

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1-4 and 25-7 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-4)
7 Sec. 1-4.

8 (a) In any case in which this Act prescribes a period of
9 time within which petitions for nomination must be filed, the
10 office in which petitions must be filed shall remain open for
11 the receipt of such petitions until 5:00 P.M. on the last day
12 of the filing period.

13 (b) For the 2013 consolidated election period, an election
14 authority or local election official shall accept until 104
15 days before the election at which candidates are to be on the
16 ballot any petitions for nomination or certificate of
17 nomination required by this Code to be filed no earlier than
18 113 and no later than 106 days before the consolidated
19 election. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, for
20 purposes of this subsection (b) only, signatures and circulator
21 statements on petitions for nomination filed with an election
22 authority or local election official on the final day for
23 filing petitions for nomination shall not be deemed invalid for

1 the sole reason that the petitions were circulated between 90
2 and 92 days before the last day for filing petitions.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/25-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-7)

5 Sec. 25-7.

6 (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office of
7 representative in congress from this state more than 180 days
8 before the next general election, the Governor shall issue a
9 writ of election within 5 days after the occurrence of that
10 vacancy to the county clerks of the several counties in the
11 district where the vacancy exists, appointing a day within 115
12 days of issuance of the writ to hold a special election to fill
13 such vacancy.

14 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section or any
15 other law to the contrary, a special election to fill a vacancy
16 in the office of representative in congress occurring less than
17 60 days following the 2012 general election shall be held as
18 provided in this subsection (b). A special primary election
19 shall be held on February 26, 2013, and a special election
20 shall be held on April 9, 2013.

21 Except as provided in this subsection (b), the provisions
22 of Article 7 of this Code are applicable to petitions for the
23 special primary election and special election. Petitions for
24 nomination in accordance with Article 7 shall be filed in the
25 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than

1 54 and not less than 50 days prior to the date of the special
2 primary election, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Petitions for
3 the nomination of independent candidates and candidates of new
4 political parties shall be filed in the principal office of the
5 State Board of Elections not more than 68 and not less than 64
6 days prior to the date of the special election, excluding
7 Saturday and Sunday.

8 Except as provided in this subsection, the State Board of
9 Elections shall have authority to establish, in conjunction
10 with the impacted election authorities, an election calendar
11 for the special election and special primary.

12 If an election authority is unable to have a sufficient
13 number of ballots printed so that ballots will be available for
14 mailing at least 46 days prior to the special primary election
15 or special election to persons who have filed an application
16 for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Code,
17 the election authority shall, no later than 45 days prior to
18 each election, mail to each of those persons a Special Write-in
19 Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot in accordance with Section
20 16-5.01 of this Code. The election authority shall advise those
21 persons that the names of candidates to be nominated or elected
22 shall be available on the election authority's website and
23 shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the
24 names of the candidates for nomination or election.

25 (Source: P.A. 78-781.)

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

1 becoming law.