

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 7-10, 7-19, 7-46, 7-52, 7-53, and 24B-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

7 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
8 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman, or
9 township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward
10 committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to
11 national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the
12 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed
13 in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the
14 following form:

15 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the
16 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in
17 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois,
18 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons
19 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the
20 nomination for (or in case of committeemen for election to) the
21 office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at the
22 primary election to be held on (insert date).

23 Name Office Address

1 John Jones Governor Belvidere, Ill.
2 Jane James Lieutenant Governor Peoria, Ill.
3 Thomas Smith Attorney General Oakland, Ill.

4 Name..... Address.....

5 State of Illinois)

6) ss.

7 County of.....)

8 I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No.
9 street, in the of, county of, and State of
10 , that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen
11 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet
12 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the
13 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at
14 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
15 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
16 stated, as above set forth.

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

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20 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of
21 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size
22 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate
23 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or

1 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the
2 office, the political party represented and place of residence;
3 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

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

1 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that
2 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90
3 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and
4 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief
5 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the
6 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a
7 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before
8 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

9 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days
10 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing
11 of such petition.

12 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
13 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
14 signature from the petition, provided that:

15 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the
16 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

17 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
18 certification listing the page number and line number of
19 each signature struck from the petition. Such
20 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

21 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened
22 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and
23 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable
24 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.
25 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
26 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition

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

22 Statement of Candidacy

23	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
24	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
25		Belvidere,			
26		Illinois			

1 State of Illinois)

2) ss.

3 County of)

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

21 Signed

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

24 Signed

25 (Official Character)

1 (Seal, if officer has one.)

2 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added
3 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation
4 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election
5 authority or local election official with whom the petition is
6 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.
7 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required
8 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction
9 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

10 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must
11 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on
12 his or her petition for nomination.

13 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating
14 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or
15 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating
16 convention elected from the State at-large, then the
17 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000
18 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

19 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a
20 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for
21 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or
22 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating
23 convention elected from a congressional district, then the
24 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
25 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary

1 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional
2 district. In the first primary election following a
3 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's
4 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of
5 qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party
6 in his or her congressional district.

7 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any
8 countywide office, including but not limited to county board
9 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large
10 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's
11 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
12 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or
13 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election
14 in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county
15 board member elected from a county board district, then the
16 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
17 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary
18 electors of his or her party in the county board district. In
19 the first primary election following a redistricting of county
20 board districts or the initial establishment of county board
21 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain
22 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
23 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who
24 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by
25 the total number of county board districts comprising the
26 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of

1 signatures be less than 25.

2 (d) County office; Cook County only.

3 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office
4 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for
5 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
6 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
7 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in
8 Cook County.

9 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
10 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination
11 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to
12 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party
13 in his or her county board district. In the first primary
14 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of
15 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for
16 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
17 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
18 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding
19 general election divided by the total number of county
20 board districts comprising the county board; provided that
21 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

22 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
23 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property
25 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
26 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of

1 the total number of registered voters in his or her board
2 of review district in the last general election at which a
3 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from
4 that board of review district. In no event shall the number
5 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number
6 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County
7 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first
8 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County
9 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for
10 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at
11 least the number of signatures required for a countywide
12 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the
13 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

14 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to
15 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's
16 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
17 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
18 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a
19 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the
20 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
21 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary
22 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary
23 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or
24 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial
25 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for
26 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at

1 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate
2 of that political party who received the highest number of
3 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election
4 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
5 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or
6 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less
7 than 25.

8 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to
9 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's
10 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of
11 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her
12 congressional district.

13 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run
14 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not
15 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for
16 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal
17 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the
18 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a
19 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,
20 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at
21 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary
22 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary
23 district. In the first primary election following
24 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a
25 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
26 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward

1 of that sanitary district.

2 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for
3 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition
4 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to
5 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the
6 candidate for his or her political party for the office of
7 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was
8 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a
9 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or
10 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
11 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number
12 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her
13 political party who received the highest number of votes at the
14 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same
15 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,
16 but in no event less than 500 signatures.

17 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a
18 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the
19 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10
20 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the
21 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,
22 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no
23 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary
24 electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%
25 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of
26 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is

1 greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township
2 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination
3 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%
4 of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,
5 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the
6 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum
7 number, whichever is greater.

8 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools
9 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's
10 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more
11 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination
12 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of
13 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory
14 comprising the counties.

15 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other
16 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
17 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
18 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or
19 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,
20 whichever is greater.

21 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors
22 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the
23 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party
24 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the
25 last general election in the State at which electors for
26 President of the United States were elected. For political

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

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

16 The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of
17 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,
18 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

19 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein
20 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the
21 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for
22 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of
23 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including
24 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07;
26 95-916, eff. 8-26-08.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

2 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for
3 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in
4 the manner following:

5 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be
6 printed in large capital letters, words designating the ballot,
7 if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall be:
8 "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the
9 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and in
10 like manner for each political party.

11 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning not
12 less than one inch below designating words, the name of each
13 office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters. Such
14 names may be printed on the ballot either in a single column or
15 in 2 or more columns and in the following order, to-wit:

16 President of the United States, State offices,
17 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be
18 elected from the State at large to National nominating
19 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected
20 from congressional districts to National nominating
21 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,
22 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial
23 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town
24 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be
25 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, township or ward

1 committeemen. If two or more columns are used, the foregoing
2 offices to and including member of the State central committee
3 shall be listed in the left-hand column and Senatorial offices,
4 as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the first offices listed in
5 the second column.

6 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small
7 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for not
8 more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no candidate
9 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons
10 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,
11 then below the title of that office the election authority
12 instead shall print "No Candidate".

13 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or
14 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall
15 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for
16 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or (b)
17 no official designation, depending upon the action taken by the
18 State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of this Act.

19 Below the name of each office shall be printed in capital
20 letters the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in
21 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as
22 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.
23 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be
24 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall
25 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for
26 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed

1 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front
2 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under
3 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall
4 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names
5 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to
6 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

7 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
8 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as
9 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
10 is applicable.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-862, eff. 8-19-08.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/7-46) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-46)

13 Sec. 7-46. On receiving from the primary judges a primary
14 ballot of his party, the primary elector shall forthwith and
15 without leaving the polling place, retire alone to one of the
16 voting booths and prepare such primary ballot by marking a
17 cross (X) in the square in front of and opposite the name of
18 each candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, and
19 for delegates and alternate delegates to national nominating
20 conventions, and for committeemen, if committeemen are being
21 elected at such primary. A cross (X) in the square in front of
22 the bracket enclosing the names of a team of candidates for
23 Governor and Lieutenant Governor counts as one vote for each of
24 those candidates.

25 Any primary elector may, instead of voting for any

1 candidate for nomination or for committeeman or for delegate or
2 alternate delegate to national nominating conventions, whose
3 name is printed on the primary ballot, write in the name of any
4 other person affiliated with such party as a candidate for the
5 nomination for any office, or for committeeman, or for
6 delegates or alternate delegates to national nominating
7 conventions, and indicate his choice of such candidate or
8 committeeman or delegate or alternate delegate, by placing to
9 the left of and opposite the name thus written a square and
10 placing in the square a cross (X). A primary elector, however,
11 may not by this method vote separately for Governor and
12 Lieutenant Governor but must write in the names of candidates
13 of his or her choice for both offices and indicate his or her
14 choice of those names by placing a single square to the left of
15 those names and placing in that square a cross (X).

16 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
17 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as
18 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
19 is applicable.

20 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 2220.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/7-52) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-52)

22 Sec. 7-52. Immediately upon closing the polls, the primary
23 judges shall proceed to canvass the votes in the manner
24 following:

25 (1) They shall separate and count the ballots of each

1 political party.

2 (2) They shall then proceed to ascertain the number of
3 names entered on the applications for ballot under each party
4 affiliation.

5 (3) If the primary ballots of any political party exceed
6 the number of applications for ballot by voters of such
7 political party, the primary ballots of such political party
8 shall be folded and replaced in the ballot box, the box closed,
9 well shaken and again opened and one of the primary judges, who
10 shall be blindfolded, shall draw out so many of the primary
11 ballots of such political party as shall be equal to such
12 excess. Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not
13 Counted" and signed by a majority of the judges and shall be
14 placed in the "After 6:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The
15 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section
16 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be
17 counted in the total of "defective" ballots;

18 (4) The primary judges shall then proceed to count the
19 primary ballots of each political party separately; and as the
20 primary judges shall open and read the primary ballots, 3 of
21 the judges shall carefully and correctly mark upon separate
22 tally sheets the votes which each candidate of the party whose
23 name is written or printed on the primary ballot has received,
24 in a separate column for that purpose, with the name of such
25 candidate, the name of his political party and the name of the
26 office for which he is a candidate for nomination at the head

1 of such column. The same column, however, shall be used for
2 both names of the same team of candidates for Governor and
3 Lieutenant Governor.

4 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
5 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as
6 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
7 is applicable.

8 (Source: P.A. 80-484.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/7-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-53)

10 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party
11 shall have been read and the votes of the political party
12 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in
13 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as
14 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of
15 the political party and for each candidate for State Central
16 committeeman and precinct committeeman, township committeeman
17 or ward committeeman, and delegate and alternate delegate to
18 National nominating conventions, and certify the same to be
19 correct. Thereupon, the primary judges shall set down in a
20 certificate of results on the tally sheet, under the name of
21 the political party, the name of each candidate voted for upon
22 the primary ballot, written at full length, the name of the
23 office for which he is a candidate for nomination or for
24 committeeman, or delegate or alternate delegate to National
25 nominating conventions, the total number of votes which the

1 candidate received, and they shall also set down the total
2 number of ballots voted by the primary electors of the
3 political party in the precinct. The certificate of results
4 shall be made substantially in the following form:

5 Party

6 At the primary election held in the precinct of the
7 (1) *township of, or (2) *City of, or (3) *.... ward
8 in the city of on (insert date), the primary electors of
9 the party voted ballots, and the respective
10 candidates whose names were written or printed on the primary
11 ballot of the party, received respectively the following
12 votes:

13 Name of	14 Title of Office,	15 No. of
Candidate,	Title of Office,	Votes
16 John Jones	Governor	100
<u>Jane James</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>100</u>
17 Sam Smith	Governor	70
<u>Samantha Smythe</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>70</u>
19 Frank Martin	Attorney General	150
20 William Preston	Rep. in Congress	200
21 Frederick John	Circuit Judge	50

22 *Fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

23 And so on for each candidate.

24 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and
25 correct.

26 Dated (insert date).

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 2 Name Address
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 4 Name Address
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 6 Name Address
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 8 Name Address
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 10 Name Address

Judges of Primary

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 13 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
 14 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as
 15 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever
 16 is applicable.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/24B-6)

19 Sec. 24B-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Electronic
 20 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology Voting System;
 21 Absentee Ballots; Spoiled Ballots. The ballot information,
 22 shall, as far as practicable, be in the order of arrangement
 23 provided for paper ballots, except that the information may be
 24 in vertical or horizontal rows, or on a number of separate

1 pages or displays on the marking device. Ballots for all
2 questions or propositions to be voted on should be provided in
3 a similar manner and must be arranged on the ballot sheet or
4 marking device in the places provided for such purposes.
5 Ballots shall be of white paper unless provided otherwise by
6 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections or
7 otherwise specified.

8 All propositions, including but not limited to
9 propositions calling for a constitutional convention,
10 constitutional amendment, judicial retention, and public
11 measures to be voted upon shall be placed on separate portions
12 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
13 grey screens. Candidates shall be listed on a separate portion
14 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
15 grey screens. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of
16 intent to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections
17 17-16.1 and 18-9.1, a line or lines on which the voter may
18 select a write-in candidate shall be printed below the name of
19 the last candidate nominated for such office. Such line or
20 lines shall be proximate to an area provided for marking votes
21 for the write-in candidate or candidates. The number of
22 write-in lines for an office shall equal the number of persons
23 who have filed declarations of intent to be write-in candidates
24 plus an additional line or lines for write-in candidates who
25 qualify to file declarations to be write-in candidates under
26 Sections 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot

1 contains the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of that
2 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may
3 vote. In the case of write-in lines for the offices of Governor
4 and Lieutenant Governor, 2 lines shall be printed within a
5 bracket and a single square shall be printed in front of the
6 bracket. More than one amendment to the constitution may be
7 placed on the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking
8 device. Constitutional convention or constitutional amendment
9 propositions shall be printed or displayed on a separate
10 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device and designated by
11 borders or grey screens, unless otherwise provided by
12 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections. More than
13 one public measure or proposition may be placed on the same
14 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. More than one
15 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on
16 the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. Names
17 of candidates shall be printed in black. The party affiliation
18 of each candidate or the word "independent" shall appear near
19 or under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for
20 the same office shall be listed vertically under the title of
21 that office, on separate pages of the marking device, or as
22 otherwise approved by the State Board of Elections. If no
23 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or
24 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that
25 office, then below the title of that office the election
26 authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the case of

1 nonpartisan elections for officers of political subdivisions,
2 unless the statute or an ordinance adopted pursuant to Article
3 VII of the Constitution requires otherwise, the listing of
4 nonpartisan candidates shall not include any party or
5 "independent" designation. Judicial retention questions and
6 ballot questions for all public measures and other propositions
7 shall be designated by borders or grey screens on the ballot or
8 marking device. In primary elections, a separate ballot, or
9 displays on the marking device, shall be used for each
10 political party holding a primary, with the ballot or marking
11 device arranged to include names of the candidates of the party
12 and public measures and other propositions to be voted upon on
13 the day of the primary election.

14 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and
15 public measures or propositions to be voted on, the election
16 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot or
17 displays on the marking device in sections for "Candidates" and
18 "Propositions", or separate ballots may be used.

19 Absentee ballots may consist of envelopes, paper ballots or
20 ballot sheets voted in person in the office of the election
21 official in charge of the election or voted by mail. Where a
22 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology ballot is used for
23 voting by mail it must be accompanied by voter instructions.

24 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or
25 has a ballot returned by the automatic tabulating equipment may
26 return the ballot to the judges of election and get another

1 ballot.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-862, eff. 8-19-08.)