations to the General Assembly on improving voter~~
5 ~~registration in Illinois.~~

6 (Source: P.A. 94-492, eff. 1-1-06; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
7 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5 new)

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

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

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

24 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information
25 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 online voter registration application:

2 By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
3 following:

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

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

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

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

23 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
24 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
25 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State
26 identification number provided by the applicant matches

1 the driver's license or State identification card number
2 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
25 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
26 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter

1 registration: (i) the application, along with the
2 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
3 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
4 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a
5 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
6 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
7 number, driver's license or State identification card date
8 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
9 information have been successfully matched.

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

1 or board, as the case may be, shall:

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

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

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

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

26 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter

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

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

19 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall submit a
20 report to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 31,
21 2014 detailing the progress made to implement the online voter
22 registration system described in this Section.

23 (o) The online voter registration system provided for in
24 this Section shall be fully operational by July 1, 2014.

1 Sec. 1A-25. Centralized statewide voter registration list.
2 The centralized statewide voter registration list required by
3 Title III, Subtitle A, Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act
4 of 2002 shall be created and maintained by the State Board of
5 Elections as provided in this Section.

6 (1) The centralized statewide voter registration list
7 shall be compiled from the voter registration data bases of
8 each election authority in this State.

9 (2) With the exception of voter registration forms
10 submitted electronically through an online voter
11 registration system, all ~~All~~ new voter registration forms
12 and applications to register to vote, including those
13 reviewed by the Secretary of State at a driver services
14 facility, shall be transmitted only to the appropriate
15 election authority as required by Articles 4, 5, and 6 of
16 this Code and not to the State Board of Elections. All
17 voter registration forms submitted electronically to the
18 State Board of Elections through an online voter
19 registration system shall be transmitted to the
20 appropriate election authority as required by Section
21 1A-16.5. The election authority shall process and verify
22 each voter registration form and electronically enter
23 verified registrations on an expedited basis onto the
24 statewide voter registration list. All original
25 registration cards shall remain permanently in the office
26 of the election authority as required by this Code.

1 (3) The centralized statewide voter registration list
2 shall:

3 (i) Be designed to allow election authorities to
4 utilize the registration data on the statewide voter
5 registration list pertinent to voters registered in
6 their election jurisdiction on locally maintained
7 software programs that are unique to each
8 jurisdiction.

9 (ii) Allow each election authority to perform
10 essential election management functions, including but
11 not limited to production of voter lists, processing of
12 absentee voters, production of individual, pre-printed
13 applications to vote, administration of election
14 judges, and polling place administration, but shall
15 not prevent any election authority from using
16 information from that election authority's own
17 systems.

18 (4) The registration information maintained by each
19 election authority shall be synchronized with that
20 authority's information on the statewide list at least once
21 every 24 hours.

22 To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
23 registration information, the disclosure of any portion of the
24 centralized statewide voter registration list to any person or
25 entity other than to a State or local political committee and
26 other than to a governmental entity for a governmental purpose

1 is specifically prohibited except as follows: subject to
2 security measures adopted by the State Board of Elections
3 which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a catalog or
4 database, available for public view, including the name,
5 address, and telephone number of the person viewing the list as
6 well as the time of that viewing, any person may view the list
7 on a computer screen at the Springfield office of the State
8 Board of Elections, during normal business hours other than
9 during the 27 days before an election, but the person viewing
10 the list under this exception may not print, duplicate,
11 transmit, or alter the list.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-136, eff. 7-7-05; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
13 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

15 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
16 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which
17 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
18 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
19 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
20 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable
21 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration
22 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration
23 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

24 The registration record card shall contain the following
25 and such other information as the county clerk may think it

1 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
2 registration:

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

6 Sex.

7 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
8 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
9 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
10 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
11 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
12 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be
13 determined by street and number, then the section,
14 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
15 other description as may be necessary, including post-office
16 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the
17 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing
18 address shall be included on his or her registration record
19 card.

20 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.
21 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating
22 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which
23 he resided in such place or places during the year next
24 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

25 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
26 born.

1 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
2 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
3 naturalization.

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

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

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

9 The county and state in which the applicant was last
10 registered.

11 Electronic mail address, if any.

12 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration
13 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
14 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
15 to the affidavit on both the original and duplicate
16 registration record cards.

17 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

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

24 Father's first name.

25 Mother's first name.

26 From what address did the applicant last register?

1 Reason for inability to sign name.

2 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
3 substantially the following form:

4 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

5 STATE OF ILLINOIS

6 COUNTY OF

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

13

14 (His or her signature or mark)

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

16

17 Signature of registration officer.

18 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

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

22 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
23 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
24 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
25 determine.

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

1 record cards.

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

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

1 information shall be used only for bona fide political
2 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or
3 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic
4 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political
5 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial
6 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain
7 information on county residents related to the operations of
8 county government in addition to registration information,
9 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for
10 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The
11 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or
12 computer discs or other electronic data processing information
13 containing voter registration information for purposes of
14 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be
15 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of
16 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of
17 a Class 4 felony.

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

1 of voter registration information shall comply with such
2 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

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

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

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

10 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
11 (city) and that my residence was

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

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

15

16 (Signature of Voter)

17 Attest:, County Clerk,

18 County, Illinois.

19 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
20 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election commission
21 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly
22 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority
23 for cancellation of any previous registration.

24 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04;
25 94-136, eff. 7-7-05.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/4-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-10)

2 Sec. 4-10. Except as herein provided, no person shall be
3 registered, unless he applies in person to a registration
4 officer, answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him
5 by the registration officer, and executes the affidavit of
6 registration. The registration officer shall require the
7 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in
8 the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include
9 his or her residence address. These forms of identification
10 shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
11 driver's license, social security card, public aid
12 identification card, utility bill, employee or student
13 identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit
14 card, or a civic, union or professional association membership
15 card. The registration officer shall require a homeless
16 individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing
17 address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail
18 addressed to that individual and received at that address or by
19 a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing
20 address. The registration officer shall require each applicant
21 for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of
22 registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.

23 One of the registration officers or a deputy registration
24 officer, county clerk, or clerk in the office of the county
25 clerk, shall administer to all persons who shall personally
26 apply to register the following oath or affirmation:

1 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and
2 truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching
3 your name, place of residence, place of birth, your
4 qualifications as an elector and your right as such to register
5 and vote under the laws of the State of Illinois."

6 The registration officer shall satisfy himself that each
7 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
8 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to
9 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
10 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
11 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
12 Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act, the
13 following question shall be put, "When you entered the home
14 which is your present address, was it your bona fide intention
15 to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a township, city,
16 village or incorporated town in which such applicant resides,
17 shall be permitted to be present at the place of any precinct
18 registration and shall have the right to challenge any
19 applicant who applies to be registered.

20 In case the officer is not satisfied that the applicant is
21 qualified he shall forthwith notify such applicant in writing
22 to appear before the county clerk to complete his registration.
23 Upon the card of such applicant shall be written the word
24 "incomplete" and no such applicant shall be permitted to vote
25 unless such registration is satisfactorily completed as
26 hereinafter provided. No registration shall be taken and marked

1 as incomplete if information to complete it can be furnished on
2 the date of the original application.

3 Any person claiming to be an elector in any election
4 precinct and whose registration card is marked "Incomplete" may
5 make and sign an application in writing, under oath, to the
6 county clerk in substance in the following form:

7 "I do solemnly swear that I,, did on (insert date)
8 make application to the board of registry of the precinct
9 of the township of (or to the county clerk of county)
10 and that said board or clerk refused to complete my
11 registration as a qualified voter in said precinct. That I
12 reside in said precinct, that I intend to reside in said
13 precinct, and am a duly qualified voter of said precinct and am
14 entitled to be registered to vote in said precinct at the next
15 election.

16 (Signature of applicant)"

17 All such applications shall be presented to the county
18 clerk or to his duly authorized representative by the
19 applicant, in person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00
20 p.m. on any day after the days on which the 1969 and 1970
21 precinct re-registrations are held but not on any day within 27
22 days preceding the ensuing general election and thereafter for
23 the registration provided in Section 4-7 all such applications
24 shall be presented to the county clerk or his duly authorized
25 representative by the applicant in person between the hours of

1 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day prior to 27 days preceding
2 the ensuing general election. Such application shall be heard
3 by the county clerk or his duly authorized representative at
4 the time the application is presented. If the applicant for
5 registration has registered with the county clerk, such
6 application may be presented to and heard by the county clerk
7 or by his duly authorized representative upon the dates
8 specified above or at any time prior thereto designated by the
9 county clerk.

10 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
11 county of residence either due to business of the United States
12 or because he is temporarily outside the territorial limits of
13 the United States may become registered by mailing an
14 application to the county clerk within the periods of
15 registration provided for in this Article, or by simultaneous
16 application for absentee registration and absentee ballot as
17 provided in Article 20 of this Code.

18 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall
19 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,
20 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other
21 information as the State Board of Elections may think it proper
22 to require for the identification of the applicant:

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

26 Sex.

1 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
 2 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
 3 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
 4 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
 5 cannot be determined by street and number, then the Section,
 6 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
 7 other information as may be necessary, including post office
 8 mailing address.

9 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
 10 this information.

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

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

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

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

19 Out of State address of

20 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

21 State of)

22)ss

23 County of)

24 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
 25 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
 26 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election

1 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
 2 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
 3 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois and of
 4 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of
 5 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

6
 7 (His or her signature or mark)

8 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to
 9 administer oaths, on (insert date).

10
 11 Signature of officer administering oath.

12 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
 13 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information
 14 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided for
 15 in Section 4-8 of this Article and shall attach thereto a copy
 16 of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and
 17 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall
 18 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he
 19 had applied for registration in person.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-317, eff. 1-1-10; 96-339, eff. 7-1-10;
 21 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12;
 22 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/4-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-12)

24 Sec. 4-12. Any voter or voters in the township, city,
 25 village or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any

1 precinct committeeman in the county, may, between the hours of
2 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of Monday and Tuesday of the second
3 week prior to the week in which the 1970 primary election for
4 the nomination of candidates for State and county offices or
5 any election thereafter is to be held, make application in
6 writing, to the county clerk, to have any name upon the
7 register of any precinct erased. Such application shall be, in
8 substance, in the words and figures following:

9 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. Street
10 in the precinct of the ward of the city (village or
11 town of) (or of the town of) do hereby solemnly
12 swear (or affirm) that registered from No. Street is
13 not a qualified voter in the precinct of ward of the
14 city (village or town) of (or of the town of)
15 and hence I ask that his name be erased from the register of
16 such precinct for the following reason

17 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the
18 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

19 (Signed)

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

21

22

23"

24 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the
25 applicant before the county clerk or any deputy authorized by

1 the county clerk for that purpose, and filed with said clerk.
2 Thereupon notice of such application, and of the time and place
3 of hearing thereon, with a demand to appear before the county
4 clerk and show cause why his name shall not be erased from said
5 register, shall be mailed, in an envelope duly stamped and
6 directed to such person at the address upon said register, at
7 least four days before the day fixed in said notice to show
8 cause. If such person has provided the election authority with
9 an e-mail address, then the election authority shall also send
10 the same notice by electronic mail at least 4 days before the
11 day fixed in said notice to show cause.

12 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons
13 making the application to have the name upon such register
14 erased to appear and show cause why said name should be erased,
15 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the
16 voter making such application fails to appear before said clerk
17 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or
18 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be
19 erased, the application to erase may be dismissed by the county
20 clerk.

21 Any voter making the application is privileged from arrest
22 while presenting it to the county clerk, and while going to and
23 from the office of the county clerk.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

1 Sec. 4-15. Within 5 days after a person registers or
2 transfers his registration with ~~at~~ the office of the election
3 authority ~~county clerk~~, such election authority ~~clerk~~ shall
4 send by mail, and by electronic mail if the registrant has
5 provided the election authority with an e-mail address, a
6 certificate to such person setting forth the elector's name and
7 address as it appears upon the registration record card, and
8 shall request him in case of any error to present the
9 certificate on or before the 7th day next ensuing at the office
10 of the election authority ~~county clerk~~ in order to secure
11 correction of the error. The certificate shall contain on the
12 outside a request for the postmaster to return it within 5 days
13 if it cannot be delivered to the addressee at the address given
14 thereon. Upon the return by the post office of a certificate
15 which it has been unable to deliver at the given address
16 because the addressee cannot be found there or because no such
17 address exists, a notice shall be at once sent through the
18 United States mail to such person at the address appearing upon
19 his registration record card requiring him to appear before the
20 election authority ~~county clerk~~, within 5 days, to answer
21 questions touching his right to register. If the person
22 notified fails to appear at the election authority's ~~county~~
23 ~~clerk's~~ office within 5 days as directed or if he appears and
24 fails to prove his right to register, the election authority
25 ~~county clerk~~ shall mark his registration card as incomplete and
26 he shall not be permitted to vote until his registration is

1 satisfactorily completed.

2 If an elector possesses such a certificate valid on its
3 face, if his name does not expressly appear to have been erased
4 or withdrawn from the precinct list as corrected and revised as
5 provided by Section 4-11 of this Article, if he makes an
6 affidavit and attaches such certificate thereto, and if such
7 affidavit substantially in the form prescribed in Section 17-10
8 of this Act is sworn to before a judge of election on suitable
9 forms provided by the election authority ~~county clerk~~ for that
10 purpose, such elector shall be permitted to vote even though
11 his duplicate registration card is not to be found in the
12 precinct binder and even though his name is not to be found
13 upon the printed or any other list.

14 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 3394.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/4-33)

16 Sec. 4-33. 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 4-8 and 4-21; provided that the cards

1 shall also contain: (i) A space for a person to fill in his or
2 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 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
19 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
20 standards:

21 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
22 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
23 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
24 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
25 inquiry, shall be recorded.

26 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any

1 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
2 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
3 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
4 offices of the election authority.

5 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
6 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
7 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
8 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
9 reproduced.

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

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

22 (d) Before the first election in which the election
23 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
24 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
25 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
26 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections

1 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
2 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
3 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
4 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
5 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
6 signatures of the registered voters.

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

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

23 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

25 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other

1 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
2 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
3 for change of address during the period from the close of
4 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day
5 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
6 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
7 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
8 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
9 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
10 by the election authority. The election authority shall
11 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
12 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
13 Article for registration and change of address.

14 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
15 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
16 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
17 period voting, ~~either in person in the office of the election~~
18 ~~authority or at a location specifically designated for this~~
19 ~~purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the~~
20 ~~discretion of the election authority.~~ The election authority
21 shall offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's
22 office and may offer in-person grace period voting at
23 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
24 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
25 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
26 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's

1 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
2 similar to voting under Article 19.

3 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
4 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
5 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
6 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
7 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
8 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
9 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
10 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
11 names and that information in an electronic format on its
12 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
13 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
14 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
15 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
16 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

17 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
18 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
19 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
20 who register or change address during the grace period must be
21 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
22 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
23 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
24 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
25 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
26 the ballots were opened.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

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

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

16 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
17 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
18 for such middle name, if any.

19 Sex.

20 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
21 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
22 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
23 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
24 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
25 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing

1 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's
2 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be
3 included on his or her registration record card.

4 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
5 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant
6 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30
7 days in the precinct.

8 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
9 born.

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

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

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

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

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

20 Electronic mail address, if any.

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

26 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

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

7 Father's first name

8 Mother's first name

9 From what address did you last register?

10 Reason for inability to sign name.

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

13 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

14 State of Illinois)

15)ss

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; that I am fully qualified
 21 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence
 22 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 towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the case
8 may be, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
9 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
10 determine.

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

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

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

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

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

1 provision shall be guilty of 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. To the Election
19 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
23 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

24 Dated at Illinois, on (insert date).

25

26 (Signature of Voter)

1 Attest, County Clerk, County, Illinois.

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

7 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04;
8 94-136, eff. 7-7-05.)

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

10 Sec. 5-9. Except as herein provided, no person shall be
11 registered unless he applies in person to registration officer,
12 answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him by the
13 registration officer, and executes the affidavit of
14 registration. The registration officer shall require the
15 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in
16 the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include
17 his or her residence address. These forms of identification
18 shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
19 driver's license, social security card, public aid
20 identification card, utility bill, employee or student
21 identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit
22 card, or a civic, union or professional association membership
23 card. The registration officer shall require a homeless
24 individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing
25 address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail

1 addressed to that individual and received at that address or by
2 a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing
3 address. The registration officer shall require each applicant
4 for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of
5 registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.

6 One of the Deputy Registrars, the Judge of Registration, or
7 an Officer of Registration, County Clerk, or clerk in the
8 office of the County Clerk, shall administer to all persons who
9 shall personally apply to register the following oath or
10 affirmation:

11 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and
12 truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching
13 your place of residence, name, place of birth, your
14 qualifications as an elector and your right as such to register
15 and vote under the laws of the State of Illinois."

16 The Registration Officer shall satisfy himself that each
17 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
18 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to
19 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
20 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
21 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
22 Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act, the
23 following question shall be put, "When you entered the home
24 which is your present address, was it your bona fide intention
25 to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a township, city,
26 village or incorporated town in which such applicant resides,

1 shall be permitted to be present at the place of precinct
2 registration, and shall have the right to challenge any
3 applicant who applies to be registered.

4 In case the officer is not satisfied that the applicant is
5 qualified, he shall forthwith in writing notify such applicant
6 to appear before the County Clerk to furnish further proof of
7 his qualifications. Upon the card of such applicant shall be
8 written the word "Incomplete" and no such applicant shall be
9 permitted to vote unless such registration is satisfactorily
10 completed as hereinafter provided. No registration shall be
11 taken and marked as "incomplete" if information to complete it
12 can be furnished on the date of the original application.

13 Any person claiming to be an elector in any election
14 precinct in such township, city, village or incorporated town
15 and whose registration is marked "Incomplete" may make and sign
16 an application in writing, under oath, to the County Clerk in
17 substance in the following form:

18 "I do solemnly swear that I,, did on (insert
19 date) make application to the Board of Registry of the
20 precinct of ward of the City of or of the
21 District Town of (or to the
22 County Clerk of) and County; that
23 said Board or Clerk refused to complete my registration as a
24 qualified voter in said precinct, that I reside in said
25 precinct (or that I intend to reside in said precinct), am a
26 duly qualified voter and entitled to vote in said precinct at

1 the next election.

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3 (Signature of Applicant)"

4 All such applications shall be presented to the County
5 Clerk by the applicant, in person between the hours of nine
6 o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m., on Monday and Tuesday of
7 the third week subsequent to the weeks in which the 1961 and
8 1962 precinct re-registrations are to be held, and thereafter
9 for the registration provided in Section 5-17 of this Article,
10 all such applications shall be presented to the County Clerk by
11 the applicant in person between the hours of nine o'clock a.m.
12 and nine o'clock p.m. on Monday and Tuesday of the third week
13 prior to the date on which such election is to be held.

14 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
15 county of residence either due to business of the United States
16 or because he is temporarily outside the territorial limits of
17 the United States may become registered by mailing an
18 application to the county clerk within the periods of
19 registration provided for in this Article or by simultaneous
20 application for absentee registration and absentee ballot as
21 provided in Article 20 of this Code.

22 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall
23 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,
24 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other
25 information as the State Board of Elections may think it proper
26 to require for the identification of the applicant:

1 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
2 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
3 for such middle name, if any.

4 Sex.

5 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
6 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
7 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
8 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
9 cannot be determined by street and number, then the Section,
10 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
11 other information as may be necessary, including post office
12 mailing address.

13 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
14 this information.

15 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
16 precinct.

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

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

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

23 Out of State address of

24 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

25 State of

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1 County of)

2 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
3 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
4 have resided in the State of Illinois for 6 months and in the
5 election precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote,
6 that I am not registered to vote anywhere else in the United
7 States, that I intend to remain a resident of the State of
8 Illinois and of the election precinct, that I intend to return
9 to the State of Illinois, and that the above statements are
10 true.

11

12 (His or her signature or mark)

13 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to
14 administer oaths, on (insert date).

15

16 Signature of officer administering oath.

17 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
18 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information
19 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided for
20 in Section 5-7 of this Article and shall attach thereto a copy
21 of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and
22 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall
23 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he
24 had applied for registration in person.

25

1 (Source: P.A. 96-317, eff. 1-1-10; 96-339, eff. 7-1-10;
2 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12;
3 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/5-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-15)

5 Sec. 5-15. Any voter or voters in the township, city,
6 village, or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any
7 precinct committeeman in the county, may, between the hours of
8 nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of the Monday and
9 Tuesday of the third week immediately preceding the week in
10 which such April 10, 1962 Primary Election is to be held, make
11 application in writing, before such County Clerk, to have any
12 name upon such register of any precinct erased. Thereafter such
13 application shall be made between the hours of nine o'clock
14 a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of Monday and Tuesday of the second
15 week prior to the week in which any county, city, village,
16 township, or incorporated town election is to be held. Such
17 application shall be in substance, in the words and figures
18 following:

19 "I, being a qualified voter, registered from No.
20 Street in the precinct of the Ward of the city
21 (village or town of) of the District town of
22 do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that registered
23 from No. Street is not a qualified voter in the
24 precinct of the ward of the city (village or town) of
25 or of the district town of hence I ask that his name

1 be erased from the register of such precinct for the following
2 reason Affiant further says that he has personal
3 knowledge of the facts set forth in the above affidavit.

4 (Signed)

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

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8"

9 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the
10 applicant before the County Clerk or any Deputy authorized by
11 the County Clerk for that purpose, and filed with the Clerk.
12 Thereupon notice of such application, with a demand to appear
13 before the County Clerk and show cause why his name shall not
14 be erased from the register, shall be mailed by special
15 delivery, duly stamped and directed, to such person, to the
16 address upon said register at least 4 days before the day fixed
17 in said notice to show cause. If such person has provided the
18 election authority with an e-mail address, then the election
19 authority shall also send the same notice by electronic mail at
20 least 4 days before the day fixed in said notice to show cause.

21 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons
22 making the application to have the name upon such register
23 erased to appear and show cause why the name should be erased,
24 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the
25 voter making such application fails to appear before the Clerk
26 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or

1 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be
2 erased, the application may be dismissed by the County Clerk.

3 Any voter making such application or applications shall be
4 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the County
5 Clerk, and whilst going to and returning from the office of the
6 County Clerk.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/5-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-21)

9 Sec. 5-21. To each person who registers at the office of
10 the county, city, village, incorporated town or town clerk, or
11 any place designated by the Board of County Commissioners under
12 section 5-17 of article 5 and within five days thereafter, the
13 election authority ~~County Clerk~~ shall send by mail, and
14 electronic mail if the registrant has provided the election
15 authority with an e-mail address, a notice setting forth the
16 elector's name and address as it appears on the registration
17 record card, and shall request him in case of any error to
18 present the notice on or before the seventh day next ensuing at
19 the office of the election authority ~~County Clerk~~ in order to
20 secure the correction of the error. Such notice shall contain
21 on the outside a request for the postmaster to return it within
22 five days if it cannot be delivered to the addressee at the
23 address given thereon. Upon the return by the post office of
24 such notice which it has been unable to deliver at the given
25 address because the addressee cannot be found there, a notice

1 shall be at once sent through the United States mail to such
2 person at the address appearing upon his registration record
3 card requiring him to appear before the election authority
4 ~~County Clerk~~, within five days, to answer questions touching
5 his right to register. If the person notified fails to appear
6 at the election authority's ~~County Clerk's~~ office within five
7 days as directed or if he appears and fails to prove his right
8 to register, the election authority ~~County Clerk~~ shall cancel
9 his registration.

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

11 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

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

13 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
14 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
15 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
16 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
17 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
18 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
19 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
20 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
21 required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided that the cards
22 shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in his
23 or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
24 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
25 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social

1 security number if the person has a social security number.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
2 signatures of the registered voters.

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

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

19 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

21 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
22 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
23 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
24 for change of address during the period from the close of
25 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day

1 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
2 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
3 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
4 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
5 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
6 by the election authority. The election authority shall
7 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
8 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
9 Article for registration and change of address.

10 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
11 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
12 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
13 period voting, ~~either in person in the office of the election~~
14 ~~authority or at a location specifically designated for this~~
15 ~~purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the~~
16 ~~discretion of the election authority.~~ The election authority
17 shall offer in-person grace period voting at his or her office
18 and may offer in-person grace period voting at additional
19 locations specifically designated for the purpose of grace
20 period voting by the election authority. The election authority
21 may allow grace period voting by mail only if the election
22 authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's office.
23 Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially similar
24 to voting under Article 19.

25 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
26 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election

1 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
2 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
3 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
4 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
5 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
6 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
7 names and that information in an electronic format on its
8 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
9 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
10 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
11 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
12 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

13 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
14 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
15 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
16 who register or change address during the grace period must be
17 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
18 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
19 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
20 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
21 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
22 the ballots were opened.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/6-19.5 new)

25 Sec. 6-19.5. Rejection of Article by superseding county

1 board of election commissioners. In addition to any other
2 method of rejection provided in this Article, when a county
3 board of election commissioners is established in accordance
4 with subsection (c) of Section 6A-1 in a county in which is
5 located any portion of a municipality with a municipal board of
6 election commissioners, the application of the provisions of
7 this Article to the territory of that municipality located
8 within that county is rejected.

9 (10 ILCS 5/6-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-29)

10 Sec. 6-29. For the purpose of registering voters under this
11 Article, the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
12 shall be open during ordinary business hours of each week day,
13 from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on the last four Saturdays
14 immediately preceding the end of the period of registration
15 preceding each election, and such other days and such other
16 times as the board may direct. During the 27 days immediately
17 preceding any election there shall be no registration of voters
18 at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners in cities,
19 villages and incorporated towns of fewer than 200,000
20 inhabitants. In cities, villages and incorporated towns of
21 200,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be no registration of
22 voters at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
23 during the 35 days immediately preceding any election;
24 provided, however, where no precinct registration is being
25 conducted prior to any election then registration may be taken

1 in the office of the Board up to and including the 28th day
2 prior to such election. The Board of Election Commissioners may
3 set up and establish as many branch offices for the purpose of
4 taking registrations as it may deem necessary, and the branch
5 offices may be open on any or all dates and hours during which
6 registrations may be taken in the main office. All officers and
7 employees of the Board of Election Commissioners who are
8 authorized by such board to take registrations under this
9 Article shall be considered officers of the circuit court, and
10 shall be subject to the same control as is provided by Section
11 14-5 of this Act with respect to judges of election.

12 In any election called for the submission of the revision
13 or alteration of, or the amendments to the Constitution,
14 submitted by a Constitutional Convention, the final day for
15 registration at the office of the election authority charged
16 with the printing of the ballot of this election shall be the
17 15th day prior to the date of election.

18 The Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint one or
19 more registration teams, consisting of 2 of its employees for
20 each team, for the purpose of accepting the registration of any
21 voter who files an affidavit, within the period for taking
22 registrations provided for in this article, that he is
23 physically unable to appear at the office of the Board or at
24 any appointed place of registration. On the day or days when a
25 precinct registration is being conducted such teams shall
26 consist of one member from each of the 2 leading political

1 parties who are serving on the Precinct Registration Board.
2 Each team so designated shall visit each disabled person and
3 shall accept the registration of such person the same as if he
4 had applied for registration in person.

5 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
6 county of residence due to business of the United States, or
7 who is temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of
8 the United States, may make application to become registered by
9 mail to the Board of Election Commissioners within the periods
10 for registration provided for in this Article or by
11 simultaneous application for absentee registration and
12 absentee ballot as provided in Article 20 of this Code.

13 Upon receipt of such application the Board of Election
14 Commissioners shall immediately mail an affidavit of
15 registration in duplicate, which affidavit shall contain the
16 following and such other information as the State Board of
17 Elections may think it proper to require for the identification
18 of the applicant:

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

22 Sex.

23 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
24 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
25 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
26 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location

1 cannot be determined by street and number, then the section,
2 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
3 other information as may be necessary, including post office
4 mailing address.

5 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
6 this information.

7 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
8 precinct.

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

15 Out of State address of

16 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

17 State of)

18) ss.

19 County of)

20 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
21 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
22 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
23 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
24 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
25 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois, and of
26 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of

1 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

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3 (His or her signature or mark)

4 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to
5 administer oaths, on (insert date).

6

7 Signature of officer administering oath.

8 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
9 Registration, the Board of Election Commissioners shall
10 transfer the information contained thereon to duplicate
11 Registration Cards provided for in Section 6-35 of this Article
12 and shall attach thereto a copy of each of the duplicate
13 affidavit of registration and thereafter such registration
14 card and affidavit shall constitute the registration of such
15 person the same as if he had applied for registration in
16 person.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-816, eff. 8-21-02.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

19 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall
20 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration
21 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards
22 and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of
23 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data
24 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards
25 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The

1 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of
2 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in
3 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the
4 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other
5 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or
6 duplications.

7 The registration record card shall contain the following
8 and such other information as the Board of Election
9 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the
10 identification of the applicant for registration:

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

14 Sex.

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

24 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
25 precinct.

26 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was

1 born.

2 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
3 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
4 naturalization.

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

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

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

10 The county and state in which the applicant was last
11 registered.

12 Electronic mail address, if any.

13 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and
14 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
15 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
16 to the affidavit on both the original and the duplicate
17 registration record card.

18 Signature of deputy registrar.

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

25 Father's first name

26 Mother's first name

1 From what address did you last register?

2 Reason for inability to sign name

3 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
4 substantially the following form:

5 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

6 State of Illinois)

7)ss

8 County of)

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

15

16 (His or her signature or mark)

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

18

19 Signature of registration officer

20 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

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

24 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
25 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be serially
26 or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the

1 Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

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

1 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
2 record cards.

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

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

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

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

1 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
2 of voter registration information shall comply with such
3 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

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

9 To the County Clerk of County, Illinois.

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

11 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
12 (city) and that my residence was Having moved out of your
13 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that
14 registration in your office.

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

16
17 (Signature of Voter)

18 Attest, Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,
19 Illinois.

20 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
21 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,
22 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant
23 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be
24 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04;
26 94-136, eff. 7-7-05.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/6-40) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-40)

2 Sec. 6-40. Where verification lists are furnished to the
3 canvassers by the Board of Election Commissioners, immediately
4 upon completion of the canvass, the canvassers, or one of them,
5 shall file with the Board of Election Commissioners the list of
6 registered voters upon which the canvassers have made notation
7 in the column headed "Remarks" as follows: "O. K.", if they
8 still reside at the address shown on the registration list, or
9 "Died", "Moved", or "Changed Name" as the case may be. Such
10 lists shall be attested to by the canvassers in an attached
11 affidavit. No canvasser shall be remunerated for services as
12 canvasser until such signed affidavit is filed with the Board
13 of Election Commissioners.

14 Upon receipt by the Board of Election Commissioners of the
15 completed list and the attached affidavit as to the correctness
16 of the list, the Board of Election Commissioners shall prepare
17 post card "Notices to Show Cause Why Registration Should not be
18 Cancelled" to send to each voter on each list after whose name
19 the canvassers have written "Died", "Moved", or "Changed Name".
20 They shall be sent by mail, and electronic mail if the person
21 whose registration is questioned has provided the election
22 authority with an e-mail address, mailed to those whose
23 registration is questioned by the Board of Election
24 Commissioners not later than 10 P.M. on Friday of the week of
25 the canvass. The affidavits made by the canvassers showing the

1 names and addresses of such canvassers shall be a public record
2 for 60 days.

3 The Board of Election Commissioners shall also prepare a
4 correct list of those registered voters in each precinct who
5 are designated "O.K." in the remarks column by the canvassers
6 and supplemental lists after the hearings on "Notices to Show
7 Cause Why Registration Should Not be Cancelled"; such lists to
8 be called "Printed Register of Registered Voters" of a given
9 date and supplements thereto.

10 It shall be the duty of the Board of Election Commissioners
11 when complaint is made to them, to investigate the action of
12 such canvassers and to cause them or either of them to be
13 brought before the circuit court and to prosecute them as for
14 contempt, and also at the discretion of the Board of Election
15 Commissioners, to cause them to be prosecuted criminally for
16 such wilful neglect of duty.

17 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 3501.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/6-57) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-57)

19 Sec. 6-57. To each person who registers at the office of
20 the board of election commissioners or at any place designated
21 by such board under Section 6-51 of this Article, after the
22 first registration under this Article, the board shall send by
23 mail, and electronic mail if the registrant has provided the
24 board of election committees with an e-mail address, a notice
25 setting forth the elector's name and address as it appears on

1 the registration record card, and shall request him in case of
2 any error to present the notice on or before the tenth day next
3 ensuing at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners in
4 order to secure the correction of the error. Such notice shall
5 contain on the outside a request for the postmaster to return
6 it within five days if it cannot be delivered to the addressee
7 at the address given thereon. Upon the return by the post
8 office of any such notice which it has been unable to deliver
9 at the given address because the addressee cannot be found
10 there, a notice shall be at once sent through the United States
11 mail to such person at the address appearing upon his
12 registration record card requiring him to appear before the
13 Board of Election Commissioners at a time and place specified
14 in the notice and show cause why his name should not be
15 cancelled from the register. Thereafter, proceedings shall be,
16 as nearly as may be, in conformity with those established by
17 Section 6-52 of this Article with respect to applications to
18 complete registration. Such notice may be sent at any time
19 within thirty days after the registration of any person, but
20 such notice shall be sent within five days after the last day
21 of registration before any election, to all persons who have
22 registered since the last preceding election, and to whom no
23 such notice has theretofore been sent; and where the addressee
24 cannot be found, notice requiring such person to appear before
25 the board of election commissioners shall specify dates for
26 hearing before the election not later than those prescribed by

1 Section 6-45 of this Article.

2 (Source: Laws 1951, p. 1795.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

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

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

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

1 cards remains in effect. In the case of voter registration
2 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
3 original registration cards will include the signature
4 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
5 file shall be the master file.

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

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

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

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

24 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
25 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
26 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made

1 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
2 the registered voter.

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

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

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

26 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority

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

11 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

13 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
15 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
16 for change of address during the period from the close of
17 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day
18 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
19 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
20 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
21 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
22 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
23 by the election authority. The election authority shall
24 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
25 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this

1 Article for registration and change of address.

2 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
3 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
4 occurring after the grace period, ~~he or she must do so by grace~~
5 ~~period voting, either in person in the office of the election~~
6 ~~authority or at a location specifically designated for this~~
7 ~~purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the~~
8 ~~discretion of the election authority.~~ The election authority
9 shall offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's
10 office and may offer in-person grace period voting at
11 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
12 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
13 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
14 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's
15 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
16 similar to voting under Article 19.

17 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
18 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
19 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
20 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
21 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
22 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
23 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
24 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
25 names and that information in an electronic format on its
26 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local

1 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
2 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
3 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
4 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

5 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
6 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
7 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
8 who register or change address during the grace period must be
9 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
10 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
11 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
12 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
13 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
14 the ballots were opened.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/6A-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 6A-1)

17 Sec. 6A-1.

18 (a) Any county in which there is no city, village or
19 incorporated town with a board of election commissioners may
20 establish a county board of election commissioners either (1)
21 by ordinance of the county board or (2) by vote of the electors
22 of the county in accordance with subsection (a) of Section
23 6A-2.

24 The fact that some territory in a county is within the
25 corporate limits of a city, village or incorporated town with a

1 board of election commissioners does not prevent that county
2 from establishing a county board of election commissioners in
3 accordance with this Article if no portion of such city,
4 village or incorporated town was within the county at the time
5 of the establishment of the board of election commissioners for
6 such city, village or incorporated town. If such a county
7 establishes a county board of election commissioners pursuant
8 to this Article, the county board of election commissioners
9 shall, with respect to the territory in the county within the
10 corporate limits of the city, village or incorporated town,
11 supersede the board of election commissioners of that city,
12 village or incorporated town.

13 (b) Any county with a population of more than 700,000
14 persons as of the 2010 federal decennial census that borders
15 another state and borders no more than 2 other Illinois
16 counties, shall be subject to a county board of election
17 commissioners beginning 90 days after the effective date of
18 this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

19 (c) Any county with a population of less than 200,000 but
20 more than 175,000 persons as of the 2010 federal decennial
21 census in which a city, village, or incorporated town with a
22 board of election commissioners is located may establish a
23 county board of election commissioners by vote of the electors
24 of the county in accordance with subsection (b) of Section
25 6A-2. If such a county establishes a county board of election
26 commissioners, the county board of election commissioners,

1 with respect to the territory in the county within the
2 corporate limits of the city, village, or incorporated town,
3 shall supersede the board of election commissioners of that
4 city, village, or incorporated town.

5 (Source: P.A. 81-1433.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/6A-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6A-2)

7 Sec. 6A-2. Submission to voters.

8 (a) Whenever registered voters in a ~~the~~ county described in
9 subsection (a) of Section 6A-1, numbering at least 1,000 or 1/8
10 of the number voting at the last preceding general election in
11 the county, whichever is less, petition the circuit court to
12 submit to the electors of the county a proposition to establish
13 a county board of election commissioners, the circuit court
14 shall cause such proposition to be submitted to the electors of
15 the county at the next succeeding general election.

16 (b) If the county board of a county described in subsection
17 (c) of Section 6A-1 passes an ordinance or resolution
18 establishing a county board of election commissioners, then the
19 proposition to establish a county board of election
20 commissioners shall be submitted to the electors of that county
21 at the next possible general election. The board shall certify
22 the ordinance or resolution and the proposition to the proper
23 election officials who shall submit the proposition at the next
24 general election in accordance with the general election law.

25 (c) The proposition shall be submitted in the same manner

1 as provided in Article 6 for the adoption of Articles 6, 14 and
2 18 by cities, villages and incorporated towns, except that the
3 question shall be stated: "Shall a board of election
4 commissioners be established for County?"

5 (Source: P.A. 78-465.)

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

7 Sec. 6A-3. Commissioners; filling vacancies.

8 (a) If the county board adopts an ordinance providing for
9 the establishment of a county board of election commissioners,
10 or if a majority of the votes cast on a proposition submitted
11 in accordance with Section 6A-2(a) are in favor of a county
12 board of election commissioners, a county board of election
13 commissioners shall be appointed in the same manner as is
14 provided in Article 6 for boards of election commissioners in
15 cities, villages and incorporated towns, except that the county
16 board of election commissioners shall be appointed by the
17 chairman of the county board rather than the circuit court.
18 However, before any appointments are made, the appointing
19 authority shall ascertain whether the county clerk desires to
20 be a member of the county board of election commissioners. If
21 the county clerk so desires, he shall be one of the members of
22 the county board of election commissioners, and the appointing
23 authority shall appoint only 2 other members.

24 (b) For any county board of election commissioners
25 established under subsection (b) of Section 6A-1, within 30

1 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
2 98th General Assembly, the chief judge of the circuit court of
3 the county shall appoint 5 commissioners. At least 4 of those
4 commissioners shall be selected from the 2 major established
5 political parties of the State, with at least 2 from each of
6 those parties. Such appointment shall be entered of record in
7 the office of the County Clerk and the State Board of
8 Elections. Those first appointed shall hold their offices for
9 the period of one, 2, and 3 years respectively, and the judge
10 appointing them shall designate the term for which each
11 commissioner shall hold his or her office, whether for one, 2
12 or 3 years except that no more than one commissioner from each
13 major established political party may be designated the same
14 term. After the initial term, each commissioner or his or her
15 successor shall be appointed to a 3 year term. No elected
16 official or former elected official who has been out of elected
17 office for less than 2 years may be appointed to the board.
18 Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge of the circuit
19 court within 30 days of the vacancy in a manner that maintains
20 the foregoing political party representation.

21 (c) For any county board of election commissioners
22 established under subsection (c) of Section 6A-1, within 30
23 days after the conclusion of the election at which the
24 proposition to establish a county board of election
25 commissioners is approved by the voters, the municipal board
26 shall apply to the circuit court of the county for the chief

1 judge of the circuit court to appoint 2 additional
2 commissioners, one of whom shall be from each major established
3 political party and neither of whom shall reside within the
4 limits of the municipal board, so that 3 commissioners shall
5 reside within the limits of the municipal board and 2 shall
6 reside within the county but not within the municipality, as it
7 may exist from time to time. Not more than 3 of the
8 commissioners shall be members of the same major established
9 political party. Vacancies shall be filled by the chief judge
10 of the circuit court upon application of the remaining
11 commissioners in a manner that maintains the foregoing
12 geographical and political party representation.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-358, eff. 7-29-99.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/6A-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 6A-4)

15 Sec. 6A-4. Transfer of records. Upon the opening of an ~~the~~
16 office of a ~~the~~ county board of election commissioners, the
17 county clerk and any municipal board of election commissioners
18 in the county shall turn over to such county board all registry
19 books, registration record cards, poll books, tally sheets and
20 ballot boxes and all other books, forms, blanks and stationery
21 of every description in the clerk's or municipal board's
22 possession ~~his hands~~ in any way relating to elections or the
23 holding of elections in the county and any unused
24 appropriations related to elections or the holding of elections
25 in the county. Thereupon, all functions, powers and duties of

1 the county clerk, ~~or~~ the county board, or the municipal board
2 relating to elections in that county are transferred to the
3 county board of election commissioners.

4 (Source: P.A. 78-465.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/8-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-9)

6 Sec. 8-9. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by
7 mail or in person as follows:

8 (1) Where the nomination is made for a legislative
9 office, such petition for nomination shall be filed in the
10 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more
11 than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the date of
12 the primary.

13 (2) The State Board of Elections shall, upon receipt of
14 each petition, endorse thereon the day and hour on which it
15 was filed. Petitions filed by mail and received after
16 midnight on the first day for filing and in the first mail
17 delivery or pickup of that day, shall be deemed as filed as
18 of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour
19 of such day as the case may be, and all petitions received
20 thereafter shall be deemed as filed in the order of actual
21 receipt. However, 2 or more petitions filed within the last
22 hour of the filing deadline shall be deemed to have been
23 filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are
24 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections
25 shall break ties and determine the order of filing, by

1 means of a lottery as provided in Section 7-12 of this
2 Code.

3 (3) Any person for whom a petition for nomination has
4 been filed, may cause his name to be withdrawn by a request
5 in writing, signed by him, duly acknowledged before an
6 officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, and
7 filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the
8 State Board of Elections not later than the date of
9 certification of candidates for the general primary
10 ballot, and no names so withdrawn shall be certified by the
11 State Board of Elections to the county clerk, or printed on
12 the primary ballot. If petitions for nomination have been
13 filed for the same person with respect to more than one
14 political party, his name shall not be certified nor
15 printed on the primary ballot of any party. If petitions
16 for nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or
17 more offices which are incompatible so that the same person
18 could not serve in more than one of such offices if
19 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all
20 but one of such offices within the 5 business days
21 following the last day for petition filing. If he fails to
22 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices
23 within such time, his name shall not be certified, nor
24 printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the
25 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a
26 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

1 (4) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for
2 a candidate to the same office, the State Board of
3 Elections shall within 2 business days notify the candidate
4 of his or her multiple petition filings and that the
5 candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice
6 to notify the State Board of Elections that he or she may
7 cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies
8 the State Board of Elections the last set of petitions
9 filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by
10 the State Board of Elections. If the candidate fails to
11 notify the State Board then only the first set of petitions
12 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be
13 void.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

16 Sec. 9-1.8. Political committees.

17 (a) "Political committee" includes a candidate political
18 committee, a political party committee, a political action
19 committee, a ballot initiative committee, and an independent
20 expenditure committee.

21 (b) "Candidate political committee" means the candidate
22 himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership,
23 corporation, or other organization or group of persons
24 designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes
25 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount

1 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of the candidate.

2 (c) "Political party committee" means the State central
3 committee of a political party, a county central committee of a
4 political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee
5 formed by a ward or township committeeman of a political party.
6 For purposes of this Article, a "legislative caucus committee"
7 means a committee established for the purpose of electing
8 candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected
9 President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker
10 of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House
11 of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more
12 members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members
13 of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

14 (d) "Political action committee" means any natural person,
15 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or
16 other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate,
17 political party, candidate political committee, or political
18 party committee, that accepts contributions or makes
19 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount
20 exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ on behalf of or in opposition to a
21 candidate or candidates for public office. "Political action
22 committee" includes any natural person, trust, partnership,
23 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or
24 group of persons, other than a candidate, political party,
25 candidate political committee, or political party committee,
26 that makes electioneering communications during any 12-month

1 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ related
2 to any candidate or candidates for public office.

3 (e) "Ballot initiative committee" means any natural
4 person, trust, partnership, committee, association,
5 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
6 accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any
7 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
8 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy
9 to be submitted to the electors. "Ballot initiative committee"
10 includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee,
11 association, corporation, or other organization or group of
12 persons that makes electioneering communications during any
13 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
14 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the
15 voters. The \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ threshold applies to any
16 contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose
17 of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or
18 passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication
19 regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the
20 method of initiation of the question of public policy and
21 regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed
22 with the appropriate office or whether the question has been
23 adopted and certified by the governing body.

24 (f) "Independent expenditure committee" means any trust,
25 partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other
26 organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive

1 purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month
2 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ in
3 support of or in opposition to (i) the nomination for election,
4 election, retention, or defeat of any public official or
5 candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted
6 to the electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also
7 includes any trust, partnership, committee, association,
8 corporation, or other organization or group of persons that
9 makes electioneering communications that are not made in
10 connection, consultation, or concert with or at the request or
11 suggestion of a public official or candidate, a public
12 official's or candidate's designated political committee or
13 campaign, or an agent or agents of the public official,
14 candidate, or political committee or campaign during any
15 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
16 related to (i) the nomination for election, election,
17 retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or
18 (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the
19 voters.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.5)

22 Sec. 9-8.5. Limitations on campaign contributions.

23 (a) It is unlawful for a political committee to accept
24 contributions except as provided in this Section.

25 (b) During an election cycle, a candidate political

1 committee may not accept contributions with an aggregate value
2 over the following: (i) \$5,000 from any individual, (ii)
3 \$10,000 from any corporation, labor organization, or
4 association, or (iii) \$50,000 from a candidate political
5 committee or political action committee. A candidate political
6 committee may accept contributions in any amount from a
7 political party committee except during an election cycle in
8 which the candidate seeks nomination at a primary election.
9 During an election cycle in which the candidate seeks
10 nomination at a primary election, a candidate political
11 committee may not accept contributions from political party
12 committees with an aggregate value over the following: (i)
13 \$200,000 for a candidate political committee established to
14 support a candidate seeking nomination to statewide office,
15 (ii) \$125,000 for a candidate political committee established
16 to support a candidate seeking nomination to the Senate, the
17 Supreme Court or Appellate Court in the First Judicial
18 District, or an office elected by all voters in a county with
19 1,000,000 or more residents, (iii) \$75,000 for a candidate
20 political committee established to support a candidate seeking
21 nomination to the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court
22 or Appellate Court for a Judicial District other than the First
23 Judicial District, an office elected by all voters of a county
24 of fewer than 1,000,000 residents, and municipal and county
25 offices in Cook County other than those elected by all voters
26 of Cook County, and (iv) \$50,000 for a candidate political

1 committee established to support the nomination of a candidate
2 to any other office. A candidate political committee
3 established to elect a candidate to the General Assembly may
4 accept contributions from only one legislative caucus
5 committee. A candidate political committee may not accept
6 contributions from a ballot initiative committee or from an
7 independent expenditure committee.

8 (c) During an election cycle, a political party committee
9 may not accept contributions with an aggregate value over the
10 following: (i) \$10,000 from any individual, (ii) \$20,000 from
11 any corporation, labor organization, or association, or (iii)
12 \$50,000 from a political action committee. A political party
13 committee may accept contributions in any amount from another
14 political party committee or a candidate political committee,
15 except as provided in subsection (c-5). Nothing in this Section
16 shall limit the amounts that may be transferred between a
17 political party committee established under subsection (a) of
18 Section 7-8 of this Code and an affiliated federal political
19 committee established under the Federal Election Code by the
20 same political party. A political party committee may not
21 accept contributions from a ballot initiative committee or from
22 an independent expenditure committee. A political party
23 committee established by a legislative caucus may not accept
24 contributions from another political party committee
25 established by a legislative caucus.

26 (c-5) During the period beginning on the date candidates

1 may begin circulating petitions for a primary election and
2 ending on the day of the primary election, a political party
3 committee may not accept contributions with an aggregate value
4 over \$50,000 from a candidate political committee or political
5 party committee. A political party committee may accept
6 contributions in any amount from a candidate political
7 committee or political party committee if the political party
8 committee receiving the contribution filed a statement of
9 nonparticipation in the primary as provided in subsection
10 (c-10). The Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform shall study
11 and make recommendations on the provisions of this subsection
12 to the Governor and General Assembly by September 30, 2012.
13 This subsection becomes inoperative on July 1, 2013 and
14 thereafter no longer applies.

15 (c-10) A political party committee that does not intend to
16 make contributions to candidates to be nominated at a general
17 primary election or consolidated primary election may file a
18 Statement of Nonparticipation in a Primary Election with the
19 Board. The Statement of Nonparticipation shall include a
20 verification signed by the chairperson and treasurer of the
21 committee that (i) the committee will not make contributions or
22 coordinated expenditures in support of or opposition to a
23 candidate or candidates to be nominated at the general primary
24 election or consolidated primary election (select one) to be
25 held on (insert date), (ii) the political party committee may
26 accept unlimited contributions from candidate political

1 committees and political party committees, provided that the
2 political party committee does not make contributions to a
3 candidate or candidates to be nominated at the primary
4 election, and (iii) failure to abide by these requirements
5 shall deem the political party committee in violation of this
6 Article and subject the committee to a fine of no more than
7 150% of the total contributions or coordinated expenditures
8 made by the committee in violation of this Article. This
9 subsection becomes inoperative on July 1, 2013 and thereafter
10 no longer applies.

11 (d) During an election cycle, a political action committee
12 may not accept contributions with an aggregate value over the
13 following: (i) \$10,000 from any individual, (ii) \$20,000 from
14 any corporation, labor organization, political party
15 committee, or association, or (iii) \$50,000 from a political
16 action committee or candidate political committee. A political
17 action committee may not accept contributions from a ballot
18 initiative committee or from an independent expenditure
19 committee.

20 (e) A ballot initiative committee may accept contributions
21 in any amount from any source, provided that the committee
22 files the document required by Section 9-3 of this Article and
23 files the disclosure reports required by the provisions of this
24 Article.

25 (e-5) An independent expenditure committee may accept
26 contributions in any amount from any source, provided that the

1 committee files the document required by Section 9-3 of this
2 Article and files the disclosure reports required by the
3 provisions of this Article.

4 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a political
5 committee from dividing the proceeds of joint fundraising
6 efforts; provided that no political committee may receive more
7 than the limit from any one contributor, and provided that an
8 independent expenditure committee may not conduct joint
9 fundraising efforts with a candidate political committee or a
10 political party committee.

11 (g) On January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the State Board
12 of Elections shall adjust the amounts of the contribution
13 limitations established in this Section for inflation as
14 determined by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
15 as issued by the United States Department of Labor and rounded
16 to the nearest \$100. The State Board shall publish this
17 information on its official website.

18 (h) Self-funding candidates. If a public official, a
19 candidate, or the public official's or candidate's immediate
20 family contributes or loans to the public official's or
21 candidate's political committee or to other political
22 committees that transfer funds to the public official's or
23 candidate's political committee or makes independent
24 expenditures for the benefit of the public official's or
25 candidate's campaign during the 12 months prior to an election
26 in an aggregate amount of more than (i) \$250,000 for statewide

1 office or (ii) \$100,000 for all other elective offices, then
2 the public official or candidate shall file with the State
3 Board of Elections, within one day, a Notification of
4 Self-funding that shall detail each contribution or loan made
5 by the public official, the candidate, or the public official's
6 or candidate's immediate family. Within 2 business days after
7 the filing of a Notification of Self-funding, the notification
8 shall be posted on the Board's website and the Board shall give
9 official notice of the filing to each candidate for the same
10 office as the public official or candidate making the filing,
11 including the public official or candidate filing the
12 Notification of Self-funding. Notice shall be sent via first
13 class mail to the candidate and the treasurer of the
14 candidate's committee. Notice shall also be sent by e-mail to
15 the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate's committee if
16 the candidate and the treasurer, as applicable, have provided
17 the Board with an e-mail address. Upon posting of the receiving
18 notice on from the Board's website Board, all candidates for
19 that office, including the public official or candidate who
20 filed a Notification of Self-funding, shall be permitted to
21 accept contributions in excess of any contribution limits
22 imposed by subsection (b). If a public official or candidate
23 filed a Notification of Self-funding during an election cycle
24 that includes a general primary election or consolidated
25 primary election and that public official or candidate is
26 nominated, all candidates for that office, including the

1 nominee who filed the notification of self-funding, shall be
2 permitted to accept contributions in excess of any contribution
3 limit imposed by subsection (b) for the subsequent election
4 cycle. For the purposes of this subsection, "immediate family"
5 means the spouse, parent, or child of a public official or
6 candidate.

7 (h-5) If a natural person or independent expenditure
8 committee makes independent expenditures in support of or in
9 opposition to the campaign of a particular public official or
10 candidate in an aggregate amount of more than (i) \$250,000 for
11 statewide office or (ii) \$100,000 for all other elective
12 offices in an election cycle, as reported in a written
13 disclosure filed under subsection (a) of Section 9-8.6 or
14 subsection (e-5) of Section 9-10, then the State Board of
15 Elections shall, within 2 business days after the filing of the
16 disclosure, post the disclosure on the Board's website and give
17 official notice of the disclosure to each candidate for the
18 same office as the public official or candidate for whose
19 benefit or detriment the natural person or independent
20 expenditure committee made independent expenditures. Upon
21 posting of the ~~receiving~~ notice on ~~from~~ the Board's website
22 ~~Board~~, all candidates for that office in that election,
23 including the public official or candidate for whose benefit or
24 detriment the natural person or independent expenditure
25 committee made independent expenditures, shall be permitted to
26 accept contributions in excess of any contribution limits

1 imposed by subsection (b).

2 (h-10) If the State Board of Elections receives
3 notification or determines that a natural person or persons, an
4 independent expenditure committee or committees, or
5 combination thereof has made independent expenditures in
6 support of or in opposition to the campaign of a particular
7 public official or candidate in an aggregate amount of more
8 than (i) \$250,000 for statewide office or (ii) \$100,000 for all
9 other elective offices in an election cycle, then the Board
10 shall, within 2 business days after discovering the independent
11 expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed the threshold set
12 forth in (i) and (ii) of this subsection, post notice of this
13 fact on the Board's website and give official notice to each
14 candidate for the same office as the public official or
15 candidate for whose benefit or detriment the independent
16 expenditures were made. Notice shall be sent via first class
17 mail to the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate's
18 committee. Notice shall also be sent by e-mail to the candidate
19 and the treasurer of the candidate's committee if the candidate
20 and the treasurer, as applicable, have provided the Board with
21 an e-mail address. Upon posting of the notice on the Board's
22 website, all candidates of that office in that election,
23 including the public official or candidate for whose benefit or
24 detriment the independent expenditures were made, may accept
25 contributions in excess of any contribution limits imposed by
26 subsection (b). The Campaign Finance Task Force shall submit a

1 ~~report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than~~
2 ~~February 1, 2013. The report shall examine and make~~
3 ~~recommendations regarding the provisions in this subsection~~
4 ~~including, but not limited to, case law concerning independent~~
5 ~~expenditures, the manner in which independent expenditures are~~
6 ~~handled in the other states and at the federal level,~~
7 ~~independent expenditures made in Illinois during the 2012~~
8 ~~general primary and, separately, the 2012 general election, and~~
9 ~~independent expenditures made at the federal level during the~~
10 ~~2012 general election. The Task Force shall conduct at least 2~~
11 ~~public hearings regarding independent expenditures.~~

12 (i) For the purposes of this Section, a corporation, labor
13 organization, association, or a political action committee
14 established by a corporation, labor organization, or
15 association may act as a conduit in facilitating the delivery
16 to a political action committee of contributions made through
17 dues, levies, or similar assessments and the political action
18 committee may report the contributions in the aggregate,
19 provided that: (i) contributions made through dues, levies, or
20 similar assessments paid by any natural person, corporation,
21 labor organization, or association in a calendar year may not
22 exceed the limits set forth in this Section; (ii) the
23 corporation, labor organization, association, or a political
24 action committee established by a corporation, labor
25 organization, or association facilitating the delivery of
26 contributions maintains a list of natural persons,

1 corporations, labor organizations, and associations that paid
2 the dues, levies, or similar assessments from which the
3 contributions comprising the aggregate amount derive; and
4 (iii) contributions made through dues, levies, or similar
5 assessments paid by any natural person, corporation, labor
6 organization, or association that exceed \$500 in a quarterly
7 reporting period shall be itemized on the committee's quarterly
8 report and may not be reported in the aggregate. A political
9 action committee facilitating the delivery of contributions or
10 receiving contributions shall disclose the amount of
11 contributions made through dues delivered or received and the
12 name of the corporation, labor organization, association, or
13 political action committee delivering the contributions, if
14 applicable. On January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the State
15 Board of Elections shall adjust the amounts of the contribution
16 limitations established in this subsection for inflation as
17 determined by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
18 as issued by the United States Department of Labor and rounded
19 to the nearest \$100. The State Board shall publish this
20 information on its official website.

21 (j) A political committee that receives a contribution or
22 transfer in violation of this Section shall dispose of the
23 contribution or transfer by returning the contribution or
24 transfer, or an amount equal to the contribution or transfer,
25 to the contributor or transferor or donating the contribution
26 or transfer, or an amount equal to the contribution or

1 transfer, to a charity. A contribution or transfer received in
2 violation of this Section that is not disposed of as provided
3 in this subsection within 30 days after the Board sends
4 notification to the political committee of the excess
5 contribution by certified mail shall escheat to the General
6 Revenue Fund and the political committee shall be deemed in
7 violation of this Section and subject to a civil penalty not to
8 exceed 150% of the total amount of the contribution.

9 (k) For the purposes of this Section, "statewide office"
10 means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
11 Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

12 (l) This Section is repealed if and when the United States
13 Supreme Court invalidates contribution limits on committees
14 formed to assist candidates, political parties, corporations,
15 associations, or labor organizations established by or
16 pursuant to federal law.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/9-9.5)

19 Sec. 9-9.5. Disclosures in political communications.

20 (a) Any political committee, organized under the Election
21 Code, that makes an expenditure for a pamphlet, circular,
22 handbill, Internet or telephone communication, radio,
23 television, or print advertisement, or other communication
24 directed at voters and mentioning the name of a candidate in
25 the next upcoming election shall ensure that the name of the

1 political committee paying for any part of the communication,
2 including, but not limited to, its preparation and
3 distribution, is identified clearly within the communication
4 as the payor. This subsection does not apply to items that are
5 too small to contain the required disclosure. This subsection
6 does not apply to an expenditure for the preparation or
7 distribution of any printed communication directed at
8 constituents of a member of the General Assembly if the
9 expenditure is made by a political committee in accordance with
10 subsection (c) of Section 9-8.10. Nothing in this subsection
11 shall require disclosure on any telephone communication using
12 random sampling or other scientific survey methods to gauge
13 public opinion for or against any candidate or question of
14 public policy.

15 Whenever any vendor or other person provides any of the
16 services listed in this subsection, other than any telephone
17 communication using random sampling or other scientific survey
18 methods to gauge public opinion for or against any candidate or
19 question of public policy, the vendor or person shall keep and
20 maintain records showing the name and address of the person who
21 purchased or requested the services and the amount paid for the
22 services. The records required by this subsection shall be kept
23 for a period of one year after the date upon which payment was
24 received for the services.

25 (b) Any political committee, organized under this Code,
26 that makes an expenditure for a pamphlet, circular, handbill,

1 Internet or telephone communication, radio, television, or
2 print advertisement, or other communication directed at voters
3 and (i) mentioning the name of a candidate in the next upcoming
4 election, without that candidate's permission, or (ii)
5 advocating for or against a public policy position shall ensure
6 that the name of the political committee paying for any part of
7 the communication, including, but not limited to, its
8 preparation and distribution, is identified clearly within the
9 communication. Nothing in this subsection shall require
10 disclosure on any telephone communication using random
11 sampling or other scientific survey methods to gauge public
12 opinion for or against any candidate or question of public
13 policy.

14 (c) A political committee organized under this Code shall
15 not make an expenditure for any unsolicited telephone call to
16 the line of a residential telephone customer in this State
17 using any method to block or otherwise circumvent that
18 customer's use of a caller identification service.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
20 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6.2)

22 Sec. 10-6.2. The State Board of Elections, the election
23 authority or the local election official with whom petitions
24 for nomination are filed pursuant to this Article 10 shall
25 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon receipt

1 shall endorse thereon the day and the hour at which each
2 petition was filed. Except as provided by Article 9 of The
3 School Code, all petitions filed by persons waiting in line as
4 of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for filing, or as of the normal
5 opening hour of the office involved on such day, shall be
6 deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour, as the
7 case may be. Petitions filed by mail and received after
8 midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail
9 delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00
10 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day,
11 as the case may be. All petitions received thereafter shall be
12 deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more
13 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline
14 shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions
15 are received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections, the
16 election authority or the local election official with whom
17 such petitions are filed shall break ties and determine the
18 order of filing by means of a lottery or other fair and
19 impartial method of random selection approved by the State
20 Board of Elections. Such lottery shall be conducted within 9
21 days following the last day for petition filing and shall be
22 open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and
23 place of conducting such random selection shall be given, by
24 the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or local
25 election official, to the Chairman of each political party, and
26 to each organization of citizens within the election

1 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Code, at the next
2 preceding election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of
3 election. The State Board of Elections, the election authority
4 or local election official shall post in a conspicuous, open
5 and public place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the
6 time and place of such lottery. The State Board of Elections
7 shall adopt rules and regulations governing the procedures for
8 the conduct of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified
9 in the order in which their petitions have been filed and in
10 the manner prescribed by Section 10-14 and 10-15 of this
11 Article. Where candidates have filed simultaneously, they
12 shall be certified in the order determined by lot and prior to
13 candidates who filed for the same office or offices at a later
14 time. Certificates of nomination filed within the period
15 prescribed in Section 10-6(2) for candidates nominated by
16 caucus for township or municipal offices shall be subject to
17 the ballot placement lottery for established political parties
18 prescribed in Section 7-60 of this Code.

19 If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a
20 candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections,
21 appropriate election authority or local election official
22 where the petitions are filed shall within 2 business days
23 notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings
24 and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the
25 notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate
26 election authority or local election official that he or she

1 may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies
2 the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
3 local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall
4 be the only petitions to be considered valid by the State Board
5 of Elections, election authority or local election official. If
6 the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections,
7 appropriate election authority or local election official then
8 only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all
9 subsequent petitions shall be void.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/10-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-7)

12 Sec. 10-7. Any person whose name has been presented as a
13 candidate may cause his name to be withdrawn from any such
14 nomination by his request in writing, signed by him and duly
15 acknowledged before an officer qualified to take
16 acknowledgment of deeds, and presented to the principal office
17 or permanent branch office of the Board, the election
18 authority, or the local election official, as the case may be,
19 not later than the date for certification of candidates for the
20 ballot. No name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballots
21 under the party appellation or title from which the candidate
22 has withdrawn his name. If such a request for withdrawal is
23 received after the date for certification of the candidates for
24 the ballot, then the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are
25 invalid and shall not be reported by the election authority. If

1 the name of the same person has been presented as a candidate
2 for 2 or more offices which are incompatible so that the same
3 person could not serve in more than one of such offices if
4 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all but
5 one of such offices within the 5 business days following the
6 last day for petition filing. If he fails to withdraw as a
7 candidate for all but one of such offices within such time, his
8 name shall not be certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any
9 office. However, nothing in this section shall be construed as
10 precluding a judge who is seeking retention in office from also
11 being a candidate for another judicial office. Except as
12 otherwise herein provided, in case the certificate of
13 nomination or petition as provided for in this Article shall
14 contain or exhibit the name of any candidate for any office
15 upon more than one of said certificates or petitions (for the
16 same office), then and in that case the Board or election
17 authority or local election official, as the case may be, shall
18 immediately notify said candidate of said fact and that his
19 name appears unlawfully upon more than one of said certificates
20 or petitions and that within 3 days from the receipt of said
21 notification, said candidate must elect as to which of said
22 political party appellations or groups he desires his name to
23 appear and remain under upon said ballot, and if said candidate
24 refuses, fails or neglects to make such election, then and in
25 that case the Board or election authority or local election
26 official, as the case may be, shall permit the name of said

1 candidate to appear or be printed or placed upon said ballot
2 only under the political party appellation or group appearing
3 on the certificate of nomination or petition, as the case may
4 be, first filed, and shall strike or cause to be stricken the
5 name of said candidate from all certificates of nomination and
6 petitions filed after the first such certificate of nomination
7 or petition.

8 Whenever the name of a candidate for an office is withdrawn
9 from a new political party petition, it shall constitute a
10 vacancy in nomination for that office which may be filled in
11 accordance with Section 10-11 of this Article; provided, that
12 if the names of all candidates for all offices on a new
13 political party petition are withdrawn or such petition is
14 declared invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review,
15 no vacancies in nomination for those offices shall exist and
16 the filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill
17 vacancies in nomination shall have no legal effect.

18 Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office
19 is withdrawn or an independent candidate's petition is declared
20 invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no
21 vacancy in nomination for that office shall exist and the
22 filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill a vacancy
23 in nomination shall have no legal effect.

24 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when
25 presented or filed shall be open, under proper regulation, to
26 public inspection, and the State Board of Elections and the

1 several election authorities and local election officials
2 having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in
3 their respective offices not less than 6 months.

4 (Source: P.A. 86-875.)

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

6 Sec. 10-9. The following electoral boards are designated
7 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objector's
8 petition described in Section 10-8.

9 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon
10 objections to the nominations of candidates for State
11 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional,
12 legislative and judicial offices of districts,
13 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,
14 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's
15 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be
16 elected from more than one county, and petitions for
17 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of
18 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the
19 Constitution.

20 2. The county officers electoral board to hear and pass
21 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county
22 offices, for congressional, legislative and judicial
23 offices of a district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous
24 with or less than a county, for any school district offices
25 ~~trustees to be voted for by the electors of the county or~~

1 ~~by the electors of a township of the county,~~ for the office
2 of multi-township assessor where candidates for such
3 office are nominated in accordance with this Code, and for
4 all special district offices, shall be composed of the
5 county clerk, or an assistant designated by the county
6 clerk, the State's attorney of the county or an Assistant
7 State's Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and
8 the clerk of the circuit court, or an assistant designated
9 by the clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom
10 the county clerk or his designee shall be the chairman,
11 except that in any county which has established a county
12 board of election commissioners that board shall
13 constitute the county officers electoral board ex-officio.
14 If a school district is located in 2 or more counties, the
15 county officers electoral board of the county in which the
16 principal office of the school district is located shall
17 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates
18 for school district office in that school district.

19 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and
20 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
21 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor
22 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village
23 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated
24 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of
25 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to
26 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest

1 number of years as a member of the city council or board of
2 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of
3 trustees shall be the chairman.

4 4. The township officers electoral board to pass upon
5 objections to the nominations of township officers shall be
6 composed of the township supervisor, the town clerk, and
7 that eligible town trustee elected in the township who has
8 had the longest term of continuous service as town trustee,
9 of whom the township supervisor shall be the chairman.

10 5. The education officers electoral board to hear and
11 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for
12 offices in ~~school or~~ community college districts shall be
13 composed of the presiding officer of the ~~school or~~
14 community college district board, who shall be the
15 chairman, the secretary of the ~~school or~~ community college
16 district board and the eligible elected ~~school or~~ community
17 college board member who has the longest term of continuous
18 service as a board member.

19 6. In all cases, however, where the Congressional,
20 Legislative, or Representative district is wholly or
21 partially within the jurisdiction of a single municipal
22 board of election commissioners in Cook County and in all
23 cases where the school district or special district is
24 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of
25 election commissioners and in all cases where the
26 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the

1 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
2 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall
3 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

4 For special districts situated in more than one county, the
5 county officers electoral board of the county in which the
6 principal office of the district is located has jurisdiction to
7 hear and pass upon objections. For purposes of this Section,
8 "special districts" means all political subdivisions other
9 than counties, municipalities, townships and school and
10 community college districts.

11 In the event that any member of the appropriate board is a
12 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
13 petition is filed, he shall not be eligible to serve on that
14 board and shall not act as a member of the board and his place
15 shall be filled as follows:

16 a. In the county officers electoral board by the county
17 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the
18 sheriff of the county.

19 b. In the municipal officers electoral board by the
20 eligible elected city council or board of trustees member
21 who has served the second greatest number of years as a
22 city council or board of trustees member.

23 c. In the township officers electoral board by the
24 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second
25 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

26 d. In the education officers electoral board by the

1 eligible elected ~~school or~~ community college district
2 board member who has had the second longest term of
3 continuous service as a board member.

4 In the event that the chairman of the electoral board is
5 ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she is a
6 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's
7 petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under the
8 provisions of this Section shall be the chairman; In this case,
9 the officer or board with whom the objector's petition is
10 filed, shall transmit the certificate of nomination or
11 nomination papers as the case may be, and the objector's
12 petition to the substitute chairman of the electoral board.

13 When 2 or more eligible individuals, by reason of their
14 terms of service on a city council or board of trustees,
15 township board of trustees, or ~~school or~~ community college
16 district board, qualify to serve on an electoral board, the one
17 to serve shall be chosen by lot.

18 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled
19 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members
20 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the
21 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon
22 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief
23 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board
24 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was
25 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by
26 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the

1 chairman of an electoral board shall be designated by the Chief
2 Judge.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

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

5 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the
6 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or proposed
7 question of public policy, as the case may be, and the
8 objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board other
9 than the State Board of Elections shall send a call by
10 registered or certified mail to each of the members of the
11 electoral board, and to the objector who filed the objector's
12 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of
13 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the
14 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of a question of
15 public policy, as the case may be, whose petitions are objected
16 to, and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties
17 in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of
18 such call upon each of such officers and persons, which call
19 shall set out the fact that the electoral board is required to
20 meet to hear and pass upon the objections to nominations made
21 for the office, designating it, and shall state the day, hour
22 and place at which the electoral board shall meet for the
23 purpose, which place shall be in the county court house in the
24 county in the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the
25 Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers

1 Electoral Board or the Education Officers Electoral Board,
2 except that the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the
3 Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers
4 Electoral Board may meet at the location where the governing
5 body of the municipality, township, or ~~school or~~ community
6 college district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled
7 meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter
8 records may be removed from the offices of an election
9 authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of
10 the election authority. In those cases where the State Board of
11 Elections is the electoral board designated under Section 10-9,
12 the chairman of the State Board of Elections shall, within 24
13 hours after the receipt of the certificate of nomination or
14 nomination papers or petitions for a proposed amendment to
15 Article IV of the Constitution or proposed statewide question
16 of public policy, send a call by registered or certified mail
17 to the objector who files the objector's petition, and either
18 to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination
19 papers are objected to or to the principal proponent or
20 attorney for proponents of the proposed Constitutional
21 amendment or statewide question of public policy and shall
22 state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board
23 shall meet for the purpose, which place may be in the Capitol
24 Building or in the principal or permanent branch office of the
25 State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be less than 3
26 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the certificate of

1 nomination or nomination papers and the objector's petition by
2 the chairman of the electoral board.

3 The electoral board shall have the power to administer
4 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and at the request
5 of either party the chairman may issue subpoenas requiring the
6 attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum requiring the
7 production of such books, papers, records and documents as may
8 be evidence of any matter under inquiry before the electoral
9 board, in the same manner as witnesses are subpoenaed in the
10 Circuit Court.

11 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or
12 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and
13 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by
14 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes
15 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served
16 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena, or
17 to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a petition
18 in the circuit court of the county in which such hearing is to
19 be heard, or has been attempted to be heard, setting forth the
20 facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect, and accompanying the
21 petition with a copy of the citation and the answer, if one has
22 been filed, together with a copy of the subpoena and the return
23 of service thereon, and shall apply for an order of court
24 requiring such person to attend and testify, and forthwith
25 produce books and papers, before the electoral board. Any
26 circuit court of the state, excluding the judge who is sitting

1 on the electoral board, upon such showing shall order such
2 person to appear and testify, and to forthwith produce such
3 books and papers, before the electoral board at a place to be
4 fixed by the court. If such person shall knowingly fail or
5 refuse to obey such order of the court without lawful excuse,
6 the court shall punish him or her by fine and imprisonment, as
7 the nature of the case may require and may be lawful in cases
8 of contempt of court.

9 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall
10 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and
11 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,
12 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the
13 objection or by other interested persons.

14 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on
15 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the
16 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the
17 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy
18 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the
19 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election
20 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of
21 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and
22 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of
23 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed in
24 the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12 of
25 this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at
26 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular

1 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of
2 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party
3 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or
4 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,
5 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election
6 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of valid
7 to invalid signatures within the particular election
8 jurisdiction.

9 The electoral board shall take up the question as to
10 whether or not the certificate of nomination or nomination
11 papers or petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they
12 were filed within the time and under the conditions required by
13 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of
14 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they purport
15 to be, and whether or not in the case of the certificate of
16 nomination in question it represents accurately the decision of
17 the caucus or convention issuing it, and in general shall
18 decide whether or not the certificate of nomination or
19 nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether the
20 objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of a
21 majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to
22 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral
23 board must state its findings in writing and must state in
24 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of
25 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the
26 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If

1 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the
2 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent
3 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally
4 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is
5 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or
6 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party affected
7 by the decision or to such party's attorney of record, if any,
8 at the address on record for such person in the files of the
9 electoral board.

10 Upon the expiration of the period within which a proceeding
11 for judicial review must be commenced under Section 10-10.1,
12 the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for judicial
13 review has been commenced within such period, transmit, by
14 registered or certified mail, a certified copy of its ruling,
15 together with the original certificate of nomination or
16 nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's
17 petition, to the officer or board with whom the certificate of
18 nomination or nomination papers or petitions, as objected to,
19 were on file, and such officer or board shall abide by and
20 comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-872, eff. 1-1-09; 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

23 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be
24 authorized in the following manner:

25 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to

1 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must
2 be affiliated with the political party for which they are
3 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be
4 registered to vote in Illinois.

5 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
6 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers
7 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

8 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
9 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
10 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
11 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
12 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
13 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall
14 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all
15 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in
16 Illinois.

17 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
18 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
19 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
20 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
21 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
22 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
23 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
24 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The
25 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the
26 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic

1 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated
2 association, or organization that:

3 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
4 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
5 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
6 information and education, the protection of individual
7 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
8 elections;

9 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities
10 within the State of Illinois; and

11 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
12 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
13 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
14 without a current listed telephone number is not
15 sufficient).

16 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for
17 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
18 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
19 resident of Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a
20 pollwatcher in any poll located within such municipality,
21 provided that such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the
22 respective requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this
23 Section and is a registered voter in Illinois.

24 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
25 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
26 address of its organization or committee and the name and

1 address of its chairman with the proper election authority at
2 least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to appoint
3 one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
4 registered to vote in Illinois.

5 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
6 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
7 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
8 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of
9 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the
10 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2
11 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be
12 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or
13 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
14 of the civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or
15 opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the ~~The~~ election
16 authority nor the State Board of Elections may ~~not~~ require any
17 such party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
18 of the civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or
19 opponent group to submit the names or other information
20 concerning pollwatchers before making credentials available to
21 such persons or organizations.

22 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
23 following form:

24 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

25 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

1 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
2 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
3 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
4 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
5 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
6 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
7 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
8 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
9 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
10 the course of the day, but established political parties,
11 candidates and qualified civic organizations can have only as
12 many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this
13 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the
14 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election
15 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to
16 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have
17 closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the
18 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only
19 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
20 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

21 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
22 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and
23 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
24 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
25 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
26 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and

1 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
2 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
3 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority
4 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed
5 forthwith from such polling place.

6 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
7 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
8 polling places on election day in such district or municipality
9 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials
10 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by
11 and under the facsimile signature of the State Board of
12 Elections or the election authority of the election
13 jurisdiction where the polling place in which the candidate
14 seeks admittance is located, and shall be available for
15 distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
16 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

17 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
18 following form:

19 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

20 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

21 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I
22 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate
23 for (name of office) and seek admittance to
24 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
25 (township or municipality) of at the election

1 to be held on (insert date).

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3 (Signature of Candidate)

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ELECTION

7 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
8 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
9 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
10 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
11 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
12 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
13 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
14 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in
15 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
16 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
17 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
18 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
19 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
20 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
21 violations of this Code.

22 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
23 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
24 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
25 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable

1 number, except that each established or new political party
2 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

3 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an
4 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,
5 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a
6 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney
7 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in
8 the performance of their official election duties, shall be
9 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling
10 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives
11 shall display their official credentials or other
12 identification to the judges of election.

13 Uniformed police officers assigned to polling place duty
14 shall follow all lawful instructions of the judges of election.

15 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
16 supervised casting of absentee ballots as provided in Section
17 19-12.2 of this Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-267, eff. 8-17-07;
19 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/18A-15)

21 Sec. 18A-15. Validating and counting provisional ballots.

22 (a) The county clerk or board of election commissioners
23 shall complete the validation and counting of provisional
24 ballots within 14 calendar days of the day of the election. The
25 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall have 7

1 calendar days from the completion of the validation and
2 counting of provisional ballots to conduct its final canvass.
3 The State Board of Elections shall complete within 31 calendar
4 days of the election or sooner if all the returns are received,
5 its final canvass of the vote for all public offices.

6 (b) If a county clerk or board of election commissioners
7 determines that all of the following apply, then a provisional
8 ballot is valid and shall be counted as a vote:

9 (1) the provisional voter cast the provisional ballot
10 in the correct precinct based on the address provided by
11 the provisional voter. The provisional voter's affidavit
12 shall serve as a change of address request by that voter
13 for registration purposes for the next ensuing election if
14 it bears an address different from that in the records of
15 the election authority. Votes for federal and statewide
16 offices on a provisional ballot cast in the incorrect
17 precinct that meet the other requirements of this
18 subsection shall be valid and counted in accordance with
19 rules adopted by the State Board of Elections. As used in
20 this item, "federal office" is defined as provided in
21 Section 20-1 and "statewide office" means the Governor,
22 Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and
23 Treasurer. Votes for General Assembly, countywide,
24 citywide, or township office on a provisional ballot cast
25 in the incorrect precinct but in the correct legislative
26 district, representative district, county, municipality,

1 or township, as the case may be, shall be valid and counted
2 in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of
3 Elections. As used in this item, "citywide office" means an
4 office elected by the electors of an entire municipality.
5 As used in this item, "township office" means an office
6 elected by the electors of an entire township;

7 (2) the affidavit executed by the provisional voter
8 pursuant to subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5 contains, at
9 a minimum, the provisional voter's first and last name,
10 house number and street name, and signature or mark;

11 (3) the provisional voter is a registered voter based
12 on information available to the county clerk or board of
13 election commissioners provided by or obtained from any of
14 the following:

15 i. the provisional voter;

16 ii. an election judge;

17 iii. the statewide voter registration database
18 maintained by the State Board of Elections;

19 iv. the records of the county clerk or board of
20 election commissioners' database; or

21 v. the records of the Secretary of State; and

22 (4) for a provisional ballot cast under item (6) of
23 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter did not vote by
24 absentee ballot in the election at which the provisional
25 ballot was cast.

26 (c) With respect to subsection (b) (3) of this Section, the

1 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
2 investigate and record whether or not the specified information
3 is available from each of the 5 identified sources. If the
4 information is available from one or more of the identified
5 sources, then the county clerk or board of election
6 commissioners shall seek to obtain the information from each of
7 those sources until satisfied, with information from at least
8 one of those sources, that the provisional voter is registered
9 and entitled to vote. The county clerk or board of election
10 commissioners shall use any information it obtains as the basis
11 for determining the voter registration status of the
12 provisional voter. If a conflict exists among the information
13 available to the county clerk or board of election
14 commissioners as to the registration status of the provisional
15 voter, then the county clerk or board of election commissioners
16 shall make a determination based on the totality of the
17 circumstances. In a case where the above information equally
18 supports or opposes the registration status of the voter, the
19 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall decide in
20 favor of the provisional voter as being duly registered to
21 vote. If the statewide voter registration database maintained
22 by the State Board of Elections indicates that the provisional
23 voter is registered to vote, but the county clerk's or board of
24 election commissioners' voter registration database indicates
25 that the provisional voter is not registered to vote, then the
26 information found in the statewide voter registration database

1 shall control the matter and the provisional voter shall be
2 deemed to be registered to vote. If the records of the county
3 clerk or board of election commissioners indicates that the
4 provisional voter is registered to vote, but the statewide
5 voter registration database maintained by the State Board of
6 Elections indicates that the provisional voter is not
7 registered to vote, then the information found in the records
8 of the county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
9 control the matter and the provisional voter shall be deemed to
10 be registered to vote. If the provisional voter's signature on
11 his or her provisional ballot request varies from the signature
12 on an otherwise valid registration application solely because
13 of the substitution of initials for the first or middle name,
14 the election authority may not reject the provisional ballot.

15 (d) In validating the registration status of a person
16 casting a provisional ballot, the county clerk or board of
17 election commissioners shall not require a provisional voter to
18 complete any form other than the affidavit executed by the
19 provisional voter under subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5. In
20 addition, the county clerk or board of election commissioners
21 shall not require all provisional voters or any particular
22 class or group of provisional voters to appear personally
23 before the county clerk or board of election commissioners or
24 as a matter of policy require provisional voters to submit
25 additional information to verify or otherwise support the
26 information already submitted by the provisional voter. Within

1 2 calendar days after the election, the election authority
2 shall transmit by electronic means pursuant to a process
3 established by the State Board of Elections the name, street
4 address, e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and
5 district numbers, as the case may be, of each person casting a
6 provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections, which shall
7 maintain those names and that information in an electronic
8 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
9 State and local political committees. The provisional voter
10 may, within 7 ~~2~~ calendar days after the election, submit
11 additional information to the county clerk or board of election
12 commissioners. This information must be received by the county
13 clerk or board of election commissioners within the
14 7-calendar-day ~~2-calendar-day~~ period.

15 (e) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
16 determines that subsection (b) (1), (b) (2), or (b) (3) does not
17 apply, then the provisional ballot is not valid and may not be
18 counted. The provisional ballot envelope containing the ballot
19 cast by the provisional voter may not be opened. The county
20 clerk or board of election commissioners shall write on the
21 provisional ballot envelope the following: "Provisional ballot
22 determined invalid."

23 (f) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
24 determines that a provisional ballot is valid under this
25 Section, then the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened.
26 The outside of each provisional ballot envelope shall also be

1 marked to identify the precinct and the date of the election.

2 (g) Provisional ballots determined to be valid shall be
3 counted at the election authority's central ballot counting
4 location and shall not be counted in precincts. The provisional
5 ballots determined to be valid shall be added to the vote
6 totals for the precincts from which they were cast in the order
7 in which the ballots were opened. The validation and counting
8 of provisional ballots shall be subject to the provisions of
9 this Code that apply to pollwatchers. If the provisional
10 ballots are a ballot of a punch card voting system, then the
11 provisional ballot shall be counted in a manner consistent with
12 Article 24A. If the provisional ballots are a ballot of optical
13 scan or other type of approved electronic voting system, then
14 the provisional ballots shall be counted in a manner consistent
15 with Article 24B.

16 (h) As soon as the ballots have been counted, the election
17 judges or election officials shall, in the presence of the
18 county clerk or board of election commissioners, place each of
19 the following items in a separate envelope or bag: (1) all
20 provisional ballots, voted or spoiled; (2) all provisional
21 ballot envelopes of provisional ballots voted or spoiled; and
22 (3) all executed affidavits of the provisional ballots voted or
23 spoiled. All provisional ballot envelopes for provisional
24 voters who have been determined not to be registered to vote
25 shall remain sealed. The county clerk or board of election
26 commissioners shall treat the provisional ballot envelope

1 containing the written affidavit as a voter registration
2 application for that person for the next election and process
3 that application. The election judges or election officials
4 shall then securely seal each envelope or bag, initial the
5 envelope or bag, and plainly mark on the outside of the
6 envelope or bag in ink the precinct in which the provisional
7 ballots were cast. The election judges or election officials
8 shall then place each sealed envelope or bag into a box, secure
9 and seal it in the same manner as described in item (6) of
10 subsection (b) of Section 18A-5. Each election judge or
11 election official shall take and subscribe an oath before the
12 county clerk or board of election commissioners that the
13 election judge or election official securely kept the ballots
14 and papers in the box, did not permit any person to open the
15 box or otherwise touch or tamper with the ballots and papers in
16 the box, and has no knowledge of any other person opening the
17 box. For purposes of this Section, the term "election official"
18 means the county clerk, a member of the board of election
19 commissioners, as the case may be, and their respective
20 employees.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

23 Sec. 19-2. Any elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by
24 mail or electronically on the website of the appropriate
25 election authority, not more than 40 nor less than 5 days prior

1 to the date of such election, or by personal delivery not more
2 than 40 nor less than one day prior to the date of such
3 election, make application to the county clerk or to the Board
4 of Election Commissioners for an official ballot for the
5 voter's precinct to be voted at such election. Such a ballot
6 shall be delivered to the elector only upon separate
7 application by the elector for each election.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-553, eff. 8-17-09; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2.1)

10 Sec. 19-2.1. In-person absentee voting in the office of the
11 municipal, township, or road district clerks. At the
12 consolidated primary, general primary, consolidated, and
13 general elections, electors entitled to vote by absentee ballot
14 under the provisions of Section 19-1 may vote in person at the
15 office of the municipal clerk, if the elector is a resident of
16 a municipality not having a board of election commissioners, or
17 at the office of the township clerk or, in counties not under
18 township organization, at the office of the road district clerk
19 if the elector is not a resident of a municipality; provided,
20 in each case that the municipal, township or road district
21 clerk, as the case may be, is authorized to conduct in-person
22 absentee voting pursuant to this Section. Absentee voting in
23 such municipal and township clerk's offices under this Section
24 shall be conducted from the 22nd day through the day before the
25 election.

1 Municipal and township clerks (or road district clerks) who
2 have regularly scheduled working hours at regularly designated
3 offices other than a place of residence and whose offices are
4 open for business during the same hours as the office of the
5 election authority shall conduct in-person absentee voting for
6 said elections. Municipal and township clerks (or road district
7 clerks) who have no regularly scheduled working hours but who
8 have regularly designated offices other than a place of
9 residence shall conduct in-person absentee voting for said
10 elections during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00
11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on
12 Saturdays, but not during such hours as the office of the
13 election authority is closed, unless the clerk files a written
14 waiver with the election authority not later than July 1 of
15 each year stating that he or she is unable to conduct such
16 voting and the reasons therefor. Such clerks who conduct
17 in-person absentee voting may extend their hours for that
18 purpose to include any hours in which the election authority's
19 office is open. Municipal and township clerks (or road district
20 clerks) who have no regularly scheduled office hours and no
21 regularly designated offices other than a place of residence
22 may not conduct in-person absentee voting for said elections.
23 The election authority may devise alternative methods for
24 in-person absentee voting before said elections for those
25 precincts located within the territorial area of a municipality
26 or township (or road district) wherein the clerk of such

1 municipality or township (or road district) has waived or is
2 not entitled to conduct such voting. In addition, electors may
3 vote by absentee ballot under the provisions of Section 19-1 at
4 the office of the election authority having jurisdiction over
5 their residence. Unless specifically authorized by the
6 election authority, municipal, township, and road district
7 clerks shall not conduct in-person absentee voting. No less
8 than 45 days before the date of an election, the election
9 authority shall notify the municipal, township, and road
10 district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct
11 in-person absentee voting. Election authorities, however, may
12 conduct in-person absentee voting in one or more designated
13 appropriate public buildings from the fourth day before the
14 election through the day before the election.

15 In conducting in-person absentee voting under this
16 Section, the respective clerks shall be required to verify the
17 signature of the absentee voter by comparison with the
18 signature on the official registration record card. The clerk
19 also shall reasonably ascertain the identity of such applicant,
20 shall verify that each such applicant is a registered voter,
21 and shall verify the precinct in which he or she is registered
22 and the proper ballots of the political subdivisions in which
23 the applicant resides and is entitled to vote, prior to
24 providing any absentee ballot to such applicant. The clerk
25 shall verify the applicant's registration and from the most
26 recent poll list provided by the county clerk, and if the

1 applicant is not listed on that poll list then by telephoning
2 the office of the county clerk.

3 Within one day after a voter casts an in-person absentee
4 ballot, the appropriate election authority shall transmit by
5 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the State
6 Board of Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail
7 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as
8 the case may be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall
9 maintain those names and that information in an electronic
10 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
11 State and local political committees.

12 Absentee voting procedures in the office of the municipal,
13 township and road district clerks shall be subject to all of
14 the applicable provisions of this Article 19. Pollwatchers may
15 be appointed to observe in-person absentee voting procedures
16 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
17 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
18 not impinged, at the office of the municipal, township or road
19 district clerks' offices where such absentee voting is
20 conducted. Such pollwatchers shall qualify and be appointed in
21 the same manner as provided in Sections 7-34 and 17-23, except
22 each candidate, political party or organization of citizens may
23 appoint only one pollwatcher for each location where in-person
24 absentee voting is conducted. Pollwatchers must be registered
25 to vote in Illinois and possess valid pollwatcher credentials.
26 All requirements in this Article applicable to election

1 authorities shall apply to the respective local clerks, except
2 where inconsistent with this Section.

3 The sealed absentee ballots in their carrier envelope shall
4 be delivered by the respective clerks, or by the election
5 authority on behalf of a clerk if the clerk and the election
6 authority agree, to the election authority's central ballot
7 counting location before the close of the polls on the day of
8 the general primary, consolidated primary, consolidated, or
9 general election.

10 Not more than 23 days before the general and consolidated
11 elections, the county clerk shall make available to those
12 municipal, township and road district clerks conducting
13 in-person absentee voting within such county, a sufficient
14 number of applications, absentee ballots, envelopes, and
15 printed voting instruction slips for use by absentee voters in
16 the offices of such clerks. The respective clerks shall receipt
17 for all ballots received, shall return all unused or spoiled
18 ballots to the county clerk on the day of the election and
19 shall strictly account for all ballots received.

20 The ballots delivered to the respective clerks shall
21 include absentee ballots for each precinct in the municipality,
22 township or road district, or shall include such separate
23 ballots for each political subdivision conducting an election
24 of officers or a referendum on that election day as will permit
25 any resident of the municipality, township or road district to
26 vote absentee in the office of the proper clerk.

1 The clerks of all municipalities, townships and road
2 districts may distribute applications for absentee ballot for
3 the use of voters who wish to mail such applications to the
4 appropriate election authority. Any person may produce,
5 reproduce, distribute, or return to an election authority the
6 application for absentee ballot. Upon receipt, the appropriate
7 election authority shall accept and promptly process any
8 application for absentee ballot.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

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

11 Sec. 19-3. The application for absentee ballot shall be
12 substantially in the following form:

13 APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

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

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

25 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots

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

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

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

16

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

18 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

19

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

24 If application is made electronically, the applicant shall
 25 mark the box associated with the above described statement
 26 included as part of the online application certifying that the

1 statements set forth in this application are true and correct,
2 and a signature is not required.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-553, eff. 8-17-09;
11 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10; 97-766, eff.
12 7-6-12.)

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

14 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots - Time.)
15 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by mail
16 or electronic means, not more than 40 days nor less than 5 days
17 prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more than
18 40 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at the
19 office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of such
20 election authority to examine the records to ascertain whether
21 or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
22 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
23 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
24 registration record card, and if found so to be entitled to
25 vote, to post within one business day thereafter the name,

1 street address, ward and precinct number or township and
2 district number, as the case may be, of such applicant given on
3 a list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to
4 be kept by such election authority for such purpose in a
5 conspicuous, open and public place accessible to the public at
6 the entrance of the office of such election authority, and in
7 such a manner that such list may be viewed without necessity of
8 requesting permission therefor. Within one day after posting
9 the name and other information of an applicant for an absentee
10 ballot, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
11 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
12 Elections that name and other posted information to the State
13 Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names and other
14 information in an electronic format on its website, arranged by
15 county and accessible to State and local political committees.
16 Within 2 business days after posting a name and other
17 information on the list within its office, the election
18 authority shall mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in
19 such office an official ballot or ballots if more than one are
20 to be voted at said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily
21 Absent Student ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3
22 shall be by nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated
23 election, absentee ballots for certain precincts may be
24 delivered to applicants not less than 25 days before the
25 election if so much time is required to have prepared and
26 printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated

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

26 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each

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

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

18 In the event that the return address of an application for
19 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
20 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
21 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD
22 Community Care Act, within the jurisdiction of the election
23 authority, and the applicant is a registered voter in the
24 precinct in which such facility is located, the ballots shall
25 be prepared and transmitted to a responsible judge of election
26 no later than 9 a.m. on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday

1 immediately preceding the election as designated by the
2 election authority under Section 19-12.2. Such judge shall
3 deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the
4 applicant on the premises of the facility from which
5 application was made. The election authority shall by mail
6 notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot will be
7 delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

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

16 (Source: P.A. 96-339, eff. 7-1-10; 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227,
17 eff. 1-1-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/19-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-7)

19 Sec. 19-7.

20 (a) Upon receipt of such absent voter's ballot, the
21 election authority shall forthwith enclose the same unopened,
22 together with the application made by said absent voter in a
23 large or carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and
24 endorsed with the name and official title of such officer and
25 the words, "This envelope contains an absent voter's ballot and

1 must be opened on election day," together with the number and
2 description of the precinct in which said ballot is to be
3 voted, and such officer shall thereafter safely keep the same
4 in his office until counted by him as provided in the next
5 section.

6 (b) Within one day after receipt of such absent voter's
7 ballot, the election authority shall transmit, by electronic
8 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
9 Elections, the voter's name, street address, e-mail address,
10 and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case
11 may be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain
12 those names and that information in an electronic format on its
13 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
14 political committees.

15 (Source: P.A. 81-155.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

17 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

18 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
19 begins the 15th day preceding a general primary, consolidated
20 primary, consolidated, or general election and extends through
21 the 3rd day before election day.

22 (b) A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
23 open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m.
24 to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on
25 Saturdays, ~~Sundays,~~ and holidays, and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1 on Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours required by
2 this subsection, a permanent early voting polling place
3 designated by an election authority under subsection (c) of
4 Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours
5 on any holiday during the early voting period and a total of at
6 least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early voting
7 period.

8 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), an election
9 authority may close an early voting polling place if the
10 building in which the polling place is located has been closed
11 by the State or unit of local government in response to a
12 severe weather emergency. In the event of a closure, the
13 election authority shall conduct early voting on the 2nd day
14 before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to
15 5:00 p.m. The election authority shall notify the State Board
16 of Elections of any closure and shall make reasonable efforts
17 to provide notice to the public of the extended early voting
18 period.

19 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), in 2013 only,
20 an election authority may close an early voting place on Good
21 Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, provided that the
22 early voting place remains open 2 hours later on April 3, 4,
23 and 5 of 2013. The election authority shall notify the State
24 Board of Elections of any closure and shall provide notice to
25 the public of the closure and the extended hours during the
26 final week.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,
2 eff. 3-12-13.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/19A-70)

4 Sec. 19A-70. Advertising or campaigning in proximity of
5 polling place; penalty. During the period prescribed in Section
6 19A-15 for early voting by personal appearance, no advertising
7 pertaining to any candidate or proposition to be voted on may
8 be displayed in or within 100 feet of any polling place used by
9 voters under this Article. No person may engage in
10 electioneering in or within 100 feet of any polling place used
11 by voters under this Article. The provisions of Section 17-29
12 with respect to establishment of a campaign free zone, including, but not limited to, the provisions for placement of
13 signage on public property beyond the campaign free zone, apply
14 to polling places under this Article.

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16 Any person who violates this Section may be punished for
17 contempt of court.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/22-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-6)

20 Sec. 22-6. E-Canvass.

21 (a) Within 22 days after each election, each Election
22 Authority shall provide unit-by-unit vote totals to the State
23 Board of Elections in an electronic format to be prescribed by
24 the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections

1 shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this
2 Section.

3 (b) Beginning with the November 2014 general election and
4 every primary, consolidated, general, and special election
5 thereafter, within 52 days after each election, the State Board
6 of Elections shall publish the precinct-by-precinct vote
7 totals on its website and make them available in a downloadable
8 form.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/24A-6.2 new)

11 Sec. 24A-6.2. Programming of automatic tabulating
12 equipment. Beginning with the 2014 general election and all
13 primary, consolidated, general, and special elections
14 thereafter, automatic tabulating equipment authorized by this
15 Section and programmed for a primary, consolidated, general, or
16 special election conducted pursuant to general election law
17 shall be programmed using the unique race and candidate ID
18 numbers assigned by the State Board of Elections. The unique
19 race and candidate ID numbers will be provided to the county
20 clerk or election authority, as the case may be, with the
21 candidate certification prepared by the State Board of
22 Elections. In addition, any new voting system approved by the
23 state after the 2014 general election shall have the capability
24 to export the election results by ballot style and group them
25 by precinct in an electronic format prescribed by the State

1 Board of Elections.

2 (10 ILCS 5/24A-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-16)

3 Sec. 24A-16. The State Board of Elections shall approve all
4 voting systems provided by this Article.

5 No voting system shall be approved unless it fulfills the
6 following requirements:

7 (1) It enables a voter to vote in absolute secrecy;

8 (2) (Blank);

9 (3) It enables a voter to vote a ticket selected in
10 part from the nominees of one party, and in part from the
11 nominees of any or all parties, and in part from
12 independent candidates and in part of candidates whose
13 names are written in by the voter;

14 (4) It enables a voter to vote a written or printed
15 ticket of his own selection for any person for any office
16 for whom he may desire to vote;

17 (5) It will reject all votes for an office or upon a
18 proposition when the voter has cast more votes for such
19 office or upon such proposition than he is entitled to
20 cast;

21 (5.5) It will identify when a voter has not voted for
22 all statewide constitutional offices;

23 (6) It will accommodate all propositions to be
24 submitted to the voters in the form provided by law or,
25 where no such form is provided, then in brief form, not to

1 exceed 75 words.

2 (7) It will accommodate the tabulation programming
3 requirements of Sections 24A-6.2, 24B-6.2, and 24C-6.2.

4 The State Board of Elections shall not approve any voting
5 equipment or system that includes an external Infrared Data
6 Association (IrDA) communications port.

7 The State Board of Elections is authorized to withdraw its
8 approval of a voting system if the system fails to fulfill the
9 above requirements.

10 The vendor, person, or other private entity shall be solely
11 responsible for the production and cost of: all application
12 fees; all ballots; additional temporary workers; and other
13 equipment or facilities needed and used in the testing of the
14 vendor's, person's, or other private entity's respective
15 equipment and software.

16 Any voting system vendor, person, or other private entity
17 seeking the State Board of Elections' approval of a voting
18 system shall, as part of the approval application, submit to
19 the State Board a non-refundable fee. The State Board of
20 Elections by rule shall establish an appropriate fee structure,
21 taking into account the type of voting system approval that is
22 requested (such as approval of a new system, a modification of
23 an existing system, the size of the modification, etc.). No
24 voting system or modification of a voting system shall be
25 approved unless the fee is paid.

26 No vendor, person, or other entity may sell, lease, or

1 loan, or have a written contract, including a contract
2 contingent upon State Board approval of the voting system or
3 voting system component, to sell, lease, or loan, a voting
4 system or voting system component to any election jurisdiction
5 unless the voting system or voting system component is first
6 approved by the State Board of Elections pursuant to this
7 Section.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/24B-6.2 new)

10 Sec. 24B-6.2. Programming of automatic tabulating
11 equipment. Beginning with the 2014 general election and all
12 primary, consolidated, general, and special elections
13 thereafter, automatic tabulating equipment authorized by this
14 Section and programmed for a primary, consolidated, general, or
15 special election conducted pursuant to general election law
16 shall be programmed using the unique race and candidate ID
17 numbers assigned by the State Board of Elections. The unique
18 race and candidate ID numbers will be provided to the county
19 clerk or election authority, as the case may be, with the
20 candidate certification prepared by the State Board of
21 Elections. In addition, any new voting system approved by the
22 State after the 2014 general election shall have the capability
23 to export the election results by ballot style and group them
24 by precinct in an electronic format prescribed by the State
25 Board of Elections.

1 (10 ILCS 5/24C-6.2 new)

2 Sec. 24C-6.2. Programming of automatic tabulating
3 equipment. Beginning with the 2014 general election and all
4 primary, consolidated, general, and special elections
5 thereafter, automatic tabulating equipment authorized by this
6 Section and programmed for a primary, consolidated, general, or
7 special election conducted pursuant to general election law
8 shall be programmed using the unique race and candidate ID
9 numbers assigned by the State Board of Elections. The unique
10 race and candidate ID numbers will be provided to the county
11 clerk or election authority, as the case may be, with the
12 candidate certification prepared by the State Board of
13 Elections. In addition, any new voting system approved by the
14 State after the 2014 general election shall have the capability
15 to export the election results by ballot style and group them
16 by precinct in an electronic format prescribed by the State
17 Board of Elections.

18 (10 ILCS 5/28-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-8)

19 Sec. 28-8. If a referendum held in accordance with Section
20 28-7 of this Act involved the question of whether a unit of
21 local government shall become a home rule unit or shall cease
22 to be a home rule unit and if that referendum passed, then the
23 clerk of that unit of local government shall, within 45 days
24 after the referendum, file with the Secretary of State a

1 certified statement showing the results of the referendum and
2 the resulting status of the unit of local government as a home
3 rule unit or a non-home rule unit. The Secretary of State shall
4 maintain such certified statements in his office as a public
5 record.

6 The question of whether a unit of local government shall
7 become a home rule unit shall be submitted in substantially the
8 following form:

9 Shall (name of the unit of local government) become a home
10 rule unit?

11 Votes must be recorded as "yes" or "no".

12 The question of whether a unit of local government shall
13 cease to be a home rule unit shall be submitted in
14 substantially the following form:

15 Shall (name of the unit of local government) cease to be a
16 home rule unit?

17 Votes must be recorded as "yes" or "no".

18 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

19 Section 7. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended
20 by changing Section 11 as follows:

21 (15 ILCS 335/11) (from Ch. 124, par. 31)

22 Sec. 11. The Secretary may make a search of his records and
23 furnish information as to whether a person has a current
24 Standard Illinois Identification Card or an Illinois Person

1 with a Disability Identification Card then on file, upon
2 receipt of a written application therefor accompanied with the
3 prescribed fee. However, the Secretary may not disclose medical
4 information concerning an individual to any person, public
5 agency, private agency, corporation or governmental body
6 unless the individual has submitted a written request for the
7 information or unless the individual has given prior written
8 consent for the release of the information to a specific person
9 or entity. This exception shall not apply to: (1) offices and
10 employees of the Secretary who have a need to know the medical
11 information in performance of their official duties, or (2)
12 orders of a court of competent jurisdiction. When medical
13 information is disclosed by the Secretary in accordance with
14 the provisions of this Section, no liability shall rest with
15 the Office of the Secretary of State as the information is
16 released for informational purposes only.

17 The Secretary may release personally identifying
18 information or highly restricted personal information only to:

19 (1) officers and employees of the Secretary who have a
20 need to know that information;

21 (2) other governmental agencies for use in their
22 official governmental functions;

23 (3) law enforcement agencies that need the information
24 for a criminal or civil investigation; ~~or~~

25 (3-5) the State Board of Elections for the sole purpose
26 of providing the signatures required by a local election

1 authority to register a voter through an online voter
2 registration system; or

3 (4) any entity that the Secretary has authorized, by
4 rule, to receive this information.

5 The Secretary may not disclose an individual's social
6 security number or any associated information obtained from the
7 Social Security Administration without the written request or
8 consent of the individual except: (i) to officers and employees
9 of the Secretary who have a need to know the social security
10 number in the performance of their official duties; (ii) to law
11 enforcement officials for a lawful civil or criminal law
12 enforcement investigation if the head of the law enforcement
13 agency has made a written request to the Secretary specifying
14 the law enforcement investigation for which the social security
15 number is being sought; (iii) under a lawful court order signed
16 by a judge; or (iv) to the Illinois Department of Veterans'
17 Affairs for the purpose of confirming veteran status.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13;
19 revised 9-5-12.)

20 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
21 Section 3-6001.5 as follows:

22 (55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5)

23 Sec. 3-6001.5. Sheriff qualifications. On or after the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General

1 Assembly ~~December 1, 1997~~, except as otherwise provided in this
2 Section, a person is not eligible to be ~~a candidate for the~~
3 ~~office of sheriff, and a person shall not be~~ elected or
4 appointed to the office of sheriff, unless that person meets
5 all of the following requirements:

6 (1) Is a United States citizen.

7 (2) Has been a resident of the county for at least one
8 year.

9 (3) Is not a convicted felon.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-447, eff. 8-16-97.)

11 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
12 changing Section 3.1-10-5 as follows:

13 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5) (from Ch. 24, par. 3.1-10-5)

14 Sec. 3.1-10-5. Qualifications; elective office.

15 (a) A person is not eligible for an elective municipal
16 office unless that person is a qualified elector of the
17 municipality and has resided in the municipality at least one
18 year next preceding the election or appointment, except as
19 provided in Section 3.1-20-25, subsection (b) of Section
20 3.1-25-75, Section 5-2-2, or Section 5-2-11.

21 (b) A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for
22 a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for
23 taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax
24 or other indebtedness due to the municipality or ~~A person is~~

1 ~~not eligible for an elective municipal office if that person is~~
2 ~~in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to~~
3 ~~the municipality or~~ has been convicted in any court located in
4 the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or
5 other felony.

6 (b-5) A person is not eligible to hold a municipal office,
7 if that person is, at any time during the term of office, in
8 arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to
9 the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in
10 the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or
11 other felony.

12 (c) A person is not eligible for the office of alderman of
13 a ward unless that person has resided in the ward that the
14 person seeks to represent, and a person is not eligible for the
15 office of trustee of a district unless that person has resided
16 in the municipality, at least one year next preceding the
17 election or appointment, except as provided in Section
18 3.1-20-25, subsection (b) of Section 3.1-25-75, Section 5-2-2,
19 or Section 5-2-11.

20 (d) If a person (i) is a resident of a municipality
21 immediately prior to the active duty military service of that
22 person or that person's spouse, (ii) resides anywhere outside
23 of the municipality during that active duty military service,
24 and (iii) immediately upon completion of that active duty
25 military service is again a resident of the municipality, then
26 the time during which the person resides outside the

1 municipality during the active duty military service is deemed
2 to be time during which the person is a resident of the
3 municipality for purposes of determining the residency
4 requirement under subsection (a).

5 (Source: P.A. 97-1091, eff. 8-24-12.)

6 Section 20. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is
7 amended by changing Sections 21-12, 21-28, 21-30 and 21-32 as
8 follows:

9 (65 ILCS 20/21-12) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-12)

10 Sec. 21-12. City clerk and city treasurer; Election;
11 Tenure. At the time of election of the mayor there shall be
12 elected also in a nonpartisan election a city clerk and a city
13 treasurer. The candidates receiving a majority of the votes
14 cast for clerk and treasurer at the consolidated primary
15 election shall be declared the clerk and treasurer. If no
16 candidate receives a majority of the votes for one of the
17 offices, a runoff election shall be held at the consolidated
18 election, when only the names of the candidates receiving the
19 highest and second highest number of votes for that office at
20 the consolidated primary election shall appear on the ballot.
21 If more than one candidate received the highest or second
22 highest number of votes for one of the offices at the
23 consolidated primary election, the names of all candidates
24 receiving the highest and second highest number of votes for

1 that office shall appear on the ballot at the consolidated
2 election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes
3 at the consolidated election shall be declared elected.

4 The clerk and treasurer each shall hold office for a term
5 of 4 years beginning at noon on the third Monday in May
6 following the election and until a successor is elected and
7 qualified. No person, however, shall be elected to the office
8 of city treasurer for 2 terms in succession.

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

10 (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)

11 Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.

12 (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city
13 shall be by petition. All petitions for nominations of
14 candidates shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of
15 the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% ~~two per cent~~ of all
16 the votes cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding
17 general election. For the election following the redistricting
18 of wards petitions for nominations of candidates shall be
19 signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as will
20 aggregate not less than 4% ~~2%~~ of the total number of votes cast
21 for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided by
22 the number of wards.

23 (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city
24 treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for
25 nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500

1 legal voters of the city.

2 (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,
3 shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the
4 election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago
5 concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public
6 office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is
7 exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided
8 by law.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

10 (65 ILCS 20/21-30) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-30)

11 Sec. 21-30. Form of ballot. Ballots to be used at any
12 general, supplementary or special election for aldermen held
13 under the provisions of this article, in addition to other
14 requirements of law, shall conform to the following
15 requirements:

16 (1) At the top of the ballots shall be printed in capital
17 letters the words designating the ballot. If a general
18 aldermanic election the words shall be "Official aldermanic
19 election ballot"; if a supplementary election the designating
20 words shall be "Official supplementary aldermanic election
21 ballot"; if a special aldermanic election, the words shall be
22 "Special aldermanic election ballot."

23 (2) Beginning not less than one inch below such designating
24 words and extending across the face of the ballot, the title of
25 each office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters.

1 (3) The names of candidates for different terms of service
2 therein (if any there be), shall be arranged and printed in
3 groups according to the length of such terms.

4 (4) Immediately below the title of each office or group
5 heading indicating the term of office, shall be printed in
6 small letters the directions to voters, "Vote for one."

7 (5) Following thereupon shall be printed the names of the
8 candidates for such office according to the title and the term
9 thereof and below the name of each candidate shall be printed
10 his place of residence, stating the street and number (if any).
11 The names of candidates shall be printed in capital letters not
12 less than one-eighth nor more than one-quarter of an inch in
13 height, and immediately at the left of the name of each
14 candidate shall be printed a square, the sides of which shall
15 not be less than one-quarter of an inch in length. The names of
16 all the candidates for each office shall be printed in a column
17 and arranged in the order hereinafter designated; all names of
18 candidates shall be printed in uniform type; the places of
19 residence of such candidates shall be printed in uniform type;
20 and squares upon said ballots shall be of uniform size; and
21 spaces between the names of the candidates for the same office
22 shall be of uniform size.

23 (6) The names of the candidates for alderman shall appear
24 upon the ballot in the order in which petitions for nomination
25 have been filed in the office of the board of election
26 commissioners. However, 2 or more petitions filed within the

1 last hour of the filing deadline shall be deemed filed
2 simultaneously. Where 2 or more petitions are received
3 simultaneously, the board of election commissioners shall
4 break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a
5 lottery or other fair and impartial method of random selection
6 approved by the board of election commissioners. Such lottery
7 shall be conducted within 9 days following the last day for
8 petition filing and shall be open to the public. Seven days
9 written notice of the time and place of conducting such random
10 selection shall be given, by the board of election
11 commissioners, to the Chairman of each political party and to
12 each organization of citizens within the city which was
13 entitled, under The Election Code, at the next preceding
14 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.
15 The board of election commissioners shall post in a
16 conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance of the
17 office, notice of the time and place of such lottery. The board
18 of election commissioners shall adopt rules and regulations
19 governing the procedures for the conduct of such lottery.

20 (Source: P.A. 86-867.)

21 (65 ILCS 20/21-32) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-32)

22 Sec. 21-32. Party designations prohibited - Ballot to be
23 separate from other ballots.

24 No party name, party initial, party circle platform,
25 principle, appellation or distinguishing mark of any kind shall

1 be printed upon any election ballot used at any ~~aldermanic~~
2 election for mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, or alderman
3 held under the provisions of this article.

4 ~~If any party primary election or any election for any~~
5 ~~office other than aldermanic shall be held at the same time~~
6 ~~with any aldermanic election, the ballots for aldermen shall be~~
7 ~~separate from all other ballots, except that any question of~~
8 ~~public policy not required by law to be submitted on a separate~~
9 ~~ballot from that containing names of persons to be voted for~~
10 ~~may be submitted in the manner provided by law upon the same~~
11 ~~ballot as that used for an aldermanic election: Provided, that~~
12 ~~the polls shall be opened and closed for any aldermanic~~
13 ~~election at the same time as is provided for the opening and~~
14 ~~closing of any party primary election for any office other than~~
15 ~~alderman held at the same time.~~

16 (Source: Laws 1941, vol. 2, p. 19.)

17 Section 25. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
18 6-2, 6-19, 9-10, 10-10, 32-1, and 32-2.5 as follows:

19 (105 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 6-2)

20 Sec. 6-2. Regional board; creation; membership; abolition
21 and transfer of duties.

22 (a) There is created a regional board of school trustees
23 for that territory in each educational service region exclusive
24 of any school district organized under Article 34 and exclusive

1 of any school district whose school board has been given the
2 powers of school trustees; provided that on the effective date
3 of this amendatory Act of 1992 the regional board of school
4 trustees theretofore created and existing for any territory in
5 an educational service region containing 2,000,000 or more
6 inhabitants is abolished, the terms of office of all members of
7 the regional board of school trustees so abolished are
8 terminated on that effective date, and from and after that
9 effective date all rights, powers, duties, and
10 responsibilities that were vested in or required by law to be
11 exercised and performed by the former regional board of school
12 trustees shall be vested in and exercised and performed by the
13 successors to the former regional board of school trustees as
14 provided in subsection (b) of this Section 6-2. Any school
15 district whose board of education acts as a board of school
16 trustees shall have within its district the powers and duties
17 of a regional board of school trustees.

18 Unless abolished as provided in this Section, the regional
19 board of school trustees, in both single county and
20 multi-county educational service regions, shall consist of 7
21 members. In single county regions not more than one trustee may
22 be a resident of any one congressional township; however, in
23 case there are fewer than 7 congressional townships in the
24 region then not more than two of such trustees may be residents
25 of the same congressional township. Notwithstanding the
26 foregoing residency provision, in a single county region with a

1 population of greater than 750,000 inhabitants, but less than
2 1,200,000 inhabitants, 2 trustees may be residents of the same
3 congressional township if and only if such trustees were
4 elected at the April 9, 2013 consolidated election. In 2 county
5 regions at least 2 trustees shall be residents of each county.
6 In 3 or more county regions at least one trustee shall be a
7 resident of each county. If more than 7 counties constitute the
8 educational service region, the regional board of school
9 trustees shall consist of one resident of each county.

10 The regional board of school trustees shall be a body
11 politic and corporate by the name of "Regional Board of School
12 Trustees of.... County (or Counties), Illinois." Such
13 corporation shall have perpetual existence with power to sue
14 and be sued and to plead and be impleaded in all courts and
15 places where judicial proceedings are had.

16 (b) Upon the abolition of the regional board of school
17 trustees and the termination of the terms of office of the
18 members of that former regional board of school trustees in an
19 educational service region containing 2,000,000 or more
20 inhabitants as provided in subsection (a), the trustees of
21 schools of each township included within the territory of that
22 educational service region that was served by the former
23 regional board of school trustees, or if any such township is a
24 township referred to in subsection (b) of Section 5-1 and there
25 are no trustees of schools acting in that township then the
26 school board of each school district located in that township,

1 shall be the successors to the former regional board of school
2 trustees. As successors to the former regional board of school
3 trustees, the trustees of schools of each such township and the
4 school board of each such school district, with respect to all
5 territory included within the school township or school
6 district served by the trustees of schools of the township or
7 school board, shall be vested with and shall exercise and
8 perform all rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities
9 formerly held, exercised, and performed with respect to that
10 territory by the regional board of school trustees abolished
11 under subsection (a) of this Section.

12 Upon abolition of the regional board of school trustees in
13 an educational service region having 2,000,000 or more
14 inhabitants as provided in subsection (a) of this Section, all
15 books, records, maps, papers, documents, equipment, supplies,
16 accounts, deposits, and other personal property belonging to or
17 subject to the control or disposition of the former regional
18 board of school trustees (excepting only such items as may have
19 been provided by the county board) shall be transferred and
20 delivered to the trustees of schools of the townships and the
21 school boards that are the successors to the former regional
22 board of school trustees for the territory included within
23 their respective school townships or school districts.

24 From and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
25 1992, any reference in the School Code or any other law of this
26 State to the regional board of school trustees or county board

1 of school trustees shall mean, with respect to all territory
2 within an educational service region containing 2,000,000 or
3 more inhabitants that formerly was served by a regional board
4 of school trustees abolished under subsection (a) of this
5 Section, the trustees of schools of the township or the school
6 board of the school district that is the successor to the
7 former regional board of school trustees with respect to the
8 territory included within that school township or school
9 district.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-969.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/6-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 6-19)

12 Sec. 6-19. Vacancy on regional board. Subject to the
13 residency provisions in Section 6-2 of this Code, any ~~Any~~
14 vacancy on the regional board of school trustees shall be
15 filled from the same territory by the remaining members until
16 the next regular election for members of the regional board of
17 school trustees, when the vacancy shall be filled for the
18 unexpired time. Removal of a member from the township from
19 which such member was elected into a township which has its
20 quota of members on the board shall constitute a vacancy.

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

22 (105 ILCS 5/9-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-10)

23 Sec. 9-10. Candidates for office - Nominating petitions.
24 Candidates for the office of school director shall be nominated

1 by petition signed by at least 25 voters or 5% of the voters,
2 whichever is less, residing within the district and filed with
3 the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners,
4 as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office
5 of the school district is located ~~secretary of the board of~~
6 ~~school directors or with a person designated by the board to~~
7 ~~receive nominating petitions.~~

8 Nominations for members of boards of education, including
9 non-high school boards of education shall be made by a petition
10 signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is
11 less, residing within the district and shall be filed with the
12 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as
13 the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of
14 the school district is located ~~secretary of the board of~~
15 ~~education or with a person designated by the board to receive~~
16 ~~nominating petitions.~~ In addition to the requirements of the
17 general election law, the form of such petitions shall be
18 substantially as follows:

19 NOMINATING PETITIONS

20 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

21 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election
22 Commissioners) ~~secretary of the board of education (or board of~~
23 ~~directors) of district number of in County:~~

24 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)
25 (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district,
26 hereby petition that who resides at in the (city or

1 village) of in Township (or who resides outside any
 2 city, village or incorporated town and in Township) in
 3 said district shall be a candidate for the office of of
 4 the board of education (or board of directors) (full term)
 5 (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on (insert
 6 date).

7 Name: Address:

8 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition
 9 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or
 10 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,
 11 or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the
 12 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her
 13 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in
 14 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the
 15 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's name
 16 on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as (list
 17 all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on
 18 (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition
 19 must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the
 20 candidate's previous names during the period specified in
 21 clause (i) and the date or dates each of those names was
 22 changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds
 23 for denying certification of the candidate's name for the
 24 ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name changes
 25 resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or

1 parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or
2 dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of
3 marriage to assume a former surname. No other designation, such
4 as a political slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the
5 Election Code, title or degree, or nickname suggesting or
6 implying possession of a title, degree or professional status,
7 or similar information may be used in connection with the
8 candidate's surname.

9 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
10 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
11 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may
12 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school
13 district is located ~~secretary of the board of education or a~~
14 ~~person designated by the board to receive nominating petitions~~
15 a receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has
16 filed a statement of economic interests as required by the
17 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt shall be so
18 filed either previously during the calendar year in which his
19 nomination papers were filed or within the period for the
20 filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general
21 election law.

22 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of
23 education shall be filed with the county clerk or the county
24 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the
25 county in which the principal office of the school district is
26 located ~~secretary of the board or a person designated by the~~

1 ~~board to receive nominating petitions~~ within the time provided
2 for by the general election law. The county clerk or the county
3 board of election commissioners ~~secretary~~ shall receive and
4 file only those petitions which include a statement of
5 candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the
6 notarized signature of the petition circulator and a receipt
7 from the County Clerk showing that the candidate has filed a
8 statement of economic interest on or before the last day to
9 file as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The
10 county clerk or the county board of election commissioners
11 ~~secretary~~ may have petition forms available for issuance to
12 potential candidates, and may give notice of the petition
13 filing period by publication in a newspaper of general
14 circulation within the school district not less than 10 days
15 prior to the first day of filing. The county clerk or the
16 county board of election commissioners ~~Said secretary~~ shall
17 make certification to the proper election authorities in
18 accordance with the general election law. ~~If the secretary is~~
19 ~~an incumbent school board member seeking re election, a~~
20 ~~disinterested person must be a witness to the filing of his~~
21 ~~petition.~~

22 The county clerk or the county board of election
23 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the
24 principal office of the school district is located ~~secretary of~~
25 ~~the board of education~~ shall notify the candidates for whom a
26 petition for nomination is filed or the appropriate committee

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

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

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

23 (Source: P.A. 95-141, eff. 8-13-07.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/10-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-10)

25 Sec. 10-10. Board of education; Term; Vacancy. All school

1 districts having a population of not fewer than 1,000 and not
2 more than 500,000 inhabitants, as ascertained by any special or
3 general census, and not governed by special Acts, shall be
4 governed by a board of education consisting of 7 members,
5 serving without compensation except as herein provided. Each
6 member shall be elected for a term of 4 years for the initial
7 members of the board of education of a combined school district
8 to which that subsection applies. If 5 members are elected in
9 1983 pursuant to the extension of terms provided by law for
10 transition to the consolidated election schedule under the
11 general election law, 2 of those members shall be elected to
12 serve terms of 2 years and 3 shall be elected to serve terms of
13 4 years; their successors shall serve for a 4 year term. When
14 the voters of a district have voted to elect members of the
15 board of education for 6 year terms, as provided in Section
16 9-5, the terms of office of members of the board of education
17 of that district expire when their successors assume office but
18 not later than 7 days after such election. If at the regular
19 school election held in the first odd-numbered year after the
20 determination to elect members for 6 year terms 2 members are
21 elected, they shall serve for a 6 year term; and of the members
22 elected at the next regular school election 3 shall serve for a
23 term of 6 years and 2 shall serve a term of 2 years. Thereafter
24 members elected in such districts shall be elected to a 6 year
25 term. If at the regular school election held in the first
26 odd-numbered year after the determination to elect members for

1 6 year terms 3 members are elected, they shall serve for a 6
2 year term; and of the members elected at the next regular
3 school election 2 shall serve for a term of 2 years and 2 shall
4 serve for a term of 6 years. Thereafter members elected in such
5 districts shall be elected to a 6 year term. If at the regular
6 school election held in the first odd-numbered year after the
7 determination to elect members for 6 year terms 4 members are
8 elected, 3 shall serve for a term of 6 years and one shall
9 serve for a term of 2 years; and of the members elected at the
10 next regular school election 2 shall serve for terms of 6 years
11 and 2 shall serve for terms of 2 years. Thereafter members
12 elected in such districts shall be elected to a 6 year term. If
13 at the regular school election held in the first odd-numbered
14 year after the determination to elect members for a 6 year term
15 5 members are elected, 3 shall serve for a term of 6 years and 2
16 shall serve for a term of 2 years; and of the members elected
17 at the next regular school election 2 shall serve for terms of
18 6 years and 2 shall serve for terms of 2 years. Thereafter
19 members elected in such districts shall be elected to a 6 year
20 term. An election for board members shall not be held in school
21 districts which by consolidation, annexation or otherwise
22 shall cease to exist as a school district within 6 months after
23 the election date, and the term of all board members which
24 would otherwise terminate shall be continued until such
25 district shall cease to exist. Each member, on the date of his
26 or her election, shall be a citizen of the United States of the

1 age of 18 years or over, shall be a resident of the State and
2 the territory of the district for at least one year immediately
3 preceding his or her election, shall be a registered voter as
4 provided in the general election law, shall not be a school
5 trustee, and shall not be a child sex offender as defined in
6 Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. When the board of
7 education is the successor of the school directors, all rights
8 of property, and all rights regarding causes of action existing
9 or vested in such directors, shall vest in it as fully as they
10 were vested in the school directors. Terms of members are
11 subject to Section 2A-54 of the Election Code.

12 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
13 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
14 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may
15 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school
16 district is located ~~secretary of the board of education or with~~
17 ~~a person designated by the board to receive nominating~~
18 ~~petitions~~ a receipt from the county clerk showing that the
19 candidate has filed a statement of economic interests as
20 required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt
21 shall be so filed either previously during the calendar year in
22 which his nomination papers were filed or within the period for
23 the filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general
24 election law.

25 Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall
26 notify the regional superintendent of that vacancy within 5

1 days after its occurrence and shall proceed to fill the vacancy
2 until the next regular school election, at which election a
3 successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the
4 unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than
5 868 days remaining in the term, or if the vacancy occurs less
6 than 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election for
7 this office then the person so appointed shall serve the
8 remainder of the unexpired term, and no election to fill the
9 vacancy shall be held. Should they fail so to act, within 45
10 days after the vacancy occurs, the regional superintendent of
11 schools under whose supervision and control the district is
12 operating, as defined in Section 3-14.2 of this Act, shall
13 within 30 days after the remaining members have failed to fill
14 the vacancy, fill the vacancy as provided for herein. Upon the
15 regional superintendent's failure to fill the vacancy, the
16 vacancy shall be filled at the next regularly scheduled
17 election. Whether elected or appointed by the remaining members
18 or regional superintendent, the successor shall be an
19 inhabitant of the particular area from which his or her
20 predecessor was elected if the residential requirements
21 contained in Section 10-10.5 or 12-2 of this Code apply.

22 A board of education may appoint a student to the board to
23 serve in an advisory capacity. The student member shall serve
24 for a term as determined by the board. The board may not grant
25 the student member any voting privileges, but shall consider
26 the student member as an advisor. The student member may not

1 participate in or attend any executive session of the board.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-538, eff. 8-14-09; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/32-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 32-1)

4 Sec. 32-1. May vote to organize under general law.

5 (a) Any special charter district may, by vote of its
6 electors, cease to control its school under the Act under which
7 it was organized, and become part of the school township or
8 townships in which it is situated. Upon petition of 50 voters
9 of the district, presented to the board having the control and
10 management of the schools, the board shall order submitted to
11 the voters at an election to be held in the district, in
12 accordance with the general election law, the question of
13 "organizing under the general school law". The secretary of the
14 board shall make certification to the proper election authority
15 in accordance with the general election law. If, however, a
16 majority of the votes cast at any such election in any school
17 district subject to Sections 32-3 through 32-4.11 is against
18 organizing the district under the general school law, the
19 question may not again be submitted in the district for 22
20 months thereafter, and then only upon petition signed by at
21 least 2% of the voters of the school district. Notice shall be
22 given in accordance with the general election law, which notice
23 shall be in the following form:

24 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

25 Notice is hereby given that on (insert date), a referendum

1 will be held at.... for the purpose of deciding the question of
2 organizing under the general school law. The polls will be
3 opened at o'clock ..m and closed at o'clock ..m.

4 Signed

5 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in
6 favor of organizing under the general school law, then the
7 board having the control and management of schools in the
8 district, shall declare the proposition carried.

9 When such a proposition is declared to have so carried, the
10 board of education shall continue to exercise its powers and
11 duties under the general school law. Each member of the board
12 of education selected under the provisions of the special
13 charter shall continue in office until his term has expired.
14 Before the term of each of these members expires, the board
15 shall give notice of an election to be held on the date of the
16 next regular school election, in accordance with the general
17 election law to fill the vacancy which is created. Nomination
18 papers filed under this Section are not valid unless the
19 candidate named therein files with the county clerk or the
20 county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of
21 the county in which the principal office of the school district
22 is located ~~secretary of the board of education~~ a receipt from
23 the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed a
24 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois
25 Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt shall be so filed either

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

4 (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any special charter
5 district whose board is appointed by the mayor or other
6 corporate authority of that municipality may, by resolution
7 adopted by the corporate authorities of that municipality cease
8 to control its school under the Act under which it was
9 organized, become a part of the school township or townships in
10 which it is situated and become organized under the general
11 school law. If such a resolution is adopted, the board of
12 education shall continue to exercise its powers and duties
13 under the general school law. Each member of the board of
14 education selected under the provisions of the special charter
15 shall continue in office until his term has expired. Before the
16 term of each of these members expires, the board shall give
17 notice of an election to be held on the date of the next
18 regular school election, in accordance with the general
19 election law to fill the vacancy which is created.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/32-2.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 32-2.5)

22 Sec. 32-2.5. Election of board of education in lieu of
23 appointive board. In all special charter districts having a
24 population of over 35,000 by the last federal census, where the
25 board of directors or board of education is elected or

1 appointed by the city council of the city, of which school
2 district such city may form the whole or a part, and where
3 there are no provisions in the special charter creating such
4 school district for the election of a board of directors or
5 board of education, there shall be elected in lieu of the
6 present governing body a board of education to consist of 7
7 members. Nomination of a candidate for member of the board of
8 education shall be made by petitions signed in the aggregate by
9 not less than 200 qualified voters residing in the school
10 district, and also by filing with the petitions a statement of
11 candidacy as provided in the general election law, which
12 petitions and statements of candidacy shall be filed in the
13 office of the board of education in accordance with the general
14 election law.

15 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
16 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
17 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may
18 be, of the county in which the principal office of the school
19 district is located ~~secretary of the board of education~~ a
20 receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has
21 filed a statement of economic interests as required by the
22 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt shall be so
23 filed either previously during the calendar year in which his
24 nomination papers were filed or within the period for the
25 filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general
26 election law.

1 The county clerk or the county board of election
2 commissioners ~~secretary of the board~~ shall make certification
3 to the proper election authority in accordance with the general
4 election law.

5 (Source: P.A. 81-1490.)

6 Section 30. The Fox Waterway Agency Act is amended by
7 changing Section 5 as follows:

8 (615 ILCS 90/5) (from Ch. 19, par. 1205)

9 Sec. 5. The Agency shall be governed by a Board of
10 Directors, which shall consist of 6 directors and one chairman
11 elected pursuant to this Section.

12 Three directors shall be elected from within the territory
13 of each member county. Any resident of a member county and the
14 territory of the Agency, at least 18 years of age, may become a
15 candidate for election as a director by filing a nominating
16 petition with the State Board of Elections containing the
17 verified signatures of at least 200 of the registered voters of
18 such county who reside within the territory of the Agency. Such
19 petition shall be filed not more than 113 ~~78~~ nor less than 106
20 ~~71~~ days prior to the date of election.

21 The chairman shall be elected at large from the territory
22 of the Agency. Any person eligible to become a candidate for
23 election as director may become a candidate for election as
24 chairman by filing a nominating petition with the State Board

1 of Elections containing the verified signatures of at least 200
2 of the registered voters of each member county who reside
3 within the territory of the Agency. Such petition shall be
4 filed not more than 113 ~~78~~ nor less than 106 ~~71~~ days prior to
5 the date of the election.

6 Within 7 days after each consolidated election at which the
7 chairman is elected, the county clerk of each member county
8 shall transmit the returns for the election to the office of
9 chairman to the State Board of Elections. The State Board of
10 Elections shall immediately canvass the returns and proclaim
11 the results thereof and shall issue a certificate of election
12 to the person so elected.

13 Beginning in 1985, the directors and chairman shall be
14 elected at the consolidated election and shall serve from the
15 third Monday in May following their respective elections until
16 their respective successors are elected and qualified. The term
17 of office of a director shall be for 4 years, except that of
18 the directors elected at the consolidated election of 1985, 3
19 shall serve until the first Monday in May 1987 and 3 shall
20 serve until the first Monday in May 1989. The term of office of
21 a chairman shall be 4 years.

22 At least 90 days before the consolidated election of 1985
23 the State Board of Elections shall meet to determine by lot
24 which 3 director positions shall be elected for terms to expire
25 on the first Monday in May 1987 and which 3 director positions
26 shall be elected for terms to expire on the first Monday in May

1 1989. At least one director position from each member county
2 shall be elected for a term to expire on the first Monday in
3 May 1987.

4 The county clerks of the member counties shall provide
5 notice of each election for chairman and director in the manner
6 prescribed in Article 12 of The Election Code, with the notice
7 of the elections to be held at the consolidated election of
8 1985 to include a statement as to whether the director is to be
9 elected for a term of 2 years or for a term of 4 years.

10 A chairman shall be elected at the consolidated election of
11 1985 and at each consolidated election every 4 years
12 thereafter. Six directors shall be elected at the consolidated
13 election of 1985. At the consolidated election of 1987, and at
14 each consolidated election every 4 years thereafter, directors
15 shall be elected from the constituencies of the directors who
16 were elected at the consolidated election of 1985 and whose
17 terms expired on the first Monday in May 1987. At the
18 consolidated election of 1989, and at each consolidated
19 election every 4 years thereafter, directors shall be elected
20 from the constituencies of the directors who were elected at
21 the consolidated election of 1985 and whose terms expired on
22 the first Monday in May 1989.

23 Vacancies in the office of director or chairman shall be
24 filled by the remaining members of the Board, who shall appoint
25 to fill the vacated office for the remainder of the term of
26 such office an individual who would be eligible for election to

1 such office. If, however, a vacancy occurs in the office of
2 chairman or director with at least 28 months remaining in the
3 term of such office, the office shall be filled for the
4 remainder of the term at the next consolidated election. Until
5 the office is filled by election, the remaining members of the
6 Board shall appoint a qualified person to the office in the
7 manner provided in this Section.

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

9 Section 35. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
10 changing Section 6-110.1 as follows:

11 (625 ILCS 5/6-110.1)

12 Sec. 6-110.1. Confidentiality of captured photographs or
13 images. The Secretary of State shall maintain a file on or
14 contract to file all photographs and signatures obtained in the
15 process of issuing a driver's license, permit, or
16 identification card. The photographs and signatures shall be
17 confidential and shall not be disclosed except to the following
18 persons:

19 (1) the individual upon written request;

20 (2) officers and employees of the Secretary of State
21 who have a need to have access to the stored images for
22 purposes of issuing and controlling driver's licenses,
23 permits, or identification cards;

24 (3) law enforcement officials for a lawful civil or

1 criminal law enforcement investigation; ~~or~~

2 (3-5) the State Board of Elections for the sole purpose
3 of providing the signatures required by a local election
4 authority to register a voter through an online voter
5 registration system; or

6 (4) other entities that the Secretary may exempt by
7 rule.

8 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

9 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
10 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law, except that the changes made to Sections 1A-16,
13 4-8, 4-10, 4-12, 4-15, 5-7, 5-9, 5-15, 5-21, 6-29, 6-35, 6-40,
14 and 6-57 of the Election Code take effect on October 1, 2013.