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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 172

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 172 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1-9, 1-12, 1A-8, 1A-16, 1A-16.5, 1A-25, 3-6, 4-6.3,
6 4-10, 4-50, 4-105, 5-9, 5-16.3, 5-50, 5-105, 6-29, 6-50.3,
7 6-100, 6-105, 7-15, 7-34, 7-61, 8-17, 9-21, 10-7, 11-4.1, 11-7,
8 12-1, 13-1, 13-2, 13-10, 14-3.1, 16-5.01, 17-8, 17-9, 17-18.1,
9 17-19.2, 17-21, 17-23, 17-29, 18-5, 18-9.2, 18A-5, 18A-15,
10 19-3, 19-4, 19-5, 19-6, 19-7, 19-8, 19-10, 19-12.1, 19-12.2,
11 19-13, 19-15, 19-20, 19A-10, 19A-15, 19A-25, 19A-35, 19A-75,
12 20-1, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, 20-3, 20-4, 20-5, 20-6,
13 20-7, 20-8, 20-10, 20-13, 20-13.1, 20-25, 24-15, 24-16, 24A-6,
14 24A-10, 24A-15.1, 24B-6, 24B-10, 24B-15.1, 24C-1, 24C-6,
15 24C-11, 24C-13, 24C-15, 25-7, 28-9, 29-5, 29-20, and the
16 heading of Article 19 and Section 19-2 and by adding Sections
17 1-9.1, 1-9.2, 1A-45, 13-3.5, 14-3.1A, 18A-218, 18A-218.10,

1 18A-218.20, 18A-218.30, and 18A-218.40, as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/1-9)

3 Sec. 1-9. Central counting of grace period, early, vote by
4 mail absentee, and provisional ballots. Notwithstanding any
5 statutory provision to the contrary enacted before the
6 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
7 Assembly, all grace period ballots, early voting ballots, vote
8 by mail absentee ballots, and provisional ballots to be counted
9 shall be delivered to and counted at an election authority's
10 central ballot counting location and not in precincts.
11 References in this Code enacted before the effective date of
12 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly to delivery
13 and counting of grace period ballots, early voting ballots,
14 vote by mail absentee ballots, or provisional ballots to or at
15 a precinct polling place or to the proper polling place shall
16 be construed as references to delivery and counting of those
17 ballots to and at the election authority's central ballot
18 counting location.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1 new)

21 Sec. 1-9.1. Ballot counting information dissemination.
22 Each election authority maintaining a website must provide
23 24-hour notice on its website of the date, time, and location
24 of the analysis, processing, and counting of all ballot forms.

1 The election authority must also notify any political party or
2 pollwatcher of the same information 24 hours before the count
3 begins if such political party or pollwatcher has requested to
4 be notified. Notification may be by electronic mail at the
5 address provided by the requester.

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2 new)

7 Sec. 1-9.2. Uncounted ballot information on website.
8 Beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the day after election day, each
9 election authority maintaining a website shall post the number
10 of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate
11 the totals into the following categories: ballots cast on
12 election day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote
13 by mail ballots received by the election authority but not
14 counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election
15 authority but have not been returned to the election authority.
16 This information shall be updated on the website of the
17 election authority before 4:00 p.m. on each day until the
18 period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has
19 ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they
20 maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated
21 in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections by 4:00
22 p.m. each day beginning the day after election day and until
23 the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots
24 has ended.

1 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

2 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

3 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
4 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
5 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, and
6 grace period voting at the student union ~~in a high traffic~~
7 ~~location~~ on the campus of a public university within the
8 election authority's jurisdiction. The voting required by this
9 subsection (a) to be conducted on campus must be conducted from
10 the beginning of the 6th day before a general election day
11 until the end of the 3rd day before a general election day from
12 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. and as otherwise required by Article 19A
13 of this Code. If an election authority has voting equipment
14 that can accommodate a ballot in every form required in the
15 election authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority
16 shall extend early voting under this Section to any registered
17 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. However, if the
18 election authority does not have voting equipment that can
19 accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election
20 authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may
21 limit early voting under this Section to registered voters in
22 precincts where the public university is located and precincts
23 bordering the university. Each public university shall make the
24 space available at the student union ~~in a high traffic area~~
25 for, and cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate election
26 authority in, the implementation of this subsection (a).

1 (b) (Blank). ~~Each appropriate election authority shall, in~~
2 ~~addition to the voting conducted at locations otherwise~~
3 ~~required by law, conduct in person absentee voting on election~~
4 ~~day in a high traffic location on the campus of a public~~
5 ~~university within the election authority's jurisdiction. The~~
6 ~~procedures for conducting in person absentee voting at a site~~
7 ~~established pursuant to this subsection (b) shall, to the~~
8 ~~extent practicable, be the same procedures required by Article~~
9 ~~19 of this Code for in person absentee ballots. The election~~
10 ~~authority may limit in person absentee voting under this~~
11 ~~subsection (b) to registered voters in precincts where the~~
12 ~~public university is located and precincts bordering the~~
13 ~~university. The election authority shall have voting equipment~~
14 ~~and ballots necessary to accommodate registered voters who may~~
15 ~~cast an in person absentee ballot at a site established~~
16 ~~pursuant to this subsection (b). Each public university shall~~
17 ~~make the space available in a high traffic area for, and~~
18 ~~cooperate and coordinate with the appropriate election~~
19 ~~authority in, the implementation of this subsection (b).~~

20 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
21 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,
22 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern
23 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern
24 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or
25 Northeastern Illinois University ~~the University of Illinois at~~
26 ~~its campuses in Urbana Champaign and Springfield, Southern~~

1 ~~Illinois University at its campuses in Carbondale and~~
2 ~~Edwardsville, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State~~
3 ~~University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois~~
4 ~~University at its campuses in Macomb and Moline.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

7 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise the
8 following powers and perform the following duties in addition
9 to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by law:

10 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the State
11 Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as heretofore
12 provided in this Act;

13 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with
14 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections
15 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State
16 and the laws of the United States;

17 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each
18 primary and general election and any other election it
19 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions
20 consistent with the provisions of this Act which shall be
21 used by election authorities in the preparation of the
22 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of
23 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,
24 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the
25 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board

1 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions
2 applicable to different election jurisdictions which
3 administer elections under different options provided by
4 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular
5 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any
6 official manual of instructions published by election
7 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any
8 election authority shall be identical with the manual of
9 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be
10 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special or
11 unusual local election problems, provided that all manuals
12 published by election authorities must be consistent with
13 the provisions of this Act in all respects and must receive
14 the approval of the State Board of Elections prior to
15 publication; provided further that if the State Board does
16 not approve or disapprove of a proposed manual within 60
17 days of its submission, the manual shall be deemed
18 approved.

19 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform
20 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with
21 the provisions of this Act as it shall deem advisable which
22 shall be used by election authorities in the conduct of
23 elections and registrations;

24 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any
25 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
26 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the electors

1 throughout the State or, when required to do so by law, to
2 the voters of any area or unit of local government of the
3 State;

4 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the
5 conduct of elections and registration from election
6 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

7 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating
8 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed
9 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to the
10 appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

11 (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to
12 improve the administration of elections and registration;

13 (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in
14 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules
15 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of
16 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise
17 provided by law;

18 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of
19 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the
20 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

21 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research
22 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of
23 votes by precinct for general primary elections and general
24 elections, current precinct maps and current precinct poll
25 lists from all election jurisdictions within the State. The
26 research library shall be open to the public during regular

1 business hours. Such abstracts, maps and lists shall be
2 preserved as permanent records and shall be available for
3 examination and copying at a reasonable cost;

4 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration
5 and election laws throughout the State;

6 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management
7 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of
8 Central Management Services Law (20 ILCS 405/405-250),
9 such use of electronic data processing equipment as may be
10 required to perform the duties of the State Board of
11 Elections and to provide election-related information to
12 candidates, public and party officials, interested civic
13 organizations and the general public in a timely and
14 efficient manner; ~~and~~

15 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or
16 required to give effect to directions of the national
17 committee or State central committee of an established
18 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11 and 7-14.1 or such
19 other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to the
20 selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an
21 established political party's national nominating
22 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate
23 certification schedule contained within the Election Code,
24 the certification of the Presidential and Vice
25 Presidential candidate selected by the established
26 political party's national nominating convention; ~~and~~

1 (15) To post all early voting sites and hours of
2 operation on its website at least 5 business days before
3 the period for early voting begins; and

4 (16) To post on its website the statewide totals, and
5 totals separated by each election authority, for each of
6 the counts received pursuant to Section 1-9.2.

7 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or
8 functions under this Article, except that final determinations
9 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the
10 Board.

11 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
12 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
13 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
15 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as
16 required by Section 3.1 of "An Act to revise the law in
17 relation to the General Assembly", approved February 25, 1874,
18 as amended, and filing such additional copies with the State
19 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly
20 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State
21 Library Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 95-6, eff. 6-20-07; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16)

24 Sec. 1A-16. Voter registration information; Internet
25 posting; processing of voter registration forms; content of

1 such forms. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
2 following provisions shall apply to voter registration under
3 this Code.

4 (a) Voter registration information; Internet posting of
5 voter registration form. Within 90 days after the effective
6 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the
7 State Board of Elections shall post on its World Wide Web site
8 the following information:

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

12 (2) A schedule of upcoming elections and the deadline
13 for voter registration.

14 (3) A downloadable, printable voter registration form,
15 in at least English and in Spanish versions, that a person
16 may complete and mail or submit to the State Board of
17 Elections or the appropriate county clerk or board of
18 election commissioners.

19 Any forms described under paragraph (3) must state the
20 following:

21 If you do not have a driver's license or social
22 security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and
23 you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you
24 are now registering in, then you must send, with this
25 application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo
26 identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill,

1 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other
2 government document that shows the name and address of the
3 voter. If you do not provide the information required
4 above, then you will be required to provide election
5 officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first
6 time you vote at a voting place ~~or by absentee ballot~~.

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

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

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

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

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

24 Upon the receipt of a registration form, the State Board of
25 Elections shall mark the date on which the form was received
26 and send the form via first class mail to the appropriate

1 county clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case
2 may be, within 2 business days based upon the home address of
3 the person submitting the registration form. The county clerk
4 and board of election commissioners shall accept and process
5 any form received from the State Board of Elections.

6 (c) Processing of registration forms by county clerks and
7 boards of election commissioners. The county clerk or board of
8 election commissioners shall promulgate procedures for
9 processing the voter registration form.

10 (d) Contents of the voter registration form. The State
11 Board shall create a voter registration form, which must
12 contain the following content:

13 (1) Instructions for completing the form.

14 (2) A summary of the qualifications to register to vote
15 in Illinois.

16 (3) Instructions for mailing in or submitting the form
17 in person.

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

20 (5) A box for the person to check that explains one of
21 3 reasons for submitting the form:

22 (a) new registration;

23 (b) change of address; or

24 (c) change of name.

25 (6) a box for the person to check yes or no that asks,
26 "Are you a citizen of the United States?", a box for the

1 person to check yes or no that asks, "Will you be 18 years
2 of age on or before election day?", and a statement of "If
3 you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions,
4 then do not complete this form."

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (13) A space for the person to fill the name appearing
24 on his or her last voter registration, the street address
25 of his or her last registration, including the city,
26 county, state, and zip code.

1 (14) A space where the person swears or affirms the
2 following under penalty of perjury with his or her
3 signature:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (d-5) Compliance with federal law; rulemaking authority.
19 The voter registration form described in this Section shall be
20 consistent with the form prescribed by the Federal Election
21 Commission under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
22 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and the Help America
23 Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, in all relevant respects. The
24 State Board of Elections shall periodically update the form
25 based on changes to federal or State law. The State Board of
26 Elections shall promulgate any rules necessary for the

1 implementation of this Section; provided that the rules comport
2 with the letter and spirit of the National Voter Registration
3 Act of 1993 and Help America Vote Act of 2002 and maximize the
4 opportunity for a person to register to vote.

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

1 regular paper stock and form.

2 (f) (Blank).

3 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

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

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

16 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ
17 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
18 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to
19 this Section.

20 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information
21 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'
22 website, may cross reference that information with data or
23 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in
24 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may
25 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized

1 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's
2 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's
3 database.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in
21 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box
22 associated with the following statement included as part of the
23 online voter registration application:

24 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
25 following:

26 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information

1 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in
2 the State of Illinois.

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

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

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

19 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
20 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
21 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State
22 identification number provided by the applicant matches
23 the driver's license or State identification card number
24 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

25 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's
26 license or State identification card listed on the

1 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
2 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

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

6 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
7 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person
8 on file with the Secretary of State.

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

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

20 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
21 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
22 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
23 registration: (i) the application, along with the
24 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
25 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
26 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a

1 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
2 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
3 number, driver's license or State identification card date
4 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
5 information have been successfully matched.

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

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

26 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant

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

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

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

22 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter
23 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
24 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
25 this Section. All applications submitted on a website
26 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed

1 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on
2 the final day for voter registration prior to an election.
3 After the registration period for an upcoming election has
4 ended and until the 2nd day following such election, the web
5 page containing the online voter registration form on the State
6 Board of Elections website shall inform users of the procedure
7 for grace period voting.

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

15 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or
16 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able
17 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile
18 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016. ~~The Illinois~~
19 ~~State Board of Elections shall submit a report to the General~~
20 ~~Assembly and the Governor by January 31, 2014 detailing the~~
21 ~~progress made to implement the online voter registration system~~
22 ~~described in this Section.~~

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

25 (p) Each State agency that maintains an Internet website
26 must include a hypertext link to the homepage website

1 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For
2 the purposes of this Section, "State agency" has the meaning
3 set forth in Section 5-105 of the Electronic Commerce Security
4 Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-25)

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

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

15 (2) With the exception of voter registration forms
16 submitted electronically through an online voter
17 registration system, all new voter registration forms and
18 applications to register to vote, including those reviewed
19 by the Secretary of State at a driver services facility,
20 shall be transmitted only to the appropriate election
21 authority as required by Articles 4, 5, and 6 of this Code
22 and not to the State Board of Elections. All voter
23 registration forms submitted electronically to the State
24 Board of Elections through an online voter registration
25 system shall be transmitted to the appropriate election

1 authority as required by Section 1A-16.5. The election
2 authority shall process and verify each voter registration
3 form and electronically enter verified registrations on an
4 expedited basis onto the statewide voter registration
5 list. All original registration cards shall remain
6 permanently in the office of the election authority as
7 required by this Code.

8 (3) The centralized statewide voter registration list
9 shall:

10 (i) Be designed to allow election authorities to
11 utilize the registration data on the statewide voter
12 registration list pertinent to voters registered in
13 their election jurisdiction on locally maintained
14 software programs that are unique to each
15 jurisdiction.

16 (ii) Allow each election authority to perform
17 essential election management functions, including but
18 not limited to production of voter lists, processing of
19 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voters, production of
20 individual, pre-printed applications to vote,
21 administration of election judges, and polling place
22 administration, but shall not prevent any election
23 authority from using information from that election
24 authority's own systems.

25 (4) The registration information maintained by each
26 election authority shall be synchronized with that

1 authority's information on the statewide list at least once
2 every 24 hours.

3 To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
4 registration information, the disclosure of any portion of the
5 centralized statewide voter registration list to any person or
6 entity other than to a State or local political committee and
7 other than to a governmental entity for a governmental purpose
8 is specifically prohibited except as follows: (1) subject to
9 security measures adopted by the State Board of Elections
10 which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a catalog or
11 database, available for public view, including the name,
12 address, and telephone number of the person viewing the list as
13 well as the time of that viewing, any person may view the list
14 on a computer screen at the Springfield office of the State
15 Board of Elections, during normal business hours other than
16 during the 27 days before an election, but the person viewing
17 the list under this exception may not print, duplicate,
18 transmit, or alter the list; or (2) as may be required by an
19 agreement the State Board of Elections has entered into with a
20 multi-state voter registration list maintenance system.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/1A-45 new)

23 Sec. 1A-45. Electronic Registration Information Center.

24 (a) The State Board of Elections shall enter into an
25 agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center

1 effective no later than June 1, 2016, for the purpose of
2 maintaining a statewide voter registration database. The State
3 Board of Elections shall comply with the requirements of the
4 Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
5 Agreement.

6 (b) The Secretary of State and the Board of Elections shall
7 enter an into an agreement to permit the Secretary of State to
8 provide the State Board of Elections with any information
9 required for compliance with the Electronic Registration
10 Information Center Membership Agreement. The Secretary of
11 State shall deliver this information as frequently as necessary
12 for the State Board of Elections to comply with the Electronic
13 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

14 (c) Any communication required to be delivered to a
15 registrant or potential registrant pursuant to the Electronic
16 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement shall
17 include at least the following message:

18 "Our records show people at this address may not be
19 registered to vote at this address, but you may be eligible
20 to register to vote or re-register to vote at this address.
21 If you are a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Illinois, and will
22 be 18 years old or older before the next general election
23 in November, you are qualified to vote.

24 We invite you to check your registration online at
25 (enter URL) or register to vote online at (enter URL), by
26 requesting a mail-in voter registration form by (enter

1 instructions for requesting a mail-in voter registration
2 form), or visiting the (name of election authority) office
3 at (address of election authority)."

4 The words "register to vote online at (enter URL)" shall be
5 bolded and of a distinct nature from the other words in the
6 message required by this subsection (c).

7 (d) Any communication required to be delivered to a
8 potential registrant that has been identified by the Electronic
9 Registration Information Center as eligible to vote but who is
10 not registered to vote in Illinois shall be prepared and
11 disseminated at the direction of the State Board of Elections.
12 All other communications with potential registrants or
13 re-registrants pursuant to the Electronic Registration
14 Information Center Membership Agreement shall be prepared and
15 disseminated at the direction of the appropriate election
16 authority.

17 (e) The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections
18 or his or her designee shall serve as the Member Representative
19 to the Electronic Registration Information Center.

20 (f) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules
21 necessary to enforce this Section or comply with the Electronic
22 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

23 (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

24 Sec. 3-6. Voting age. Notwithstanding any other provision
25 of law, a person who is 17 years old on the date of a primary

1 election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to
2 vote at that primary, including voting a vote by mail ~~an~~
3 ~~absentee~~, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to
4 that primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date
5 of the immediately following general election.

6 References in this Code and elsewhere to the requirement
7 that a person must be 18 years old to vote shall be interpreted
8 in accordance with this Section.

9 For the purposes of this Act, an individual who is 17 years
10 of age and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the
11 general election shall be deemed competent to execute and
12 attest to any voter registration forms.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-51, eff. 1-1-14.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.3)

15 Sec. 4-6.3. The county clerk may establish a temporary
16 place of registration for such times and at such locations
17 within the county as the county clerk may select. ~~However, no~~
18 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
19 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of the time and place of
20 registration under this Section shall be published by the
21 county clerk in a newspaper having a general circulation in the
22 county not less than 3 nor more than 15 days before the holding
23 of such registration.

24 Temporary places of registration shall be established so
25 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the

1 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
2 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
3 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
4 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
5 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
6 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
7 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,
8 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
9 county fairs.

10 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
11 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
12 or fraction thereof in the county.

13 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by
14 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant to
15 Section 4-6.2.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
17 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/4-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-10)

19 Sec. 4-10. Except as herein provided, no person shall be
20 registered, unless he applies in person to a registration
21 officer, answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him
22 by the registration officer, and executes the affidavit of
23 registration. The registration officer shall require the
24 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in
25 the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include

1 his or her residence address. These forms of identification
2 shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
3 driver's license, social security card, public aid
4 identification card, utility bill, employee or student
5 identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit
6 card, or a civic, union or professional association membership
7 card. The registration officer shall require a homeless
8 individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing
9 address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail
10 addressed to that individual and received at that address or by
11 a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing
12 address. The registration officer shall require each applicant
13 for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of
14 registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.

15 One of the registration officers or a deputy registration
16 officer, county clerk, or clerk in the office of the county
17 clerk, shall administer to all persons who shall personally
18 apply to register the following oath or affirmation:

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

24 The registration officer shall satisfy himself that each
25 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
26 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to

1 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
2 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
3 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
4 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
5 Act, the following question shall be put, "When you entered the
6 home which is your present address, was it your bona fide
7 intention to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a
8 township, city, village or incorporated town in which such
9 applicant resides, shall be permitted to be present at the
10 place of any precinct registration and shall have the right to
11 challenge any applicant who applies to be registered.

12 In case the officer is not satisfied that the applicant is
13 qualified he shall forthwith notify such applicant in writing
14 to appear before the county clerk to complete his registration.
15 Upon the card of such applicant shall be written the word
16 "incomplete" and no such applicant shall be permitted to vote
17 unless such registration is satisfactorily completed as
18 hereinafter provided. No registration shall be taken and marked
19 as incomplete if information to complete it can be furnished on
20 the date of the original application.

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

25 "I do solemnly swear that I,, did on (insert date)
26 make application to the board of registry of the precinct

1 of the township of (or to the county clerk of county)
 2 and that said board or clerk refused to complete my
 3 registration as a qualified voter in said precinct. That I
 4 reside in said precinct, that I intend to reside in said
 5 precinct, and am a duly qualified voter of said precinct and am
 6 entitled to be registered to vote in said precinct at the next
 7 election.

8 (Signature of applicant)"

9 All such applications shall be presented to the county
 10 clerk or to his duly authorized representative by the
 11 applicant, in person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00
 12 p.m. on any day after the days on which the 1969 and 1970
 13 precinct re-registrations are held but not on any day within 27
 14 days preceding the ensuing general election and thereafter for
 15 the registration provided in Section 4-7 all such applications
 16 shall be presented to the county clerk or his duly authorized
 17 representative by the applicant in person between the hours of
 18 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day prior to 27 days preceding
 19 the ensuing general election. Such application shall be heard
 20 by the county clerk or his duly authorized representative at
 21 the time the application is presented. If the applicant for
 22 registration has registered with the county clerk, such
 23 application may be presented to and heard by the county clerk
 24 or by his duly authorized representative upon the dates
 25 specified above or at any time prior thereto designated by the

1 county clerk.

2 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his
3 county of residence either due to business of the United States
4 or because he is temporarily outside the territorial limits of
5 the United States may become registered by mailing an
6 application to the county clerk within the periods of
7 registration provided for in this Article, or by simultaneous
8 application for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail and vote by mail
9 ~~absentee~~ ballot as provided in Article 20 of this Code.

10 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall
11 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,
12 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other
13 information as the State Board of Elections may think it proper
14 to require for the identification of the applicant:

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

18 Sex.

19 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
20 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
21 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
22 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
23 cannot be determined by street and number, then the Section,
24 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
25 other information as may be necessary, including post office
26 mailing address.

1 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
2 this information.

3 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
4 precinct.

5 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
6 born.

7 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
8 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
9 naturalization.

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

11 Out of State address of

12 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

13 State of

14)ss

15 County of

16 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
17 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
18 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
19 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
20 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
21 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois and of
22 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of
23 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

24

25 (His or her signature or mark)

26 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to

1 administer oaths, on (insert date).

2

3 Signature of officer administering oath.

4 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of
5 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information
6 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided for
7 in Section 4-8 of this Article and shall attach thereto a copy
8 of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and
9 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall
10 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he
11 had applied for registration in person.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
13 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 10-1-13;
14 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

16 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
18 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
19 for change of address during the period from the close of
20 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
21 ~~and~~ until and including the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or
22 general ~~before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
23 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
24 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods during
25 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may

1 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
2 address form, in person in the office of the election
3 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
4 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15
5 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
6 a voter registration location specifically designated for this
7 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
8 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
9 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
10 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~
11 ~~established under Section 19A-10 through election day.~~ The
12 election authority shall register that individual, or change a
13 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
14 provided by this Article for registration and change of
15 address.

16 If a voter who registers or changes address during these
17 ~~this~~ grace periods ~~period~~ wishes to vote at the first election
18 or primary occurring after the grace period, he or she must do
19 so by grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
20 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office and any
21 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10 where
22 grace period registration is required by this Section; and may
23 offer in-person grace period voting at additional locations
24 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
25 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
26 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has

1 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
2 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
3 under Article 19A ~~19~~.

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

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

1 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
2 the ballots were opened.

3 Election authorities may opt out of in-precinct
4 registration. If an election authority chooses to provide
5 in-precinct registration, the election authority must provide
6 an employee to conduct the registration.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
8 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/4-105)

10 Sec. 4-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
11 first time in person and not ~~by a~~ vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
12 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
13 person first provides the appropriate election authority with
14 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
15 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
16 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
17 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
18 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
19 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
20 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
21 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
22 check, or other federal, State, or local government document
23 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
24 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
25 photo identification issued by a college or university

1 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
2 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
3 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
4 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof
5 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
6 election authority that the registration has not been fully
7 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
8 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

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

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

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

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

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

17 The Registration Officer shall satisfy himself that each
18 applicant for registration is qualified to register before
19 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to
20 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and
21 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified
22 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
23 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
24 Act, the following question shall be put, "When you entered the
25 home which is your present address, was it your bona fide
26 intention to become a resident thereof?" Any voter of a

1 township, city, village or incorporated town in which such
2 applicant resides, shall be permitted to be present at the
3 place of precinct registration, and shall have the right to
4 challenge any applicant who applies to be registered.

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

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

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

1 duly qualified voter and entitled to vote in said precinct at
2 the next election.

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4 (Signature of Applicant)"

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

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

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

1 to require for the identification of the applicant:

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

5 Sex.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 Out of State address of

25 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

26 State of

1 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
2 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 10-1-13;
3 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.3)

5 Sec. 5-16.3. The county clerk may establish temporary
6 places of registration for such times and at such locations
7 within the county as the county clerk may select. ~~However, no~~
8 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
9 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of time and place of
10 registration at any such temporary place of registration under
11 this Section shall be published by the county clerk in a
12 newspaper having a general circulation in the county not less
13 than 3 nor more than 15 days before the holding of such
14 registration.

15 Temporary places of registration shall be established so
16 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the
17 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
18 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
19 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
20 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
21 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
22 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
23 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,
24 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
25 county fairs.

1 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
2 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
3 or fraction thereof in the county.

4 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by
5 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant to
6 Section 5-16.2.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
8 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

10 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
12 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
13 for change of address during the period from the close of
14 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
15 ~~and until and including~~ the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or
16 general ~~before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
17 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
18 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods during
19 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may
20 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
21 address form, in person in the office of the election
22 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
23 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15
24 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
25 a voter registration location specifically designated for this

1 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
2 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
3 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
4 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~
5 ~~established pursuant to Section 19A-10 through election day.~~
6 The election authority shall register that individual, or
7 change a registered voter's address, in the same manner as
8 otherwise provided by this Article for registration and change
9 of address.

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

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

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

1 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
2 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/5-105)

4 Sec. 5-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
5 first time in person and not ~~by a~~ vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
6 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
7 person first provides the appropriate election authority with
8 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
9 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
10 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
11 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
12 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
13 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
14 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
15 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
16 check, or other federal, State, or local government document
17 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
18 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
19 photo identification issued by a college or university
20 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
21 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
22 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
23 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof
24 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
25 election authority that the registration has not been fully

1 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
2 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

3 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/6-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-29)

5 Sec. 6-29. For the purpose of registering voters under this
6 Article, the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
7 shall be open during ordinary business hours of each week day,
8 from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on the last four Saturdays
9 immediately preceding the end of the period of registration
10 preceding each election, and such other days and such other
11 times as the board may direct. During the 27 days immediately
12 preceding any election there shall be no registration of voters
13 at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners in cities,
14 villages and incorporated towns of fewer than 200,000
15 inhabitants. In cities, villages and incorporated towns of
16 200,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be no registration of
17 voters at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
18 during the 35 days immediately preceding any election;
19 provided, however, where no precinct registration is being
20 conducted prior to any election then registration may be taken
21 in the office of the Board up to and including the 28th day
22 prior to such election. The Board of Election Commissioners may
23 set up and establish as many branch offices for the purpose of
24 taking registrations as it may deem necessary, and the branch
25 offices may be open on any or all dates and hours during which

1 registrations may be taken in the main office. All officers and
2 employees of the Board of Election Commissioners who are
3 authorized by such board to take registrations under this
4 Article shall be considered officers of the circuit court, and
5 shall be subject to the same control as is provided by Section
6 14-5 of this Act with respect to judges of election.

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

13 The Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint one or
14 more registration teams, consisting of 2 of its employees for
15 each team, for the purpose of accepting the registration of any
16 voter who files an affidavit, within the period for taking
17 registrations provided for in this Article, that he is
18 physically unable to appear at the office of the Board or at
19 any appointed place of registration. On the day or days when a
20 precinct registration is being conducted such teams shall
21 consist of one member from each of the 2 leading political
22 parties who are serving on the Precinct Registration Board.
23 Each team so designated shall visit each disabled person and
24 shall accept the registration of such person the same as if he
25 had applied for registration in person.

26 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his

1 county of residence due to business of the United States, or
2 who is temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of
3 the United States, may make application to become registered by
4 mail to the Board of Election Commissioners within the periods
5 for registration provided for in this Article or by
6 simultaneous application for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail and
7 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot as provided in Article 20 of this
8 Code.

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

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

18 Sex.

19 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or
20 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and
21 definite description as may be necessary to determine the exact
22 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
23 cannot be determined by street and number, then the section,
24 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
25 other information as may be necessary, including post office
26 mailing address.

1 Electronic mail address, if the registrant has provided
2 this information.

3 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
4 precinct.

5 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
6 born.

7 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
8 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
9 naturalization.

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

11 Out of State address of

12 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

13 State of

14) ss.

15 County of

16 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
17 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall
18 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
19 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I am
20 not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States, that
21 I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois, and of
22 the election precinct, that I intend to return to the State of
23 Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

24

25 (His or her signature or mark)

26 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified to

1 administer oaths, on (insert date).

2

3 Signature of officer administering oath.

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

13 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.3)

15 Sec. 6-50.3. The board of election commissioners may
16 establish temporary places of registration for such times and
17 at such locations as the board may select. ~~However, no~~
18 ~~temporary place of registration may be in operation during the~~
19 ~~27 days preceding an election.~~ Notice of the time and place of
20 registration at any such temporary place of registration under
21 this Section shall be published by the board of election
22 commissioners in a newspaper having a general circulation in
23 the city, village or incorporated town not less than 3 nor more
24 than 15 days before the holding of such registration.

25 Temporary places of registration shall be established so

1 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the
2 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places of
3 private business or in public buildings or in mobile units.
4 Areas which may be designated as temporary places of
5 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities
6 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
7 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
8 the ID/DD Community Care Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes,
9 shopping centers, business districts, public buildings and
10 county fairs.

11 Temporary places of registration shall be available to the
12 public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000 population
13 or fraction thereof in the county.

14 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by
15 employees of the board of election commissioners or deputy
16 registrars appointed pursuant to Section 6-50.2.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
18 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

20 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
22 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
23 for change of address during the period from the close of
24 registration for a consolidated or general primary or election
25 ~~and~~ until and including the ~~3rd~~ day of a consolidated or

1 ~~general before the~~ primary or election, ~~except that during the~~
2 ~~2014 general election the period shall extend until the polls~~
3 ~~close on election day.~~ During the ~~this~~ grace periods ~~during~~
4 these elections ~~period~~, an unregistered qualified elector may
5 register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of
6 address form, in person in the office of the election
7 authority, at a permanent polling place established under
8 Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning 15
9 days prior to the election, at a precinct polling place, or at
10 a voter registration location specifically designated for this
11 purpose by the election authority. ~~During the 2014 general~~
12 ~~election, an unregistered qualified elector may register to~~
13 ~~vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address~~
14 ~~form, in person at any permanent polling place for early voting~~
15 ~~established pursuant to Section 19A-10 through election day.~~
16 The election authority shall register that individual, or
17 change a registered voter's address, in the same manner as
18 otherwise provided by this Article for registration and change
19 of address.

20 If a voter who registers or changes address during these
21 ~~this~~ grace periods ~~period~~ wishes to vote at the first election
22 or primary occurring after the grace period. The election
23 authority shall offer in-person grace period voting at the
24 authority's office and any permanent polling place established
25 under Section 19A-10 where grace period registration is
26 required by this Section; and may offer in-person grace period

1 voting at additional locations specifically designated for the
2 purpose of grace period voting by the election authority. The
3 election authority may allow grace period voting by mail only
4 if the election authority has no ballots prepared at the
5 authority's office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner
6 substantially similar to voting under Article 19A ~~19~~.

7 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
8 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
9 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
10 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
11 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
12 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
13 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
14 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
15 names and that information in an electronic format on its
16 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
17 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
18 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
19 list of persons to whom vote by mail ~~absentee~~ and early ballots
20 have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and
21 18-5.

22 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
23 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
24 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
25 who register or change address during the grace period must be
26 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central

1 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
2 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
3 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
4 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
5 the ballots were opened.

6 Election authorities may opt out of in-precinct
7 registration. If an election authority chooses to provide
8 in-precinct registration, the election authority must provide
9 an employee to conduct the registration.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
11 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/6-105)

13 Sec. 6-105. First time voting. A person must vote for the
14 first time in person and not by a vote by mail ~~mailed absentee~~
15 ballot if the person registered to vote by mail, unless the
16 person first provides the appropriate election authority with
17 sufficient proof of identity and the election authority
18 verifies the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of
19 identity shall be demonstrated by submission of the person's
20 driver's license number or State identification card number or,
21 if the person does not have either of those, verification by
22 the last 4 digits of the person's social security number, a
23 copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of
24 a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government
25 check, or other federal, State, or local government document

1 that shows the person's name and address. A person may also
2 demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a
3 photo identification issued by a college or university
4 accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or
5 lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the
6 applicant at his or her current residence address. Persons who
7 apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof
8 of identity to the election authority shall be notified by the
9 election authority that the registration has not been fully
10 completed and that the person remains ineligible to vote by
11 mail or in person until such proof is presented.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-15)

14 Sec. 7-15. At least 60 days prior to each general and
15 consolidated primary, the election authority shall provide
16 public notice, calculated to reach elderly and handicapped
17 voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids
18 under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
19 Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking
20 the ballot, procedures for voting by a vote by mail ~~absentee~~
21 ballot, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
22 At least 20 days before the general primary the county clerk of
23 each county, and not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before
24 the consolidated primary the election authority, shall prepare
25 in the manner provided in this Act, a notice of such primary

1 which notice shall state the time and place of holding the
2 primary, the hours during which the polls will be open, the
3 offices for which candidates will be nominated at such primary
4 and the political parties entitled to participate therein,
5 notwithstanding that no candidate of any such political party
6 may be entitled to have his name printed on the primary ballot.
7 Such notice shall also include the list of addresses of
8 precinct polling places for the consolidated primary unless
9 such list is separately published by the election authority not
10 less than 10 days before the consolidated primary.

11 In counties, municipalities, or towns having fewer than
12 500,000 inhabitants notice of the general primary shall be
13 published once in two or more newspapers published in the
14 county, municipality or town, as the case may be, or if there
15 is no such newspaper, then in any two or more newspapers
16 published in the county and having a general circulation
17 throughout the community.

18 In counties, municipalities, or towns having 500,000 or
19 more inhabitants notice of the general primary shall be
20 published at least 15 days prior to the primary by the same
21 authorities and in the same manner as notice of election for
22 general elections are required to be published in counties,
23 municipalities or towns of 500,000 or more inhabitants under
24 this Act.

25 Notice of the consolidated primary shall be published once
26 in one or more newspapers published in each political

1 subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such
2 newspaper, then published once in a local, community newspaper
3 having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in
4 a newspaper published in the county wherein the political
5 subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are
6 situated.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

9 Sec. 7-34. Pollwatchers in a primary election shall be
10 authorized in the following manner:

11 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to
12 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers must be
13 affiliated with the political party for which they are
14 pollwatching and must be a registered voter in Illinois.

15 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
16 pollwatchers per precinct. For Federal, State, county,
17 township, and municipal primary elections, the pollwatchers
18 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

19 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
20 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
21 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
22 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
23 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
24 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
25 election, shall be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per

1 precinct. For all primary elections, the pollwatcher must be
2 registered to vote in Illinois.

3 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
4 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
5 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
6 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
7 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
8 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
9 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
10 election authority at least 40 days before the primary
11 election. The pollwatchers must be registered to vote in
12 Illinois. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "State
13 nonpartisan civic organization" means any corporation,
14 unincorporated association, or organization that:

15 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
16 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
17 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
18 information and education, the protection of individual
19 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
20 elections;

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

23 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
24 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
25 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
26 without a current listed telephone number is not

1 sufficient).

2 (4) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
3 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
4 address of its organization or committee and the name and
5 address of its chairman with the proper election authority at
6 least 40 days before the primary election, shall be entitled to
7 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
8 registered to vote in Illinois.

9 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates for
10 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
11 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
12 resident of a county in which any part of the municipality is
13 situated shall be eligible to serve as a pollwatcher in any
14 polling place located within such municipality, provided that
15 such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the respective
16 requirements of subsections (1) through (4) of this Section and
17 is a registered voter whose residence is within Illinois.

18 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
19 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
20 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
21 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available
22 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
23 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile
24 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate
25 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the
26 chairman of the proponent or opponent group, as the case may

1 be.

2 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
3 following form:

4 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

5 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

6 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the
7 undersigned hereby appoints (name of pollwatcher)
8 at (address) in the county of,
9 (township or municipality) of (name),
10 State of Illinois and who is duly registered to vote from this
11 address, to act as a pollwatcher in the precinct of
12 the ward (if applicable) of the
13 (township or municipality) of at the
14 election to be held on (insert date).

15 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
16 TITLE (party official, candidate,
17 civic organization president,
18 proponent or opponent group chairman)

19 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
20 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
21 that he or she resides at (address) in the
22 county of, (township or municipality) of
23 (name), State of Illinois, and is duly registered to
24 vote in Illinois.

25

1 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
2 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

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

25 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality

1 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and
2 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
3 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
4 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
5 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and
6 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
7 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
8 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority
9 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed
10 forthwith from such polling place.

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

21 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
22 following form:

23 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

24 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

25 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I

1 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate
 2 for (name of office) and seek admittance to
 3 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
 4 (township or municipality) of at the election
 5 to be held on (insert date).

6
7 (Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
8	CANDIDATE SEEKS
9	NOMINATION OR
10	ELECTION

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

1 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
2 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
3 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
4 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
5 number, except that each candidate and each established or new
6 political party shall be permitted to have at least one
7 pollwatcher present.

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

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

20 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
21 supervised casting of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided
22 in Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-267, eff. 8-17-07.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-61) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-61)

25 Sec. 7-61. Whenever a special election is necessary the

1 provisions of this Article are applicable to the nomination of
2 candidates to be voted for at such special election.

3 In cases where a primary election is required the officer
4 or board or commission whose duty it is under the provisions of
5 this Act relating to general elections to call an election,
6 shall fix a date for the primary for the nomination of
7 candidates to be voted for at such special election. Notice of
8 such primary shall be given at least 15 days prior to the
9 maximum time provided for the filing of petitions for such a
10 primary as provided in Section 7-12.

11 Any vacancy in nomination under the provisions of this
12 Article 7 occurring on or after the primary and prior to
13 certification of candidates by the certifying board or officer,
14 must be filled prior to the date of certification. Any vacancy
15 in nomination occurring after certification but prior to 15
16 days before the general election shall be filled within 8 days
17 after the event creating the vacancy. The resolution filling
18 the vacancy shall be sent by U. S. mail or personal delivery to
19 the certifying officer or board within 3 days of the action by
20 which the vacancy was filled; provided, if such resolution is
21 sent by mail and the U. S. postmark on the envelope containing
22 such resolution is dated prior to the expiration of such 3 day
23 limit, the resolution shall be deemed filed within such 3 day
24 limit. Failure to so transmit the resolution within the time
25 specified in this Section shall authorize the certifying
26 officer or board to certify the original candidate. Vacancies

1 shall be filled by the officers of a local municipal or
2 township political party as specified in subsection (h) of
3 Section 7-8, other than a statewide political party, that is
4 established only within a municipality or township and the
5 managing committee (or legislative committee in case of a
6 candidate for State Senator or representative committee in the
7 case of a candidate for State Representative in the General
8 Assembly or State central committee in the case of a candidate
9 for statewide office, including but not limited to the office
10 of United States Senator) of the respective political party for
11 the territorial area in which such vacancy occurs.

12 The resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination shall be
13 duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take
14 acknowledgements of deeds and shall include, upon its face, the
15 following information:

16 (a) the name of the original nominee and the office
17 vacated;

18 (b) the date on which the vacancy occurred;

19 (c) the name and address of the nominee selected to fill
20 the vacancy and the date of selection.

21 The resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination shall be
22 accompanied by a Statement of Candidacy, as prescribed in
23 Section 7-10, completed by the selected nominee and a receipt
24 indicating that such nominee has filed a statement of economic
25 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

26 The provisions of Section 10-8 through 10-10.1 relating to

1 objections to certificates of nomination and nomination
2 papers, hearings on objections, and judicial review, shall
3 apply to and govern objections to resolutions for filling a
4 vacancy in nomination.

5 Any vacancy in nomination occurring 15 days or less before
6 the consolidated election or the general election shall not be
7 filled. In this event, the certification of the original
8 candidate shall stand and his name shall appear on the official
9 ballot to be voted at the general election.

10 A vacancy in nomination occurs when a candidate who has
11 been nominated under the provisions of this Article 7 dies
12 before the election (whether death occurs prior to, on or after
13 the day of the primary), or declines the nomination; provided
14 that nominations may become vacant for other reasons.

15 ~~If the name of no established political party candidate was~~
16 ~~printed on the consolidated primary ballot for a particular~~
17 ~~office and if no person was nominated as a write in candidate~~
18 ~~for such office, a vacancy in nomination shall be created which~~
19 ~~may be filled in accordance with the requirements of this~~
20 ~~Section. If the name of no established political party~~
21 ~~candidate was printed on the general primary ballot for a~~
22 ~~particular office and if no person was nominated as a write in~~
23 ~~candidate for such office, a vacancy in nomination shall be~~
24 ~~filled only by a person designated by the appropriate committee~~
25 ~~of the political party and only if that designated person files~~
26 ~~nominating petitions with the number of signatures required for~~

1 ~~an established party candidate for that office within 75 days~~
2 ~~after the day of the general primary. The circulation period~~
3 ~~for those petitions begins on the day the appropriate committee~~
4 ~~designates that person. The person shall file his or her~~
5 ~~nominating petitions, statements of candidacy, notice of~~
6 ~~appointment by the appropriate committee, and receipt of filing~~
7 ~~his or her statement of economic interests together. These~~
8 ~~documents shall be filed at the same location as provided in~~
9 ~~Section 7-12. The electoral boards having jurisdiction under~~
10 ~~Section 10-9 to hear and pass upon objections to nominating~~
11 ~~petitions also shall hear and pass upon objections to~~
12 ~~nomination petitions filed by candidates under this paragraph.~~

13 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a
14 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated
15 for his or her nomination at such primary election, is
16 ineligible to be listed on the ballot at that general or
17 consolidated election as a candidate of another political
18 party.

19 A candidate seeking election to an office for which
20 candidates of political parties are nominated by caucus who is
21 a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his or her
22 nomination at such caucus, is ineligible to be listed on the
23 ballot at that general or consolidated election as a candidate
24 of another political party.

25 In the proceedings to nominate a candidate to fill a
26 vacancy or to fill a vacancy in the nomination, each precinct,

1 township, ward, county or congressional district, as the case
2 may be, shall through its representative on such central or
3 managing committee, be entitled to one vote for each ballot
4 voted in such precinct, township, ward, county or congressional
5 district, as the case may be, by the primary electors of its
6 party at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting
7 at which such vacancy is to be filled.

8 For purposes of this Section, the words "certify" and
9 "certification" shall refer to the act of officially declaring
10 the names of candidates entitled to be printed upon the
11 official ballot at an election and directing election
12 authorities to place the names of such candidates upon the
13 official ballot. "Certifying officers or board" shall refer to
14 the local election official, election authority or the State
15 Board of Elections, as the case may be, with whom nomination
16 papers, including certificates of nomination and resolutions
17 to fill vacancies in nomination, are filed and whose duty it is
18 to "certify" candidates.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-809, eff. 1-1-10; 96-848, eff. 1-1-10.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/8-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-17)

21 Sec. 8-17. The death of any candidate prior to, or on, the
22 date of the primary shall not affect the canvass of the
23 ballots. If the result of such canvass discloses that such
24 candidate, if he had lived, would have been nominated, such
25 candidate shall be declared nominated.

1 In the event that a candidate of a party who has been
2 nominated under the provisions of this Article shall die before
3 election (whether death occurs prior to, or on, or after, the
4 date of the primary) or decline the nomination or should the
5 nomination for any other reason become vacant, the legislative
6 or representative committee of such party for such district
7 shall nominate a candidate of such party to fill such vacancy.
8 ~~However, if there was no candidate for the nomination of the~~
9 ~~party in the primary, no candidate of that party for that~~
10 ~~office may be listed on the ballot at the general election,~~
11 ~~unless the legislative or representative committee of the party~~
12 ~~nominates a candidate to fill the vacancy in nomination within~~
13 ~~75 days after the date of the general primary election.~~
14 Vacancies in nomination occurring under this Article shall be
15 filled by the appropriate legislative or representative
16 committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-61 of
17 this Code. In proceedings to fill the vacancy in nomination,
18 the voting strength of the members of the legislative or
19 representative committee shall be as provided in Section 8-6.
20 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/9-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-21)

22 Sec. 9-21. Upon receipt of a complaint as provided in
23 Section 9-20, the Board shall hold a closed preliminary hearing
24 to determine whether or not the complaint appears to have been
25 filed on justifiable grounds. Such closed preliminary hearing

1 shall be conducted as soon as practicable after affording
2 reasonable notice, a copy of the complaint, and an opportunity
3 to testify at such hearing to both the person making the
4 complaint and the person against whom the complaint is
5 directed. If the complaint is received between 31 and 15 days
6 before an election about which the complaint is filed, then the
7 Board shall, at a minimum, hold the closed preliminary hearing
8 and make the determination of whether the complaint was filed
9 upon justifiable grounds, prior to the election. If the Board
10 finds that the complaint was filed upon justifiable grounds and
11 determines that a public hearing is necessary, that hearing may
12 be set prior to the election if time permits. If time does not
13 so permit, the hearing shall take place as soon as practicable
14 after the election. The complaint must be personally served on
15 the respondent by the complainant and proof of service must be
16 included with the complaint filed with the Board. In addition,
17 the complaint must be accompanied by the \$50 filing fee. If the
18 complainant fails to personally serve the respondent and
19 provide proof, or fails to pay the filing fee, then the Board
20 shall not accept the complaint. Complaints involving any
21 conduct that relates to an upcoming election shall not be
22 accepted 14 or fewer business days before that election.
23 However, those complaints may be filed at any time after that
24 election. If the Board fails to determine that the complaint
25 has been filed on justifiable grounds, it shall dismiss the
26 complaint without further hearing. Any additional hearings

1 shall be open to the public.

2 Whenever the Board, in an open meeting, determines, after
3 affording due notice and an opportunity for a public hearing,
4 that any person has engaged or is about to engage in an act or
5 practice which constitutes or will constitute a violation of
6 any provision of this Article or any regulation or order issued
7 thereunder, the Board shall issue an order directing such
8 person to take such action as the Board determines may be
9 necessary in the public interest to correct the violation.
10 Except as provided above, the ~~In addition, if the act or~~
11 ~~practice engaged in consists of the failure to file any~~
12 ~~required report within the time prescribed by this Article, the~~
13 ~~Board, as part of its order, shall further provide that if,~~
14 ~~within the 12 month period following the issuance of the order,~~
15 ~~such person fails to file within the time prescribed by this~~
16 ~~Article any subsequent report as may be required, such person~~
17 ~~may be subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Section 9-23. The~~
18 Board shall render its final judgment within 60 days of the
19 date the complaint is filed; ~~except that during the 60 days~~
20 ~~preceding the date of the election in reference to which the~~
21 ~~complaint is filed, the Board shall render its final judgment~~
22 ~~within 7 days of the date the complaint is filed, and during~~
23 ~~the 7 days preceding such election, the Board shall render such~~
24 ~~judgment before the date of such election, if possible.~~

25 At any time prior to the issuance of the Board's final
26 judgment, the parties may dispose of the complaint by a written

1 stipulation, agreed settlement or consent order. Any such
2 stipulation, settlement or order shall, however, be submitted
3 in writing to the Board and shall become effective only if
4 approved by the Board in an open meeting. If the act or
5 practice complained of consists of the failure to file any
6 required report within the time prescribed by this Article,
7 such stipulation, settlement or order may provide that if,
8 within the 12-month period following the approval of such
9 stipulation, agreement or order, the person complained of fails
10 to file within the time prescribed by this Article any
11 subsequent reports as may be required, such person may be
12 subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Section 9-23.

13 Any person filing a complaint pursuant to Section 9-20 may,
14 upon written notice to the other parties and to the Board,
15 voluntarily withdraw the complaint at any time prior to the
16 issuance of the Board's final determination.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11.)

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

19 Sec. 10-7. Any person whose name has been presented as a
20 candidate, including nonpartisan and independent candidates,
21 may cause his name to be withdrawn from any such nomination by
22 his request in writing, signed by him and duly acknowledged
23 before an officer qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds,
24 and presented to the principal office or permanent branch
25 office of the Board, the election authority, or the local

1 election official, as the case may be, not later than the date
2 for certification of candidates for the ballot. No name so
3 withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballots under the party
4 appellation or title from which the candidate has withdrawn his
5 name. If such a request for withdrawal is received after the
6 date for certification of the candidates for the ballot, then
7 the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and
8 shall not be reported by the election authority. If the name of
9 the same person has been presented as a candidate for 2 or more
10 offices which are incompatible so that the same person could
11 not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that
12 person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such
13 offices within the 5 business days following the last day for
14 petition filing. If he fails to withdraw as a candidate for all
15 but one of such offices within such time, his name shall not be
16 certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any office. However,
17 nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding a
18 judge who is seeking retention in office from also being a
19 candidate for another judicial office. Except as otherwise
20 herein provided, in case the certificate of nomination or
21 petition as provided for in this Article shall contain or
22 exhibit the name of any candidate for any office upon more than
23 one of said certificates or petitions (for the same office),
24 then and in that case the Board or election authority or local
25 election official, as the case may be, shall immediately notify
26 said candidate of said fact and that his name appears

1 unlawfully upon more than one of said certificates or petitions
2 and that within 3 days from the receipt of said notification,
3 said candidate must elect as to which of said political party
4 appellations or groups he desires his name to appear and remain
5 under upon said ballot, and if said candidate refuses, fails or
6 neglects to make such election, then and in that case the Board
7 or election authority or local election official, as the case
8 may be, shall permit the name of said candidate to appear or be
9 printed or placed upon said ballot only under the political
10 party appellation or group appearing on the certificate of
11 nomination or petition, as the case may be, first filed, and
12 shall strike or cause to be stricken the name of said candidate
13 from all certificates of nomination and petitions filed after
14 the first such certificate of nomination or petition.

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

25 Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office
26 is withdrawn or an independent candidate's petition is declared

1 invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no
2 vacancy in nomination for that office shall exist and the
3 filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill a vacancy
4 in nomination shall have no legal effect.

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when
6 presented or filed shall be open, under proper regulation, to
7 public inspection, and the State Board of Elections and the
8 several election authorities and local election officials
9 having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in
10 their respective offices not less than 6 months.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.1)

13 Sec. 11-4.1. (a) In appointing polling places under this
14 Article, the county board or board of election commissioners
15 shall, insofar as they are convenient and available, use
16 schools and other public buildings as polling places.

17 (b) Upon request of the county board or board of election
18 commissioners, the proper agency of government (including
19 school districts and units of local government) shall make a
20 public building under its control available for use as a
21 polling place on an election day and for a reasonably necessary
22 time before and after election day, without charge. If the
23 county board or board of election commissioners chooses a
24 school to be a polling place, then the school district must
25 make the school available for use as a polling place. However,

1 for the day of the election, a school district is encouraged to
2 (i) close the school or (ii) hold a teachers institute on that
3 day with students not in attendance.

4 (c) A government agency which makes a public building under
5 its control available for use as a polling place shall (i)
6 ensure the portion of the building to be used as the polling
7 place is accessible to handicapped and elderly voters and (ii)
8 allow the election authority to administer the election as
9 authorized under this Code.

10 (d) If a qualified elector's precinct polling place is a
11 school and the elector will be unable to enter that polling
12 place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
13 2012 because the elector is a child sex offender as defined in
14 Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that elector may
15 vote by a vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in accordance with
16 Article 19 of this Code or may vote early in accordance with
17 Article 19A of this Code.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-773, eff. 7-18-14.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/11-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-7)

20 Sec. 11-7. For the purpose of the conduct of any
21 consolidated election, consolidated primary election, special
22 municipal primary election or emergency referendum, an
23 election authority may cluster up to four contiguous precincts
24 as provided in this Section, which shall constitute a clustered
25 voting zone. The common polling place for the clustered voting

1 zone shall be located within the territory comprising the
2 clustered precincts. Unless the election authority specifies a
3 larger number, only one election judge shall be appointed for
4 each of the precincts in each clustered voting zone.

5 The judges so appointed may not all be affiliated with the
6 same political party.

7 The conduct of an election in a clustered voting zone shall
8 be under the general supervision of all the judges of election
9 designated to serve in the clustered voting zone. The
10 designated judges may perform the duties of election judges for
11 the entire clustered voting zone. However, the requirements of
12 Section 17-14 shall apply to voter assistance, the requirements
13 of Section 24-10 shall apply to voter instruction, the
14 requirement of Section 24A-10 shall apply to examination of
15 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots, and any disputes as to
16 entitlement to vote, challenges, counting of ballots or other
17 matters pertaining directly to voting shall be decided by those
18 designated judges appointed for the precinct in which the
19 affected voter resides or the disputed vote is to be counted.

20 This Section does not apply to any elections in
21 municipalities with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/12-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 12-1)

24 Sec. 12-1. At least 60 days prior to each general and
25 consolidated election, the election authority shall provide

1 public notice, calculated to reach elderly and handicapped
2 voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids
3 under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
4 Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking
5 the ballot, procedures for voting by vote by mail ~~absentee~~
6 ballot, and procedures for voting early by personal appearance.

7 At least 30 days before any general election, and at least
8 20 days before any special congressional election, the county
9 clerk shall publish a notice of the election in 2 or more
10 newspapers published in the county, city, village,
11 incorporated town or town, as the case may be, or if there is
12 no such newspaper, then in any 2 or more newspapers published
13 in the county and having a general circulation throughout the
14 community. The notice may be substantially as follows:

15 Notice is hereby given that on (give date), at (give the
16 place of holding the election and the name of the precinct or
17 district) in the county of (name county), an election will be
18 held for (give the title of the several offices to be filled),
19 which election will be open at 6:00 a.m. and continued open
20 until 7:00 p.m. of that day.

21 Dated at on (insert date).

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

23 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

24 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization, the
25 county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July in

1 each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5
2 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of
3 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting
4 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems
5 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
6 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable
7 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general
8 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered
9 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team
10 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election
11 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
12 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
13 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
14 vote after the closing of the polls. However, the County Board
15 of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in
16 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this
17 Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
18 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
19 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
20 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
21 nominate candidates for such purpose. The tally judges shall
22 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the
23 same manner and with the same division between political
24 parties as is provided for judges of election.

25 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of
26 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,

1 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be
2 appointed in the same manner and with the same division between
3 political parties as is provided for other judges of election.
4 The number of such panels of judges required shall be
5 determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections which
6 shall base the required numbers of special panels on the number
7 of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of vote
8 by mail and early ~~absentee~~ ballots voted at recent elections,
9 or any combination of such factors.

10 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as
11 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3
12 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges
13 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The
14 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county
15 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as
16 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified
17 list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central Committee
18 of the first leading political party in such precinct; and the
19 county board of commissioners shall also select and approve 2
20 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from a
21 certified list, furnished by the chairman of the County Central
22 Committee of the second leading political party. However, if
23 only 3 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no
24 more than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges
25 of election in the same election precinct; and which political
26 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political

1 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined
2 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding
3 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.
4 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not
5 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board
6 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to
7 precincts. The chairman of each county central committee shall,
8 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the
9 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,
10 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside
11 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the
12 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit
13 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each
14 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit
15 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each
16 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county
17 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
18 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such
19 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
20 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,
21 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for
22 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners
23 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
24 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The
25 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their
26 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in

1 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of
2 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge
3 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

6 Sec. 13-2. Appointment of election judges in counties
7 having a population of less than 3,000,000. In counties under
8 the township organization the county board shall at its meeting
9 in July in each even-numbered year except in counties
10 containing a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and
11 except when such judges are appointed by election
12 commissioners, select in each election precinct in the county,
13 5 capable and discreet persons to be judges of election who
14 shall possess the qualifications required by this Act for such
15 judges. Where neither voting machines nor electronic,
16 mechanical or electric voting systems are used, the county
17 board may, for any precinct with respect to which the board
18 considers such action necessary or desirable in view of the
19 number of voters, and shall for general elections for any
20 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in
21 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.
22 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the
23 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally
24 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated
25 pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the

1 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same
2 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and
3 with the same division between political parties as is provided
4 for judges of election.

5 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election
6 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required
7 by this Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
8 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
9 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
10 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
11 nominate candidates for such purpose.

12 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall
13 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
14 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
15 and with the same division between political parties as is
16 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
17 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of
18 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
19 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
20 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail and early
21 ~~absentee~~ ballots voted at recent elections or any combination
22 of such factors.

23 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
24 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
25 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various
26 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The

1 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges
2 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the
3 chairman of the County Central Committee of the first leading
4 political party in such election precinct and shall also select
5 and approve 2 judges of election in each election precinct from
6 a certified list furnished by the chairman of the County
7 Central Committee of the second leading political party in such
8 election precinct. However, if only 3 judges of election serve
9 in each election precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same
10 political party shall be judges of election in the same
11 election precinct; and which political party is entitled to 2
12 judges of election and which political party is entitled to one
13 judge of election shall be determined in the same manner as set
14 forth in the next two preceding sentences with regard to 5
15 election judges in each precinct. The respective County Central
16 Committee chairman shall notify the county board by June 1 of
17 each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the annual
18 meeting of the county board whether or not such certified list
19 will be filed by such chairman. Such list shall be arranged
20 according to precincts. The chairman of each county central
21 committee shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside
22 within the precinct in which they are to serve as judges.
23 However, he may, in his sole discretion, submit the names of
24 persons who reside outside the precinct but within the county
25 embracing the precinct in which they are to serve. He must,
26 however, submit the names of at least 2 residents of the

1 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 3
2 judges and must submit the name of at least one resident of the
3 precinct for each precinct in which his party is to have 2
4 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be filed with the
5 county clerk not less than 20 days before the annual meeting of
6 the county board. The county board shall acknowledge in writing
7 to each county chairman the names of all persons submitted on
8 such certified list and the total number of persons listed
9 thereon. If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete
10 (that is, no names or an insufficient number of names are
11 furnished for certain election precincts), the county board
12 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
13 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided,
14 further, that in any case where a township has been or shall be
15 redistricted, in whole or in part, subsequent to one general
16 election for Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of
17 election to be selected for all new or altered precincts shall
18 be selected in that one of the methods above detailed, which
19 shall be applicable according to the facts and circumstances of
20 the particular case, but the majority of such judges for each
21 such precinct shall be selected from the first leading
22 political party, and the minority judges from the second
23 leading political party. ~~Provided, further, that in counties~~
24 ~~having a population of 1,000,000 inhabitants or over the~~
25 ~~selection of judges of election shall be made in the same~~
26 ~~manner in all respects as in other counties, except that the~~

1 ~~provisions relating to tally judges are inapplicable to such~~
2 ~~counties and except that the county board shall meet during the~~
3 ~~month of January for the purpose of making such selection and~~
4 ~~the chairman of each county central committee shall notify the~~
5 ~~county board by the preceding October 1 whether or not the~~
6 ~~certified list will be filed.~~ Such judges of election shall
7 hold their office for 2 years from their appointment and until
8 their successors are duly appointed in the manner provided in
9 this Act. The county board shall fill all vacancies in the
10 office of judges of elections at any time in the manner herein
11 provided.

12 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
13 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/13-3.5 new)

16 Sec. 13-3.5. Appointment of election judges in counties
17 having a population of more than 3,000,000. In counties under
18 the township organization the county board shall at its meeting
19 in January in each even-numbered year with a population of
20 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges are
21 appointed by election commissioners, select in each election
22 precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet persons to be
23 judges of election who shall possess the qualifications
24 required by this Act for such judges. Where neither voting
25 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems

1 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
2 to which the board considers such action necessary or desirable
3 in view of the number of voters, and shall for general
4 elections for any precinct containing more than 600 registered
5 voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of election a team
6 of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges of election
7 shall preside over the election during the hours the polls are
8 open, and the tally judges, with the assistance of the holdover
9 judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2, shall count the
10 vote after the closing of the polls. The tally judges shall
11 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the
12 same manner and with the same division between political
13 parties as is provided for judges of election.

14 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election
15 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required
16 by this Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
17 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
18 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
19 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
20 nominate candidates for such purpose.

21 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board shall
22 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
23 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
24 and with the same division between political parties as is
25 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
26 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulations of

1 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
2 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
3 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail and early
4 ballots voted at recent elections or any combination of such
5 factors.

6 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
7 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
8 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the various
9 election precincts shall be made in the following manner: The
10 county board shall select and approve 3 of the election judges
11 in each precinct from a certified list furnished by the
12 township committeeperson precinct from a certified list
13 furnished by the township committeeperson of the second leading
14 political party in such election precinct. However, if only 3
15 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no more
16 than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges of
17 election in the same election precinct; and which political
18 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political
19 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined
20 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding
21 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.
22 The respective township committeeperson shall notify the
23 county board by October 1 of each odd-numbered year immediately
24 preceding the annual meeting of the county board whether or not
25 such certified list will be filed by such township
26 committeeperson. Such list shall be arranged according to

1 precincts. The township committeeperson of each township
2 shall, insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the
3 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,
4 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside
5 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the
6 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit
7 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each
8 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit
9 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each
10 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. Such certified
11 list, if filed, shall be filed with the county clerk not less
12 than 20 days before the annual meeting of the county board. The
13 county board shall acknowledge in writing to each township
14 committeeperson the names of all persons submitted on such
15 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
16 If no such list is filed or the list is incomplete (that is, no
17 names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for
18 certain election precincts), the county board shall make or
19 complete such list from the names contained in the supplemental
20 list provided for in Section 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in
21 any case where a township has been or shall be redistricted, in
22 whole or in part, subsequent to one general election for
23 Governor, and prior to the next, the judges of election to be
24 selected for all new or altered precincts shall be selected in
25 that one of the methods above detailed, which shall be
26 applicable according to the facts and circumstances of the

1 particular case, but the majority of such judges for each such
2 precinct shall be selected from the first leading political
3 party, and the minority judges from the second leading
4 political party. Such judges of election shall hold their
5 office for 2 years from their appointment and until their
6 successors are duly appointed in the manner provided in this
7 Act. The county board shall fill all vacancies in the office of
8 judges of elections at any time in the manner herein provided.

9 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
10 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

11 (10 ILCS 5/13-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-10)

12 Sec. 13-10. The compensation of the judges of all primaries
13 and all elections, except judges supervising vote by mail
14 ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided in Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in
15 counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants shall be fixed by the
16 respective county boards or boards of election commissioners in
17 all counties and municipalities, but in no case shall such
18 compensation be less than \$35 per day. The compensation of
19 judges of all primaries and all elections not under the
20 jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges supervising
21 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ balloting as provided in Section 19-12.2
22 of this Act, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or
23 more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The compensation of
24 judges of all primaries and all elections under the
25 jurisdiction of the county clerk, except judges supervising

1 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ balloting as provided in Section 19-12.2
2 of this Act, in counties having a population of 2,000,000 or
3 more shall be not less than \$60 per day. The compensation of
4 judges of all primaries and all elections, except judges
5 supervising vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided in
6 Section 19-12.2 of this Act, in counties having a population of
7 at least 600,000 but less than 2,000,000 inhabitants shall be
8 not less than \$45 per day as fixed by the county board of
9 election commissioners of each such county. In addition to
10 their per day compensation and notwithstanding the limitations
11 thereon stated herein, the judges of election, in all counties
12 with a population of less than 600,000, shall be paid \$3 each
13 for each 100 voters or portion thereof, in excess of 200 voters
14 voting for candidates in the election district or precinct
15 wherein the judge is serving, whether a primary or an election
16 is being held. However, no such extra compensation shall be
17 paid to the judges of election in any precinct in which no
18 paper ballots are counted by such judges of election. The 2
19 judges of election in counties having a population of less than
20 600,000 who deliver the returns to the county clerk shall each
21 be allowed and paid a sum to be determined by the election
22 authority for such services and an additional sum per mile to
23 be determined by the election authority for every mile
24 necessarily travelled in going to and returning from the office
25 or place to which they deliver the returns. The compensation
26 for mileage shall be consistent with current rates paid for

1 mileage to employees of the county.

2 However, all judges who have been certified by the County
3 Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners as having
4 satisfactorily completed, within the 2 years preceding the day
5 of election, the training course for judges of election, as
6 provided in Sections 13-2.1, 13-2.2 and 14-4.1 of this Act,
7 shall receive additional compensation of not less than \$10 per
8 day in counties of less than 600,000 inhabitants, the
9 additional compensation of not less than \$10 per day in
10 counties having a population of at least 600,000 but less than
11 2,000,000 inhabitants as fixed by the county board of election
12 commissioners of each such county, and additional compensation
13 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
14 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections not under the
15 jurisdiction of the county clerk, and additional compensation
16 of not less than \$20 per day in counties having a population of
17 2,000,000 or more for primaries and elections under the
18 jurisdiction of the county clerk.

19 In precincts in which there are tally judges, the
20 compensation of the tally judges shall be 2/3 of that of the
21 judges of election and each holdover judge shall be paid the
22 compensation of a judge of election plus that of a tally judge.

23 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
24 1998, the portion of an election judge's daily compensation
25 reimbursed by the State Board of Elections is increased by \$15.
26 The increase provided by this amendatory Act of 1998 must be

1 used to increase each judge's compensation and may not be used
2 by the county to reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

3 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
4 the 95th General Assembly, the portion of an election judge's
5 daily compensation reimbursement by the State Board of
6 Elections is increased by an additional \$20. The increase
7 provided by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly
8 must be used to increase each judge's compensation and may not
9 be used by the election authority or election jurisdiction to
10 reduce its portion of a judge's compensation.

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

12 (10 ILCS 5/14-3.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-3.1)

13 Sec. 14-3.1. Boards of election commissioners in election
14 jurisdictions other than municipalities with a population of
15 more than 500,000. The board of election commissioners shall,
16 during the month of July of each even-numbered year, select for
17 each election precinct within the jurisdiction of the board 5
18 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the
19 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. The
20 selection shall be made by a county board of election
21 commissioners in the following manner: the county board of
22 election commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as
23 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified
24 list furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
25 of the first leading political party in that precinct; the

1 county board of election commissioners also shall select and
2 approve 2 persons as judges of election in each election
3 precinct from a certified list furnished by the chairman of the
4 county central committee of the second leading political party
5 in that precinct. The selection by a municipal board of
6 election commissioners shall be made in the following manner:
7 for each precinct, 3 judges shall be selected from one of the 2
8 leading political parties and the other 2 judges shall be
9 selected from the other leading political party; the parties
10 entitled to 3 and 2 judges, respectively, in the several
11 precincts shall be determined as provided in Section 14-4.
12 However, a Board of Election Commissioners may appoint three
13 judges of election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election
14 otherwise required by this Section to serve in any emergency
15 referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any
16 special primary or special election called for the purpose of
17 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the United
18 States Congress or to nominate candidates for such purpose.

19 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election
20 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party
21 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and
22 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
23 which political party is entitled to one judge of election
24 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county
25 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges
26 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of

1 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each
2 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such
3 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall
4 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
5 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
6 and with the same division between political parties as is
7 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
8 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of
9 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
10 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
11 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail or early
12 ~~absentee~~ ballots voted at recent elections or any combination
13 of such factors. A municipal board of election commissioners
14 shall make the selections of persons qualified under Section
15 14-1 from certified lists furnished by the chairman of the
16 respective county central committees of the 2 leading political
17 parties. Lists furnished by chairmen of county central
18 committees under this Section shall be arranged according to
19 precincts. The chairman of each county central committee shall,
20 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the
21 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,
22 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside
23 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the
24 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit
25 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each
26 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit

1 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each
2 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The board of
3 election commissioners shall no later than March 1 of each
4 even-numbered year notify the chairmen of the respective county
5 central committees of their responsibility to furnish such
6 lists, and each such chairman shall furnish the board of
7 election commissioners with the list for his party on or before
8 May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of election
9 commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each county
10 chairman the names of all persons submitted on such certified
11 list and the total number of persons listed thereon. If no such
12 list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient number of
13 names are furnished for certain precincts, the board of
14 election commissioners shall make or complete such list from
15 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in
16 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for
17 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are
18 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of
19 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of
20 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
21 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

22 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
23 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

1 Sec. 14-3.1A. Boards of election commissioners in
2 municipalities with a population of more than 500,000. The
3 board of election commissioners shall, during the month of July
4 of each even-numbered year, select for each election precinct
5 within the jurisdiction of the board 5 persons to be judges of
6 election who shall possess the qualifications required by this
7 Act for such judges. The selection shall be made by a county
8 board of election commissioners in the following manner: the
9 county board of election commissioners shall select and approve
10 3 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from
11 a certified list furnished by the ward committeeperson for each
12 ward in the municipality of the first leading political party
13 in that precinct; the county board of election commissioners
14 also shall select and approve 2 persons as judges of election
15 in each election precinct from a certified list furnished by
16 the ward committeeperson for each ward in the municipality of
17 the second leading political party in that precinct. The
18 selection by a municipal board of election commissioners shall
19 be made in the following manner: for each precinct, 3 judges
20 shall be selected from one of the 2 leading political parties
21 and the other 2 judges shall be selected from the other leading
22 political party; the parties entitled to 3 and 2 judges,
23 respectively, in the several precincts shall be determined as
24 provided in Section 14-4. However, a Board of Election
25 Commissioners may appoint three judges of election to serve in
26 lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required by this

1 Section to serve in any emergency referendum, or in any
2 odd-year regular election or in any special primary or special
3 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the
4 office of representative in the United States Congress or to
5 nominate candidates for such purpose.

6 If only 3 judges of election serve in each election
7 precinct, no more than 2 persons of the same political party
8 shall be judges of election in the same election precinct, and
9 which political party is entitled to 2 judges of election and
10 which political party is entitled to one judge of election
11 shall be determined as set forth in this Section for a county
12 board of election commissioners' selection of 5 election judges
13 in each precinct or in Section 14-4 for a municipal board of
14 election commissioners' selection of election judges in each
15 precinct, whichever is appropriate. In addition to such
16 precinct judges, the board of election commissioners shall
17 appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall possess the
18 same qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner
19 and with the same division between political parties as is
20 provided for other judges of election. The number of such
21 panels of judges required shall be determined by regulation of
22 the State Board of Elections, which shall base the required
23 number of special panels on the number of registered voters in
24 the jurisdiction or the number of vote by mail or early ballots
25 voted at recent elections or any combination of such factors. A
26 municipal board of election commissioners shall make the

1 selections of persons qualified under Section 14-1 from
2 certified lists furnished by the ward committeeperson of the
3 respective ward, or the ward committeeperson in a municipality
4 with more than 500,000 inhabitants, of the 2 leading political
5 parties. Lists furnished by ward committeepersons under this
6 Section shall be arranged according to precincts. The ward
7 committeepersons shall, insofar as possible, list persons who
8 reside within the precinct in which they are to serve as
9 judges. However, he or she may, in his or her sole discretion,
10 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct but
11 within the county embracing the precinct in which they are to
12 serve. He or she must, however, submit the names of at least 2
13 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
14 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one
15 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party
16 is to have 2 judges. The board of election commissioners shall
17 no later than March 1 of each even-numbered year notify the
18 ward committeepersons of their responsibility to furnish such
19 lists, and each such ward committeeperson shall furnish the
20 board of election commissioners with the list for his party on
21 or before May 1 of each even-numbered year. The board of
22 election commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
23 county chairman the names of all persons submitted on such
24 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
25 If no such list is furnished or if no names or an insufficient
26 number of names are furnished for certain precincts, the board

1 of election commissioners shall make or complete such list from
2 the names contained in the supplemental list provided for in
3 Section 14-3.2. Judges of election shall hold their office for
4 2 years from their appointment and until their successors are
5 duly appointed in the manner herein provided. The board of
6 election commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of
7 Section 14-3.2, fill all vacancies in the office of judges of
8 election at any time in the manner herein provided.

9 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
10 the court as provided in Section 14-5.

11 (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-5.01)

12 Sec. 16-5.01. (a) The election authority shall, at least 46
13 days prior to the date of any election at which federal
14 officers are elected and 45 days prior to any other regular
15 election, have a sufficient number of ballots printed so that
16 such ballots will be available for mailing 45 days prior to the
17 date of the election to persons who have filed application for
18 a ballot under the provisions of Article 20 of this Act.

19 (b) If at any election at which federal offices are elected
20 or nominated the election authority is unable to comply with
21 the provisions of subsection (a), the election authority shall
22 mail to each such person, in lieu of the ballot, a Special
23 Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot. The
24 Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot
25 shall be used at all elections at which federal officers are

1 elected or nominated and shall be prepared by the election
2 authority in substantially the following form:

3 Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot

4 (To vote for a person, write the title of the office and
5 his or her name on the lines provided. Place to the left of and
6 opposite the title of office a square and place a cross (X) in
7 the square.)

8 Title of Office Name of Candidate

9 ()

10 ()

11 ()

12 ()

13 ()

14 ()

15 The election authority shall send with the Special Write-in
16 Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Voter's Blank Ballot a list of all
17 referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote and all
18 candidates for whom nomination papers have been filed and for
19 whom the voter is qualified to vote. The voter shall be
20 entitled to write in the name of any candidate seeking election
21 and any referenda for which he or she is entitled to vote.

22 On the back or outside of the ballot, so as to appear when
23 folded, shall be printed the words "Official Ballot", the date
24 of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the
25 election authority who has caused the ballot to be printed.

26 The provisions of Article 20, insofar as they may be

1 applicable to the Special Write-in Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~
2 Voter's Blank Ballot, shall be applicable herein.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code or other law
4 to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality may
5 adopt, upon submission of a written statement by the
6 municipality's election authority attesting to the
7 administrative ability of the election authority to administer
8 an election using a ranked ballot to the municipality's
9 governing body, an ordinance requiring, and that
10 municipality's election authority shall prepare, a ranked vote
11 by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot for municipal and township office
12 candidates to be voted on in the consolidated election. This
13 ranked ballot shall be for use only by a qualified voter who
14 either is a member of the United States military or will be
15 outside of the United States on the consolidated primary
16 election day and the consolidated election day. The ranked
17 ballot shall contain a list of the titles of all municipal and
18 township offices potentially contested at both the
19 consolidated primary election and the consolidated election
20 and the candidates for each office and shall permit the elector
21 to vote in the consolidated election by indicating his or her
22 order of preference for each candidate for each office. To
23 indicate his or her order of preference for each candidate for
24 each office, the voter shall put the number one next to the
25 name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the
26 number 2 for his or her second choice, and so forth so that, in

1 consecutive numerical order, a number indicating the voter's
2 preference is written by the voter next to each candidate's
3 name on the ranked ballot. The voter shall not be required to
4 indicate his or her preference for more than one candidate on
5 the ranked ballot. The voter may not cast a write-in vote using
6 the ranked ballot for the consolidated election. The election
7 authority shall, if using the ranked vote by mail ~~absentee~~
8 ballot authorized by this subsection, also prepare
9 instructions for use of the ranked ballot. The ranked ballot
10 for the consolidated election shall be mailed to the voter at
11 the same time that the ballot for the consolidated primary
12 election is mailed to the voter and the election authority
13 shall accept the completed ranked ballot for the consolidated
14 election when the authority accepts the completed ballot for
15 the consolidated primary election.

16 The voter shall also be sent a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
17 ballot for the consolidated election for those races that are
18 not related to the results of the consolidated primary election
19 as soon as the consolidated election ballot is certified.

20 The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules for election
21 authorities for the implementation of this subsection,
22 including but not limited to the application for and counting
23 of ranked ballots.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11; 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

1 Sec. 17-8. The county clerk shall provide in each polling
2 place, so designated or provided a sufficient number of booths,
3 which shall be provided with such supplies and conveniences,
4 including shelves, pens, penholders, ink, blotters and
5 pencils, as will enable the voter to prepare his ballot for
6 voting, and in which voters may prepare their ballots screened
7 from all observation as to the manner in which they do so. They
8 shall be within plain view of election officers, and both they
9 and the ballot boxes shall be within plain view of those within
10 the proximity of the voting booths. Each of said booths shall
11 have 3 sides enclosed, one side in front, to be closed with a
12 curtain. Each side of each booth shall be 6 feet 4 inches and
13 the curtain shall extend within 2 feet of the floor, which
14 shall be closed while the voter is preparing his ballot. Each
15 booth shall be at least 32 inches square and shall contain a
16 shelf at least one foot wide, at a convenient height for
17 writing. No person other than the election officers and the
18 challengers allowed by law, and those admitted for the purpose
19 of voting as herein provided, shall be permitted within the
20 proximity of the voting booths, (i) except by authority of the
21 election officers to keep order and enforce the law and (ii)
22 except that one or more children under the age of 18 may
23 accompany their parent or guardian into the voting booth as
24 long as a request to do so is made to the election officers
25 and, in the sole discretion of the election officers, the child
26 or children are not likely to disrupt or interfere with the

1 voting process or influence the casting of a vote. The number
2 of such voting booths shall not be less than one to every 75
3 voters or fraction thereof who voted at the last preceding
4 election in the precinct. The expense of providing booths and
5 other things required in this Act shall be paid in the same
6 manner as other election expenses.

7 Where electronic voting systems are used, a booth with a
8 self-contained electronic voting device may be used. Each such
9 booth shall have 3 sides enclosed and shall be equipped with a
10 curtain for closing the front of the booth. The curtain must
11 extend to within 2 feet of the floor. Each side shall be of
12 such a height, in no event less than 5 feet, one inch, as to
13 insure the secrecy of the voter. Each booth shall be at least
14 32 inches square, provided, however, that where a booth is no
15 more than 23 inches wide and the sides of such booth extend
16 from a point below the device to a height of 5 feet, one inch,
17 at the front of the booth, and such booth insures that voters
18 may prepare their ballots in secrecy, such booth may be used.
19 If an election authority provides each polling place with
20 stickers or emblems to be given to voters indicating that the
21 person has voted, no person who has voted shall be denied such
22 sticker or emblem.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-288, eff. 1-1-06.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/17-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-9)

25 Sec. 17-9. Any person desiring to vote shall give his name

1 and, if required to do so, his residence to the judges of
2 election, one of whom shall thereupon announce the same in a
3 loud and distinct tone of voice, clear, and audible; the judges
4 of elections shall check each application for ballot against
5 the list of voters registered in that precinct to whom grace
6 period, vote by mail ~~absentee~~, or early ballots have been
7 issued for that election, which shall be provided by the
8 election authority and which list shall be available for
9 inspection by pollwatchers. A voter applying to vote in the
10 precinct on election day whose name appears on the list as
11 having been issued a grace period, vote by mail ~~absentee~~, or
12 early ballot shall not be permitted to vote in the precinct,
13 except that a voter to whom a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot
14 was issued may vote in the precinct if the voter submits to the
15 election judges that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot for
16 cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the vote by mail
17 ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit
18 to the election judges (i) a portion of the vote by mail
19 ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot was torn or
20 mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the election
21 judges specifying that (A) the voter never received a vote by
22 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned
23 a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and was informed that the
24 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ~~absentee~~
25 ballot. All applicable provisions of Articles 4, 5 or 6 shall
26 be complied with and if such name is found on the register of

1 voters by the officer having charge thereof, he shall likewise
2 repeat said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter
3 within the proximity of the voting booths, as above provided.
4 One of the judges shall give the voter one, and only one of
5 each ballot to be voted at the election, on the back of which
6 ballots such judge shall indorse his initials in such manner
7 that they may be seen when each such ballot is properly folded,
8 and the voter's name shall be immediately checked on the
9 register list. In those election jurisdictions where
10 perforated ballot cards are utilized of the type on which
11 write-in votes can be cast above the perforation, the election
12 authority shall provide a space both above and below the
13 perforation for the judge's initials, and the judge shall
14 endorse his or her initials in both spaces. Whenever a proposal
15 for a constitutional amendment or for the calling of a
16 constitutional convention is to be voted upon at the election,
17 the separate blue ballot or ballots pertaining thereto shall,
18 when being handed to the voter, be placed on top of the other
19 ballots to be voted at the election in such manner that the
20 legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed in Section
21 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the voter. At all
22 elections, when a registry may be required, if the name of any
23 person so desiring to vote at such election is not found on the
24 register of voters, he or she shall not receive a ballot until
25 he or she shall have complied with the law prescribing the
26 manner and conditions of voting by unregistered voters. If any

1 person desiring to vote at any election shall be challenged, he
 2 or she shall not receive a ballot until he or she shall have
 3 established his right to vote in the manner provided
 4 hereinafter; and if he or she shall be challenged after he has
 5 received his ballot, he shall not be permitted to vote until he
 6 or she has fully complied with such requirements of the law
 7 upon being challenged. Besides the election officer, not more
 8 than 2 voters in excess of the whole number of voting booths
 9 provided shall be allowed within the proximity of the voting
 10 booths at one time. The provisions of this Act, so far as they
 11 require the registration of voters as a condition to their
 12 being allowed to vote shall not apply to persons otherwise
 13 entitled to vote, who are, at the time of the election, or at
 14 any time within 60 days prior to such election have been
 15 engaged in the military or naval service of the United States,
 16 and who appear personally at the polling place on election day
 17 and produce to the judges of election satisfactory evidence
 18 thereof, but such persons, if otherwise qualified to vote,
 19 shall be permitted to vote at such election without previous
 20 registration.

21 All such persons shall also make an affidavit which shall
 22 be in substantially the following form:

23 State of Illinois,)
 24) ss.
 25 County of)
 26 Precinct Ward

1 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen
 2 of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, and that
 3 within the past 60 days prior to the date of this election at
 4 which I am applying to vote, I have been engaged in the
 5 (military or naval) service of the United States; and I am
 6 qualified to vote under and by virtue of the Constitution and
 7 laws of the State of Illinois, and that I am a legally
 8 qualified voter of this precinct and ward except that I have,
 9 because of such service, been unable to register as a voter;
 10 that I now reside at (insert street and number, if any) in
 11 this precinct and ward; that I have maintained a legal
 12 residence in this precinct and ward for 30 days and in this
 13 State 30 days next preceding this election.

14
 15 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).
 16
 17 Judge of Election.

18 The affidavit of any such person shall be supported by the
 19 affidavit of a resident and qualified voter of any such
 20 precinct and ward, which affidavit shall be in substantially
 21 the following form:
 22 State of Illinois,)
 23) ss.
 24 County of)
 25 Precinct Ward

1 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I am a
 2 resident of this precinct and ward and entitled to vote at this
 3 election; that I am acquainted with (name of the
 4 applicant); that I verily believe him to be an actual bona fide
 5 resident of this precinct and ward and that I verily believe
 6 that he or she has maintained a legal residence therein 30 days
 7 and in this State 30 days next preceding this election.

8
 9 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).
 10
 11 Judge of Election.

12 All affidavits made under the provisions of this Section
 13 shall be enclosed in a separate envelope securely sealed, and
 14 shall be transmitted with the returns of the elections to the
 15 county clerk or to the board of election commissioners, who
 16 shall preserve the said affidavits for the period of 6 months,
 17 during which period such affidavits shall be deemed public
 18 records and shall be freely open to examination as such.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/17-18.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-18.1)

21 Sec. 17-18.1. Wherever the judicial retention ballot to be
 22 used in any general election contains the names of more than 15
 23 judges on a separate paper ballot, the County Clerk or Board of
 24 Election Commissioners as the case may be, shall designate

1 special judges of election for the purpose of tallying and
2 canvassing the votes cast for and against the propositions for
3 the retention of judges in office in such places and at such
4 times as the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners
5 determine. Special judges of election shall be designated from
6 certified lists submitted by the respective chairmen of the
7 county central committees of the two leading political parties.
8 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
9 Commissioners as the case may be, decides that the counting of
10 the retention ballots shall be performed in the precinct where
11 such ballots are cast, 2 special judges of election shall be
12 designated to tally and canvass the vote of each precinct with
13 one being named from each of the 2 leading political parties.

14 In the event that the County Clerk or Board of Election
15 Commissioners decides that the judicial retention ballots from
16 several precincts shall be tallied and canvassed in a central
17 or common location, then each major political party shall be
18 entitled to an equal number of special election judges in each
19 such central or common location. The County Clerk or Board of
20 Election Commissioners, as the case may be, shall inform, no
21 later than 75 days prior to such election, the respective
22 chairmen of the county central committees of the location or
23 locations where the counting of retention ballots will be done,
24 the number of names to be included on the certified lists, and
25 the number of special election judges to be selected from those
26 lists. If the certified list for either party is not submitted

1 within thirty days after the chairmen have been so informed,
2 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall
3 designate special judges of election for that party in whatever
4 manner it determines.

5 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall
6 apply to the Circuit Court for the confirmation of the special
7 judges of election designated under this Section. The court
8 shall confirm or refuse to confirm such designations as the
9 interest of the public may require. Those confirmed shall be
10 officers of the court and subject to its disciplinary powers.

11 The County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners shall,
12 in the exercise of sound discretion, prescribe the forms,
13 materials and supplies together with the procedures for
14 completion and return thereof for use in such election by
15 special judges of election. The special judges of election
16 designated under this Section shall have full responsibility
17 and authority for tallying and canvassing the votes pertaining
18 to the retention of judges and the return of ballots and
19 supplies.

20 If the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners
21 decides that the counting of the retention ballots shall be
22 performed in the precinct where such ballots were cast, at
23 least 2 ballot boxes shall be provided for paper retention
24 ballots, one of which shall be used from the opening of the
25 polls until 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. and
26 the second of which shall be used from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00

1 noon and from 3:00 p.m. until the closing of the polls;
2 provided that if additional ballot boxes are provided, the
3 additional boxes shall be used instead of reusing boxes used
4 earlier. At the close of each such period of use, a ballot box
5 used for retention ballots shall be immediately unsealed and
6 opened and the ballots therein counted and tallied by the
7 special judges of election. After counting and tallying the
8 retention ballots, the special judges of election shall place
9 the counted ballots in a container provided for that purpose by
10 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners and clearly
11 marked with the appropriate printing and shall thereupon seal
12 such container. One such container shall be provided for each
13 of the four time periods and clearly designated as the
14 container for the respective period. The tally shall be
15 recorded on sheets provided by the County Clerk or Board of
16 Election Commissioners and designated as tally sheets for the
17 respective time periods. Before a ballot box may be reused, it
18 shall in the presence of all of the judges of election be
19 verified to be empty, whereupon it shall be resealed. After the
20 close of the polls, and after the tally of votes cast by vote
21 by mail and early ~~absentee~~ voters, the special judges of
22 election shall add together the tallies of all the ballot boxes
23 used throughout the day, and complete the canvass of votes for
24 retention of judges in the manner established by this Act. All
25 of these procedures shall be carried out within the clear view
26 of the other judges of election. The sealed containers of used

1 retention ballots shall be returned with other voted ballots to
2 the County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners in the
3 manner provided by this Act.

4 The compensation of a special judge of election may not
5 exceed \$30 per judge per precinct or district canvassed.

6 This Section does not affect any other office or the
7 conduct of any other election held at the same time as the
8 election for the retention of judges in office.

9 (Source: P.A. 81-850; 81-1149.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/17-19.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-19.2)

11 Sec. 17-19.2. Where a vacancy in nomination is filled
12 pursuant to Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, the vote by mail and
13 early absentee votes cast for the original candidate on the
14 first ballot shall not be counted. For this purpose, in those
15 jurisdictions where electronic voting systems are used, the
16 election authority shall determine a method by which the first
17 ballots containing the name of the original candidate may be
18 segregated from the revised ballots containing the name of the
19 successor candidate and separately counted.

20 Where a vacancy in nomination is not filled pursuant to
21 Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, all votes cast for the original
22 candidate shall be counted for such candidate.

23 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/17-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-21)

1 Sec. 17-21. When the votes shall have been examined and
2 counted, the judges shall set down on a sheet or return form to
3 be supplied to them, the name of every person voted for,
4 written or printed at full length, the office for which such
5 person received such votes, and the number he did receive and
6 such additional information as is necessary to complete, as
7 nearly as circumstances will admit, the following form, to-wit:

8 TALLY SHEET AND CERTIFICATE OF
9 RESULTS

10 We do hereby certify that at the election held in the
11 precinct hereinafter (general or special) specified on (insert
12 date), a total of voters requested and received ballots
13 and we do further certify:

14 Number of blank ballots delivered to us

15 Number of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots delivered to us
16

17 Total number of ballots delivered to us

18 Number of blank and spoiled ballots returned.

19 (1) Total number of ballots cast (in box)....

20 Defective and Objected To ballots sealed in envelope

21 (2) Total number of ballots cast (in box)

22 Line (2) equals line (1)

23 We further certify that each of the candidates for
24 representative in the General Assembly received the number of
25 votes ascribed to him on the separate tally sheet.

26 We further certify that each candidate received the number

1 of votes set forth opposite his name or in the box containing
2 his name on the tally sheet contained in the page or pages
3 immediately following our signatures.

4 The undersigned actually served as judges and counted the
5 ballots at the election on the day of in the
6 precinct of the (1) *township of, or (2) *City of, or
7 (3) *..... ward in the city of and the polls were opened at
8 6:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. Certified by us.

9 *Fill in either (1), (2) or (3)

- 10 A B,(Address)
- 11 C D,(Address)
- 12 E F,(Address)
- 13 G H,(Address)
- 14 I J,(Address)

15 Each tally sheet shall be in substantially one of the
16 following forms:

17 -----

		Candidate's				
Name of	Candidates	Total				
office	Names	Vote	5	10	15	20

22 United	John Smith	77			11	
23 States						
24 Senator						

25

1 -----

2 Names of candidates

3 Name of and total vote

4 office for each 5 10 15 20

5 -----

6 For United John Smith

7 States

8 Senator

9 Total Vote.....

10 -----

11 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

13 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be

14 authorized in the following manner:

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

16 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must

17 be affiliated with the political party for which they are

18 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be

19 registered to vote in Illinois.

20 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two

21 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers

22 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

23 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or

24 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or

25 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,

1 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
2 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
3 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall
4 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all
5 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in
6 Illinois.

7 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
8 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
9 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
10 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
11 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
12 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
13 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
14 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The
15 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the
16 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic
17 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated
18 association, or organization that:

19 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
20 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
21 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
22 information and education, the protection of individual
23 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
24 elections;

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

1 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
2 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
3 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
4 without a current listed telephone number is not
5 sufficient).

6 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for
7 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000 population
8 that is situated in 2 or more counties, a pollwatcher who is a
9 resident of Illinois shall be eligible to serve as a
10 pollwatcher in any poll located within such municipality,
11 provided that such pollwatcher otherwise complies with the
12 respective requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this
13 Section and is a registered voter in Illinois.

14 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
15 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
16 address of its organization or committee and the name and
17 address of its chairman with the proper election authority at
18 least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to appoint
19 one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
20 registered to vote in Illinois.

21 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
22 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
23 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
24 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of
25 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the
26 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2

1 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be
 2 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or
 3 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
 4 of the civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or
 5 opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the election
 6 authority nor the State Board of Elections may require any such
 7 party official or the candidate or the presiding officer of the
 8 civic organization or the chairman of the proponent or opponent
 9 group to submit the names or other information concerning
 10 pollwatchers before making credentials available to such
 11 persons or organizations.

12 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the
 13 following form:

14 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

15 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

16 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, the
 17 undersigned hereby appoints (name of pollwatcher)
 18 who resides at (address) in the county of
 19, (township or municipality) of
 20 (name), State of Illinois and who is duly
 21 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher
 22 in the precinct of the ward (if
 23 applicable) of the (township or municipality) of
 24 at the election to be held on (insert
 25 date).

1 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
 2 TITLE (party official, candidate,
 3 civic organization president,
 4 proponent or opponent group chairman)

5 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
 6 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
 7 that he or she resides at (address) in the
 8 county of, (township or municipality)
 9 of (name), State of Illinois, and is duly
 10 registered to vote in Illinois.

11
 12 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 13 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

14 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
 15 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
 16 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
 17 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
 18 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
 19 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
 20 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
 21 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
 22 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
 23 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
 24 the course of the day, but established political parties,

1 candidates and qualified civic organizations can have only as
2 many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this
3 Article. A substitute must present his signed credential to the
4 judges of election upon entering the polling place. Election
5 authorities must provide a sufficient number of credentials to
6 allow for substitution of pollwatchers. After the polls have
7 closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to remain until the
8 canvass of votes is completed; but may leave and reenter only
9 in cases of necessity, provided that such action is not so
10 continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

11 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
12 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and
13 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
14 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
15 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
16 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and
17 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
18 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
19 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a majority
20 of the judges of election as campaign activity shall be removed
21 forthwith from such polling place.

22 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
23 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
24 polling places on election day in such district or municipality
25 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials
26 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by

1 and under the facsimile signature of the State Board of
 2 Elections or the election authority of the election
 3 jurisdiction where the polling place in which the candidate
 4 seeks admittance is located, and shall be available for
 5 distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
 6 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

7 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
 8 following form:

9 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

10 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

11 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I
 12 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a candidate
 13 for (name of office) and seek admittance to
 14 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
 15 (township or municipality) of at the election
 16 to be held on (insert date).

17
18	(Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
19		CANDIDATE SEEKS
20		NOMINATION OR
21		ELECTION

22 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
 23 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
 24 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is

1 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
2 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
3 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
4 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
5 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in
6 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
7 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
8 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
9 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
10 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
11 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
12 violations of this Code.

13 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
14 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
15 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
16 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
17 number, except that each established or new political party
18 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

19 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to an
20 election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of Elections,
21 and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to a
22 United States Attorney, a State's attorney, the Attorney
23 General, and a State, county, or local police department, in
24 the performance of their official election duties, shall be
25 permitted at all times to enter and remain in the polling
26 place. Upon entering the polling place, such representatives

1 shall display their official credentials or other
2 identification to the judges of election.

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

5 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
6 supervised casting of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots as provided
7 in Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/17-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-29)

10 Sec. 17-29. (a) No judge of election, pollwatcher, or other
11 person shall, at any primary or election, do any electioneering
12 or soliciting of votes or engage in any political discussion
13 within any polling place, within 100 feet of any polling place,
14 or, at the option of a church or private school, on any of the
15 property of that church or private school that is a polling
16 place; no person shall interrupt, hinder or oppose any voter
17 while approaching within those areas for the purpose of voting.
18 Judges of election shall enforce the provisions of this
19 Section.

20 (b) Election officers shall place 2 or more cones, small
21 United States national flags, or some other marker a distance
22 of 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the room used by
23 voters to engage in voting, which shall be known as the polling
24 room. If the polling room is located within a building that is
25 a private business, a public or private school, or a church or

1 other organization founded for the purpose of religious worship
2 and the distance of 100 horizontal feet ends within the
3 interior of the building, then the markers shall be placed
4 outside of the building at each entrance used by voters to
5 enter that building on the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfare
6 or walkway. If the polling room is located within a public or
7 private building with 2 or more floors and the polling room is
8 located on the ground floor, then the markers shall be placed
9 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the polling room used
10 by voters to engage in voting. If the polling room is located
11 in a public or private building with 2 or more floors and the
12 polling room is located on a floor above or below the ground
13 floor, then the markers shall be placed a distance of 100 feet
14 from the nearest elevator or staircase used by voters on the
15 ground floor to access the floor where the polling room is
16 located. The area within where the markers are placed shall be
17 known as a campaign free zone, and electioneering is prohibited
18 pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of this Section, a church or private school may
20 choose to apply the campaign free zone to its entire property,
21 and, if so, the markers shall be placed near the boundaries on
22 the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfares or walkways leading
23 to the entrances used by the voters. If an election authority
24 maintains a website, 72 hours before the polls open on election
25 day, the election authority shall post the names and addresses
26 of each church or private school that has chosen to apply a

1 campaign free zone to its entire property. If an election
2 authority does not maintain a website, it shall make the same
3 information available by request 72 hours before the polls open
4 on election day.

5 The area on polling place property beyond the campaign free
6 zone, whether publicly or privately owned, is a public forum
7 for the time that the polls are open on an election day. At the
8 request of election officers any publicly owned building must
9 be made available for use as a polling place. A person shall
10 have the right to congregate and engage in electioneering on
11 any polling place property while the polls are open beyond the
12 campaign free zone, including but not limited to, the placement
13 of temporary signs. This subsection shall be construed
14 liberally in favor of persons engaging in electioneering on all
15 polling place property beyond the campaign free zone for the
16 time that the polls are open on an election day. At or near the
17 door of each polling place, the election judges shall place
18 signage indicating the proper entrance to the polling place. In
19 addition, the election judges shall ensure that a sign
20 identifying the location of the polling place is placed on a
21 nearby public roadway. The State Board of Elections shall
22 establish guidelines for the placement of polling place
23 signage.

24 (c) The regulation of electioneering on polling place
25 property on an election day, including but not limited to the
26 placement of temporary signs, is an exclusive power and

1 function of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate
2 electioneering and any ordinance or local law contrary to
3 subsection (c) is declared void. This is a denial and
4 limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection
5 (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.
6 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

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

8 Sec. 18-5. Any person desiring to vote and whose name is
9 found upon the register of voters by the person having charge
10 thereof, shall then be questioned by one of the judges as to
11 his nativity, his term of residence at present address,
12 precinct, State and United States, his age, whether naturalized
13 and if so the date of naturalization papers and court from
14 which secured, and he shall be asked to state his residence
15 when last previously registered and the date of the election
16 for which he then registered. The judges of elections shall
17 check each application for ballot against the list of voters
18 registered in that precinct to whom grace period, vote by mail
19 ~~absentee~~, and early ballots have been issued for that election,
20 which shall be provided by the election authority and which
21 list shall be available for inspection by pollwatchers. A voter
22 applying to vote in the precinct on election day whose name
23 appears on the list as having been issued a grace period, vote
24 by mail ~~absentee~~, or early ballot shall not be permitted to
25 vote in the precinct, except that a voter to whom a vote by

1 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot was issued may vote in the precinct if
2 the voter submits to the election judges that vote by mail
3 ~~absentee~~ ballot for cancellation. If the voter is unable to
4 submit the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient
5 for the voter to submit to the election judges (i) a portion of
6 the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
7 ballot was torn or mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed
8 before the election judges specifying that (A) the voter never
9 received a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter
10 completed and returned a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and
11 was informed that the election authority did not receive that
12 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot. If such person so registered
13 shall be challenged as disqualified, the party challenging
14 shall assign his reasons therefor, and thereupon one of the
15 judges shall administer to him an oath to answer questions, and
16 if he shall take the oath he shall then be questioned by the
17 judge or judges touching such cause of challenge, and touching
18 any other cause of disqualification. And he may also be
19 questioned by the person challenging him in regard to his
20 qualifications and identity. But if a majority of the judges
21 are of the opinion that he is the person so registered and a
22 qualified voter, his vote shall then be received accordingly.
23 But if his vote be rejected by such judges, such person may
24 afterward produce and deliver an affidavit to such judges,
25 subscribed and sworn to by him before one of the judges, in
26 which it shall be stated how long he has resided in such

1 precinct, and state; that he is a citizen of the United States,
2 and is a duly qualified voter in such precinct, and that he is
3 the identical person so registered. In addition to such an
4 affidavit, the person so challenged shall provide to the judges
5 of election proof of residence by producing 2 forms of
6 identification showing the person's current residence address,
7 provided that such identification may include a lease or
8 contract for a residence and not more than one piece of mail
9 addressed to the person at his current residence address and
10 postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of the
11 election, or the person shall procure a witness personally
12 known to the judges of election, and resident in the precinct
13 (or district), or who shall be proved by some legal voter of
14 such precinct or district, known to the judges to be such, who
15 shall take the oath following, viz:

16 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of
17 this election precinct (or district), and entitled to vote at
18 this election, and that I have been a resident of this State
19 for 30 days last past, and am well acquainted with the person
20 whose vote is now offered; that he is an actual and bona fide
21 resident of this election precinct (or district), and has
22 resided herein 30 days, and as I verily believe, in this State,
23 30 days next preceding this election.

24 The oath in each case may be administered by one of the
25 judges of election, or by any officer, resident in the precinct
26 or district, authorized by law to administer oaths. Also

1 supported by an affidavit by a registered voter residing in
2 such precinct, stating his own residence, and that he knows
3 such person; and that he does reside at the place mentioned and
4 has resided in such precinct and state for the length of time
5 as stated by such person, which shall be subscribed and sworn
6 to in the same way. For purposes of this Section, the
7 submission of a photo identification issued by a college or
8 university, accompanied by either (i) a copy of the applicant's
9 contract or lease for a residence or (ii) one piece of mail
10 addressed to the person at his or her current residence address
11 and postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of
12 the election, shall be sufficient to establish proof of
13 residence. Whereupon the vote of such person shall be received,
14 and entered as other votes. But such judges, having charge of
15 such registers, shall state in their respective books the facts
16 in such case, and the affidavits, so delivered to the judges,
17 shall be preserved and returned to the office of the
18 commissioners of election. Blank affidavits of the character
19 aforesaid shall be sent out to the judges of all the precincts,
20 and the judges of election shall furnish the same on demand and
21 administer the oaths without criticism. Such oaths, if
22 administered by any other officer than such judge of election,
23 shall not be received. Whenever a proposal for a constitutional
24 amendment or for the calling of a constitutional convention is
25 to be voted upon at the election, the separate blue ballot or
26 ballots pertaining thereto shall be placed on top of the other

1 ballots to be voted at the election in such manner that the
2 legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed in Section
3 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the voter, and in
4 this fashion the ballots shall be handed to the voter by the
5 judge.

6 Immediately after voting, the voter shall be instructed
7 whether the voting equipment, if used, accepted or rejected the
8 ballot or identified the ballot as under-voted. A voter whose
9 ballot is identified as under-voted for a statewide
10 constitutional office may return to the voting booth and
11 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose ballot is not
12 accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the
13 ballot, request and vote another ballot. The voter's
14 surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the election judge and
15 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing that
16 voting equipment.

17 The voter shall, upon quitting the voting booth, deliver to
18 one of the judges of election all of the ballots, properly
19 folded, which he received. The judge of election to whom the
20 voter delivers his ballots shall not accept the same unless all
21 of the ballots given to the voter are returned by him. If a
22 voter delivers less than all of the ballots given to him, the
23 judge to whom the same are offered shall advise him in a voice
24 clearly audible to the other judges of election that the voter
25 must return the remainder of the ballots. The statement of the
26 judge to the voter shall clearly express the fact that the

1 voter is not required to vote such remaining ballots but that
2 whether or not he votes them he must fold and deliver them to
3 the judge. In making such statement the judge of election shall
4 not indicate by word, gesture or intonation of voice that the
5 unreturned ballots shall be voted in any particular manner. No
6 new voter shall be permitted to enter the voting booth of a
7 voter who has failed to deliver the total number of ballots
8 received by him until such voter has returned to the voting
9 booth pursuant to the judge's request and again quit the booth
10 with all of the ballots required to be returned by him. Upon
11 receipt of all such ballots the judges of election shall enter
12 the name of the voter, and his number, as above provided in
13 this Section, and the judge to whom the ballots are delivered
14 shall immediately put the ballots into the ballot box. If any
15 voter who has failed to deliver all the ballots received by him
16 refuses to return to the voting booth after being advised by
17 the judge of election as herein provided, the judge shall
18 inform the other judges of such refusal, and thereupon the
19 ballot or ballots returned to the judge shall be deposited in
20 the ballot box, the voter shall be permitted to depart from the
21 polling place, and a new voter shall be permitted to enter the
22 voting booth.

23 The judge of election who receives the ballot or ballots
24 from the voter shall announce the residence and name of such
25 voter in a loud voice. The judge shall put the ballot or
26 ballots received from the voter into the ballot box in the

1 presence of the voter and the judges of election, and in plain
2 view of the public. The judges having charge of such registers
3 shall then, in a column prepared thereon, in the same line of,
4 the name of the voter, mark "Voted" or the letter "V".

5 No judge of election shall accept from any voter less than
6 the full number of ballots received by such voter without first
7 advising the voter in the manner above provided of the
8 necessity of returning all of the ballots, nor shall any such
9 judge advise such voter in a manner contrary to that which is
10 herein permitted, or in any other manner violate the provisions
11 of this Section; provided, that the acceptance by a judge of
12 election of less than the full number of ballots delivered to a
13 voter who refuses to return to the voting booth after being
14 properly advised by such judge shall not be a violation of this
15 Section.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/18-9.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-9.2)

18 Sec. 18-9.2. Where a vacancy in nomination is filled
19 pursuant to Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, the vote by mail and
20 early absentee votes cast for the original candidate on the
21 first ballot shall not be counted. For this purpose, in those
22 jurisdictions where electronic voting systems are used, the
23 election authority shall determine a method by which the first
24 ballots containing the name of the original candidate may be
25 segregated from the revised ballots containing the name of the

1 successor candidate and separately counted.

2 Where a vacancy in nomination is not filled pursuant to
3 Section 7-61 or Section 10-11, all votes cast for the original
4 candidate shall be counted for such candidate.

5 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/18A-5)

7 Sec. 18A-5. Provisional voting; general provisions.

8 (a) A person who claims to be a registered voter is
9 entitled to cast a provisional ballot under the following
10 circumstances:

11 (1) The person's name does not appear on the official
12 list of eligible voters for the precinct in which the
13 person seeks to vote. The official list is the centralized
14 statewide voter registration list established and
15 maintained in accordance with Section 1A-25;

16 (2) The person's voting status has been challenged by
17 an election judge, a pollwatcher, or any legal voter and
18 that challenge has been sustained by a majority of the
19 election judges;

20 (3) A federal or State court order extends the time for
21 closing the polls beyond the time period established by
22 State law and the person votes during the extended time
23 period;

24 (4) The voter registered to vote by mail and is
25 required by law to present identification when voting

1 either in person or by early voting ~~absentee~~ ballot, but
2 fails to do so;

3 (5) The voter's name appears on the list of voters who
4 voted during the early voting period, but the voter claims
5 not to have voted during the early voting period; or

6 (6) The voter received a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
7 ballot but did not return the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
8 to the election authority; or

9 (7) The voter registered to vote during the grace
10 period on the day before election day or on election day
11 ~~during the 2014 general election.~~

12 (b) The procedure for obtaining and casting a provisional
13 ballot at the polling place shall be as follows:

14 (1) After first verifying through an examination of the
15 precinct register that the person's address is within the
16 precinct boundaries, an election judge at the polling place
17 shall notify a person who is entitled to cast a provisional
18 ballot pursuant to subsection (a) that he or she may cast a
19 provisional ballot in that election. An election judge must
20 accept any information provided by a person who casts a
21 provisional ballot that the person believes supports his or
22 her claim that he or she is a duly registered voter and
23 qualified to vote in the election. However, if the person's
24 residence address is outside the precinct boundaries, the
25 election judge shall inform the person of that fact, give
26 the person the appropriate telephone number of the election

1 authority in order to locate the polling place assigned to
2 serve that address, and instruct the person to go to the
3 proper polling place to vote.

4 (2) The person shall execute a written form provided by
5 the election judge that shall state or contain all of the
6 following that is available:

7 (i) an affidavit stating the following:

8 State of Illinois, County of,
9 Township, Precinct, Ward
10, I,, do solemnly
11 swear (or affirm) that: I am a citizen of the
12 United States; I am 18 years of age or older; I
13 have resided in this State and in this precinct for
14 30 days preceding this election; I have not voted
15 in this election; I am a duly registered voter in
16 every respect; and I am eligible to vote in this
17 election. Signature Printed Name of Voter
18 Printed Residence Address of Voter
19 City State Zip Code Telephone
20 Number Date of Birth and Illinois
21 Driver's License Number or Last 4 digits of
22 Social Security Number or State
23 Identification Card Number issued to you by the
24 Illinois Secretary of State.....

25 (ii) A box for the election judge to check one of
26 the 6 reasons why the person was given a provisional

1 ballot under subsection (a) of Section 18A-5.

2 (iii) An area for the election judge to affix his
3 or her signature and to set forth any facts that
4 support or oppose the allegation that the person is not
5 qualified to vote in the precinct in which the person
6 is seeking to vote.

7 The written affidavit form described in this
8 subsection (b)(2) must be printed on a multi-part form
9 prescribed by the county clerk or board of election
10 commissioners, as the case may be.

11 (3) After the person executes the portion of the
12 written affidavit described in subsection (b)(2)(i) of
13 this Section, the election judge shall complete the portion
14 of the written affidavit described in subsection
15 (b)(2)(iii) and (b)(2)(iv).

16 (4) The election judge shall give a copy of the
17 completed written affidavit to the person. The election
18 judge shall place the original written affidavit in a
19 self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelope that
20 must be attached to a separate envelope marked as a
21 "provisional ballot envelope". The election judge shall
22 also place any information provided by the person who casts
23 a provisional ballot in the clear plastic packing list
24 envelope. Each county clerk or board of election
25 commissioners, as the case may be, must design, obtain or
26 procure self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelopes

1 and provisional ballot envelopes that are suitable for
2 implementing this subsection (b) (4) of this Section.

3 (5) The election judge shall provide the person with a
4 provisional ballot, written instructions for casting a
5 provisional ballot, and the provisional ballot envelope
6 with the clear plastic packing list envelope affixed to it,
7 which contains the person's original written affidavit
8 and, if any, information provided by the provisional voter
9 to support his or her claim that he or she is a duly
10 registered voter. An election judge must also give the
11 person written information that states that any person who
12 casts a provisional ballot shall be able to ascertain,
13 pursuant to guidelines established by the State Board of
14 Elections, whether the provisional vote was counted in the
15 official canvass of votes for that election and, if the
16 provisional vote was not counted, the reason that the vote
17 was not counted.

18 (6) After the person has completed marking his or her
19 provisional ballot, he or she shall place the marked ballot
20 inside of the provisional ballot envelope, close and seal
21 the envelope, and return the envelope to an election judge,
22 who shall then deposit the sealed provisional ballot
23 envelope into a securable container separately identified
24 and utilized for containing sealed provisional ballot
25 envelopes. Ballots that are provisional because they are
26 cast after 7:00 p.m. by court order shall be kept separate

1 from other provisional ballots. Upon the closing of the
2 polls, the securable container shall be sealed with
3 filament tape provided for that purpose, which shall be
4 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
5 twice each way, and each of the election judges shall sign
6 the seal.

7 (c) Instead of the affidavit form described in subsection
8 (b), the county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
9 the case may be, may design and use a multi-part affidavit form
10 that is imprinted upon or attached to the provisional ballot
11 envelope described in subsection (b). If a county clerk or
12 board of election commissioners elects to design and use its
13 own multi-part affidavit form, then the county clerk or board
14 of election commissioners shall establish a mechanism for
15 accepting any information the provisional voter has supplied to
16 the election judge to support his or her claim that he or she
17 is a duly registered voter. In all other respects, a county
18 clerk or board of election commissioners shall establish
19 procedures consistent with subsection (b).

20 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
21 the case may be, shall use the completed affidavit form
22 described in subsection (b) to update the person's voter
23 registration information in the State voter registration
24 database and voter registration database of the county clerk or
25 board of election commissioners, as the case may be. If a
26 person is later determined not to be a registered voter based

1 on Section 18A-15 of this Code, then the affidavit shall be
2 processed by the county clerk or board of election
3 commissioners, as the case may be, as a voter registration
4 application.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/18A-15)

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

8 (a) The county clerk or board of election commissioners
9 shall complete the validation and counting of provisional
10 ballots within 14 calendar days of the day of the election. The
11 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall have 7
12 calendar days from the completion of the validation and
13 counting of provisional ballots to conduct its final canvass.
14 The State Board of Elections shall complete within 31 calendar
15 days of the election or sooner if all the returns are received,
16 its final canvass of the vote for all public offices.

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

20 (1) the provisional voter cast the provisional ballot
21 in the correct precinct based on the address provided by
22 the provisional voter unless the provisional voter cast a
23 ballot pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of
24 Section 18A-5, in which case the provisional ballot must
25 have been cast in the correct election jurisdiction based

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

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

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

5 i. the provisional voter;

6 ii. an election judge;

7 iii. the statewide voter registration database
8 maintained by the State Board of Elections;

9 iv. the records of the county clerk or board of
10 election commissioners' database; or

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

12 (4) for a provisional ballot cast under item (6) of
13 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter did not vote by
14 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in the election at which the
15 provisional ballot was cast.

16 (c) With respect to subsection (b) (3) of this Section, the
17 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
18 investigate and record whether or not the specified information
19 is available from each of the 5 identified sources. If the
20 information is available from one or more of the identified
21 sources, then the county clerk or board of election
22 commissioners shall seek to obtain the information from each of
23 those sources until satisfied, with information from at least
24 one of those sources, that the provisional voter is registered
25 and entitled to vote. The county clerk or board of election
26 commissioners shall use any information it obtains as the basis

1 for determining the voter registration status of the
2 provisional voter. If a conflict exists among the information
3 available to the county clerk or board of election
4 commissioners as to the registration status of the provisional
5 voter, then the county clerk or board of election commissioners
6 shall make a determination based on the totality of the
7 circumstances. In a case where the above information equally
8 supports or opposes the registration status of the voter, the
9 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall decide in
10 favor of the provisional voter as being duly registered to
11 vote. If the statewide voter registration database maintained
12 by the State Board of Elections indicates that the provisional
13 voter is registered to vote, but the county clerk's or board of
14 election commissioners' voter registration database indicates
15 that the provisional voter is not registered to vote, then the
16 information found in the statewide voter registration database
17 shall control the matter and the provisional voter shall be
18 deemed to be registered to vote. If the records of the county
19 clerk or board of election commissioners indicates that the
20 provisional voter is registered to vote, but the statewide
21 voter registration database maintained by the State Board of
22 Elections indicates that the provisional voter is not
23 registered to vote, then the information found in the records
24 of the county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
25 control the matter and the provisional voter shall be deemed to
26 be registered to vote. If the provisional voter's signature on

1 his or her provisional ballot request varies from the signature
2 on an otherwise valid registration application solely because
3 of the substitution of initials for the first or middle name,
4 the election authority may not reject the provisional ballot.

5 (d) In validating the registration status of a person
6 casting a provisional ballot, the county clerk or board of
7 election commissioners shall not require a provisional voter to
8 complete any form other than the affidavit executed by the
9 provisional voter under subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5. In
10 addition, the county clerk or board of election commissioners
11 shall not require all provisional voters or any particular
12 class or group of provisional voters to appear personally
13 before the county clerk or board of election commissioners or
14 as a matter of policy require provisional voters to submit
15 additional information to verify or otherwise support the
16 information already submitted by the provisional voter. Within
17 2 calendar days after the election, the election authority
18 shall transmit by electronic means pursuant to a process
19 established by the State Board of Elections the name, street
20 address, e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and
21 district numbers, as the case may be, of each person casting a
22 provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections, which shall
23 maintain those names and that information in an electronic
24 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
25 State and local political committees. The provisional voter
26 may, within 7 calendar days after the election, submit

1 additional information to the county clerk or board of election
2 commissioners. This information must be received by the county
3 clerk or board of election commissioners within the
4 7-calendar-day period.

5 (e) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
6 determines that subsection (b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(3) does not
7 apply, then the provisional ballot is not valid and may not be
8 counted. The provisional ballot envelope containing the ballot
9 cast by the provisional voter may not be opened. The county
10 clerk or board of election commissioners shall write on the
11 provisional ballot envelope the following: "Provisional ballot
12 determined invalid."

13 (f) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
14 determines that a provisional ballot is valid under this
15 Section, then the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened.
16 The outside of each provisional ballot envelope shall also be
17 marked to identify the precinct and the date of the election.

18 (g) Provisional ballots determined to be valid shall be
19 counted at the election authority's central ballot counting
20 location and shall not be counted in precincts. The provisional
21 ballots determined to be valid shall be added to the vote
22 totals for the precincts from which they were cast in the order
23 in which the ballots were opened. The validation and counting
24 of provisional ballots shall be subject to the provisions of
25 this Code that apply to pollwatchers. If the provisional
26 ballots are a ballot of a punch card voting system, then the

1 provisional ballot shall be counted in a manner consistent with
2 Article 24A. If the provisional ballots are a ballot of optical
3 scan or other type of approved electronic voting system, then
4 the provisional ballots shall be counted in a manner consistent
5 with Article 24B.

6 (h) As soon as the ballots have been counted, the election
7 judges or election officials shall, in the presence of the
8 county clerk or board of election commissioners, place each of
9 the following items in a separate envelope or bag: (1) all
10 provisional ballots, voted or spoiled; (2) all provisional
11 ballot envelopes of provisional ballots voted or spoiled; and
12 (3) all executed affidavits of the provisional ballots voted or
13 spoiled. All provisional ballot envelopes for provisional
14 voters who have been determined not to be registered to vote
15 shall remain sealed. The county clerk or board of election
16 commissioners shall treat the provisional ballot envelope
17 containing the written affidavit as a voter registration
18 application for that person for the next election and process
19 that application. The election judges or election officials
20 shall then securely seal each envelope or bag, initial the
21 envelope or bag, and plainly mark on the outside of the
22 envelope or bag in ink the precinct in which the provisional
23 ballots were cast. The election judges or election officials
24 shall then place each sealed envelope or bag into a box, secure
25 and seal it in the same manner as described in item (6) of
26 subsection (b) of Section 18A-5. Each election judge or

1 election official shall take and subscribe an oath before the
2 county clerk or board of election commissioners that the
3 election judge or election official securely kept the ballots
4 and papers in the box, did not permit any person to open the
5 box or otherwise touch or tamper with the ballots and papers in
6 the box, and has no knowledge of any other person opening the
7 box. For purposes of this Section, the term "election official"
8 means the county clerk, a member of the board of election
9 commissioners, as the case may be, and their respective
10 employees.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
12 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218 new)

14 Sec. 18A-218. Interpretation of Article 18A. The Sections
15 of this Article following this Section shall be supplemental to
16 all other provisions of this Article and are intended to
17 provide procedural requirements for the implementation of the
18 provisions of this Article. In the case of a conflict between
19 the Sections following this Section and the Sections preceding
20 this Section, the Sections preceding this Section shall
21 prevail.

22 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.10 new)

23 Sec. 18A-218.10. Definitions relating to provisional
24 ballots.

1 (a) As used in this Article:

2 "Citywide or villagewide office" means an office
3 electd by the electors of an entire municipality.

4 "Correct precinct" means the precinct containing the
5 addresses at which the provisional voter resides and at
6 which he or she is registered to vote.

7 "Countywide office" means the offices of Clerk,
8 Sheriff, State's Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk, Recorder,
9 Auditor, County Board President, County Board Member or
10 County Commissioner in those counties that elect those
11 officers countywide, Coroner, Regional Superintendent of
12 Schools, Sanitary District Commissioners or Trustees,
13 Assessor, Board of Review Members in those counties that
14 elect those officers countywide, and Treasurer.

15 "Election authority" means either the County Clerk,
16 County Board of Election Commissioners, or Municipal Board
17 of Election Commissioners, as the case may be.

18 "Election jurisdiction" means an entire county, in the
19 case of a county in which no city board of election
20 commissioners is located or that is under the jurisdiction
21 of a county board of election commissioners; the
22 territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election
23 commissioners; and the territory in a county outside of the
24 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners.
25 Election jurisdictions shall be determined according to
26 which election authority maintains the permanent

1 registration records of qualified electors.

2 "Incorrect precinct" means the precinct in which the
3 voter cast a provisional ballot, but is not the precinct
4 containing the address at which he or she is registered to
5 vote. In order for a provisional ballot to be eligible for
6 counting when cast in an incorrect precinct, that precinct
7 must be located within either the county or municipality in
8 which the voter is registered.

9 "Leading established political party" means one of the
10 two political parties whose candidates for Governor at the
11 most recent 3 gubernatorial elections received either the
12 highest or second highest average number of votes. The
13 first leading political party is the party whose candidate
14 for Governor received the highest average number of votes
15 in the 3 most recent gubernatorial elections and the second
16 leading political party is the party whose candidate for
17 Governor received the second highest average number of
18 votes in the 3 most recent gubernatorial elections.

19 "Legislative district" means the district in which an
20 Illinois State Senator is elected to serve the residents.

21 "Persons entitled to vote provisionally" or
22 "provisional voter" means a person claiming to be a
23 registered voter who is entitled by Section 18A-5 of this
24 Code to vote a provisional ballot under the following
25 circumstances:

26 (1) The person's name does not appear on the

1 official list of eligible voters for the precinct in
2 which the person seeks to vote.

3 (2) The person's voting status has been
4 successfully challenged by an election judge, a
5 pollwatcher or any legal voter.

6 (3) A federal or State court order extends the time
7 for closing the polls beyond the time period
8 established by State law and the person votes during
9 the extended time period.

10 (4) The voter registered to vote by mail and is
11 required by law to present identification when voting
12 either in person or by vote by mail ballot, but fails
13 to do so.

14 (5) The voter's name appears on the list of voters
15 who voted during the early voting period, but the voter
16 claims not to have voted during the early voting
17 period.

18 (6) The voter received a vote by mail ballot but
19 did not return the vote by mail ballot to the election
20 authority, and failed to surrender it to the election
21 judges.

22 (7) The voter attempted to register to vote on
23 election day, but failed to provide the necessary
24 documentation.

25 "Representative district" means the district from
26 which an Illinois State Representative is elected to serve

1 the residents.

2 "Statewide office" means the Constitutional offices of
3 Governor and Lt. Governor running jointly, Secretary of
4 State, Attorney General, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

5 "Township office" means an office elected by the
6 electors of an entire township.

7 (b) Procedures for Voting Provisionally in the Polling
8 Place.

9 (1) If any of the 7 reasons cited in the definition of
10 provisional voter in subsection (a) for casting a
11 provisional ballot exists, an election judge must accept
12 any information provided by a person who casts a
13 provisional ballot that the person believes supports his or
14 her claim that he or she is a duly registered voter and
15 qualified to vote in the election. However, if the person's
16 residence address is outside the precinct boundaries, the
17 election judge shall inform the person of that fact, give
18 the person the appropriate telephone number of the election
19 authority in order to locate the polling place assigned to
20 serve that address (or consult any alternative tools
21 provided by the election authority for determining a
22 voter's correct precinct polling place) and instruct the
23 person to go to the proper polling place to vote.

24 (2) Once it has been determined by the election judges
25 that the person is entitled to receive a provisional
26 ballot, and the voter has completed the provisional voter

1 affidavit, the voter shall be given a provisional ballot
2 and shall proceed to vote that ballot. Upon receipt of the
3 ballot by the election judges, the ballot shall be
4 transmitted to the election authority in accordance with
5 subsection (a) of Section 18A-10 of this Code.

6 (3) In the event that a provisional ballot is
7 mistakenly cast in a precinct other than the precinct that
8 contains the voter's address of registration (if the voter
9 believed he or she registered in the precinct in which he
10 or she voted provisionally, and the election judges should
11 have, but did not direct the voter to vote in the correct
12 precinct), Section 218.20 shall apply.

13 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.20 new)

14 Sec. 18A-218.20. Counting procedures for provisional
15 ballots cast in an incorrect precinct within the same election
16 authority's jurisdiction.

17 (a) The election authority shall:

18 (1) transmit to the State Board of Elections the
19 provisional voter's identifying information and voting
20 jurisdiction within 2 calendar days. Following that, and
21 subject to paragraph (2) below, if the election authority
22 having jurisdiction over the provisional voter determines
23 that the voter has cast a provisional ballot in an
24 incorrect precinct, the ballot shall still be counted using
25 the procedures established in subsection (b) of this

1 Section or Section 18A-218.30 if applicable. Jurisdictions
2 that use election machines authorized pursuant to Article
3 24C of this Code for casting provisional ballots may vary
4 procedures of this Section and Section 18A-218.30 as
5 appropriate for the counting of provisional ballots cast on
6 those machines.

7 (2) determine whether the voter was entitled to cast a
8 provisional ballot. The voter is entitled to cast a
9 provisional ballot if:

10 (A) the affidavit executed by the voter contains,
11 at a minimum, the provisional voter's first and last
12 name, house number and street name, and signature or
13 mark;

14 (B) the provisional voter is a registered voter
15 based on information available to the county clerk or
16 board of election commissioners provided by or
17 obtained from the provisional voter, an election
18 judge, the Statewide voter registration database
19 maintained by the State Board of Elections, the records
20 of the county clerk or board of election commissioners'
21 database, or the records of the Secretary of State or
22 the voter is attempting to register but lacks the
23 necessary documentation; and

24 (C) the provisional voter did not vote using the
25 vote by mail ballot and did not vote during the period
26 for early voting.

1 (b) Once it has been determined by the election authority
2 that the voter was entitled to vote a provisional ballot, even
3 though it had been cast in an incorrect precinct, the election
4 authority shall select a team or teams of 2 duly commissioned
5 election judges, one from each of the two leading established
6 political parties in Illinois to count the votes that are
7 eligible to be cast on the provisional ballot. In those
8 jurisdictions that use election officials as defined in
9 subsection (h) of Section 18A-15 of this Code, these duties may
10 be performed by those election officials.

11 (1) Votes cast for Statewide offices, the Office of
12 President of the United States (including votes cast in the
13 Presidential Preference Primary), and United States Senate
14 shall be counted on all provisional ballots cast in the
15 incorrect precinct.

16 (2) Votes cast for Representative in Congress,
17 delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating
18 convention, State Senator, State Representative, or
19 countywide, citywide, villagewide, or township office
20 shall be counted if it is determined by the election judges
21 or officials that the voter would have been entitled to
22 vote for one or more of these offices had the voter voted
23 in the precinct in which he or she is registered to vote
24 (the correct precinct) and had the voter voted a ballot of
25 the correct ballot style containing all the offices and
26 candidates for which the voter was entitled to cast a

1 ballot (the correct ballot style). This determination
2 shall be made by comparing a sample ballot of the correct
3 ballot style with the actual provisional ballot cast by the
4 voter. If the same office (including the same district
5 number for a Congressional, Legislative or Representative
6 district) appears on both the correct ballot style sample
7 ballot and the provisional ballot cast by the voter, votes
8 for that office shall be counted. All votes cast for any
9 remaining offices (offices for which the voter would not
10 have been entitled to vote had he or she voted in the
11 correct precinct) shall not be counted.

12 (3) No votes shall be counted for an office when the
13 voter voted for more candidates than he or she was allowed.

14 (4) Once it has been determined which offices are to be
15 counted and the provisional ballot contains no other votes,
16 the provisional ballot shall be counted pursuant to the
17 procedures set forth in this subsection (b).

18 (5) If a provisional ballot does not contain any valid
19 votes, the provisional ballot shall be marked invalid and
20 shall not be counted.

21 (6) Any provisional voting verification system
22 established by an election authority shall inform the
23 provisional voter that his or her provisional ballot was
24 partially counted because it was cast in an incorrect
25 precinct.

26 (7) If a provisional ballot only contains votes cast

1 for eligible offices, and does not contain any votes cast
2 for ineligible offices, the ballot may be tabulated without
3 having to be remade.

4 (8) If a provisional ballot contains both valid votes
5 that must be counted and invalid votes that cannot be
6 counted:

7 (A) the election judges, consisting in each case of
8 at least one of each of the 2 leading political
9 parties, shall, if the provisional ballot was cast on a
10 paper ballot sheet, proceed to remake the voted ballot
11 onto a blank ballot that includes all of the offices
12 for which valid votes were cast, transferring only
13 valid votes. The original provisional ballot shall be
14 marked "Original Provisional Ballot" with a serial
15 number commencing at "1" and continuing consecutively
16 for ballots of that kind in the precinct. The duplicate
17 provisional ballot shall be marked "Duplicate
18 Provisional Ballot" and be given the same serial number
19 as the original ballot from which it was duplicated.
20 The duplicate provisional ballot shall then be treated
21 in the same manner as other provisional ballots.

22 (B) if the provisional ballot was cast on a direct
23 recording electronic voting device, the election
24 judges shall mark the original provisional ballot as a
25 partially counted defective electronic provisional
26 ballot because it was cast in the incorrect precinct

1 (or bear some similar notation) and proceed to either:

2 (i) remake the voted ballot by transferring
3 all valid votes to a duplicate paper ballot sheet
4 of the correct ballot style, marking the duplicate
5 ballot "Duplicate Electronic Provisional Ballot"
6 and then counting the duplicate provisional ballot
7 in the same manner as the other provisional ballots
8 marked on paper ballot sheets; or

9 (ii) transfer, or cause to be transferred, all
10 valid votes electronically to the correct
11 precinct, which shall be counted and added to the
12 vote totals for the correct precinct, excluding
13 any votes that cannot be counted. If this method is
14 used, a permanent paper record must be generated
15 for both the defective provisional ballot and the
16 duplicate electronic provisional ballot.

17 (c) For provisional ballots cast at a partisan primary
18 election, the judges shall use a duplicate ballot of the
19 correct ballot style for the same political party as the ballot
20 chosen by the voter.

21 (d) At least one qualified pollwatcher for each candidate,
22 political party, and civic organization, as authorized by
23 Section 17-23 of this Code, shall be permitted to observe the
24 ballot remaking process.

1 Sec. 18A-218.30. Counting procedures for provisional
2 ballots cast in an incorrect precinct within a different
3 election authority's jurisdiction.

4 (a) The election authority having possession of the
5 provisional ballot shall first notify the election authority
6 having jurisdiction over the provisional voter that the voter
7 cast a provisional ballot in its jurisdiction and provide
8 whatever information is needed for the election authority to
9 comply with the notification requirements set forth in
10 subsection (d) of Section 18A-15 of this Code. For purpose of
11 determining which election authority has jurisdiction over the
12 provisional voter, the election authority having possession of
13 the provisional ballot shall use the address listed on the
14 provisional ballot affidavit that was provided by the voter. If
15 that address is different from the address at which the voter
16 is registered the ballot shall be rejected; however, the
17 affidavit shall serve as a request to register at that address.
18 If a voter cast a provisional ballot in an incorrect precinct
19 located in the jurisdiction of an election authority other than
20 the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
21 correct precinct, but where the precinct is located within the
22 same county as the 2 election authorities (e.g., a voter is
23 registered in the City of Chicago, but casts a provisional
24 ballot in suburban Cook County), the election authority in
25 whose territory the provisional ballot was cast shall, after
26 receipt of the provisional ballot, transmit it, along with the

1 provisional voter's affidavit and any other documentation
2 provided to the election judges, to the office of the election
3 authority having jurisdiction over the voter's correct
4 precinct. The ballot shall be sealed in a secure envelope or
5 other suitable container and transmitted within 8 business days
6 after the election at which it was cast. If the locations of
7 the election authorities' offices are such that it is feasible
8 to hand deliver the ballot, the ballot shall be sealed in a
9 secure envelope and transmitted in that manner by 2 election
10 judges (or election officials), one from each of the 2 leading
11 political parties. If the locations of the 2 election
12 authorities are such that it is not feasible to hand deliver
13 the ballot, the election authority having jurisdiction over the
14 incorrect precinct shall cause the ballot to be sealed in a
15 secure envelope and transmitted via express mail within 8
16 business days after the election at which the ballot was cast,
17 with a delivery date no later than the second business day
18 following the mailing date. Upon receipt of the ballot by the
19 election authority having jurisdiction over the correct
20 precinct, the election authority shall proceed to remake, and
21 count the votes on, the provisional ballot in accordance with
22 the procedures described in Section 18A-218.20, including the
23 determination of eligibility to cast a provisional ballot. Any
24 information provided to the election authority within the 7 day
25 period provided for in Section 18A-15 of this Code shall be
26 sealed in a secure envelope and transmitted to the office of

1 the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
2 correct precinct, along with the provisional ballot of that
3 voter.

4 (b) Incorrect precinct is located in a different county
5 from the county where the voter is registered, but is located
6 in the same municipality or legislative district as the one in
7 which the voter is registered:

8 (1) The election authority having possession of the
9 provisional ballot shall first notify the election
10 authority having jurisdiction over the provisional voter
11 that the voter cast a provisional ballot in its
12 jurisdiction and provide whatever information is needed
13 for the election authority to comply with the notification
14 requirements set forth in subsection (d) of Section 18A-15
15 of this Code. For purposes of determining which election
16 authority has jurisdiction over the provisional voter, the
17 election authority having possession of the provisional
18 ballot shall use the address listed on the provisional
19 ballot affidavit that was provided by the voter. If that
20 address is different from the address at which the voter is
21 registered, the ballot shall be rejected; however, the
22 affidavit shall serve as a request to register at that
23 address. The election authority shall then cause the
24 ballot, along with the provisional voter's affidavit and
25 any other documentation provided to the election judges, to
26 be transmitted via express mail within 8 business days

1 after the election at which the ballot was cast, with a
2 delivery date no later than the second business day
3 following the mailing date. Upon receipt of the ballot by
4 the election authority having jurisdiction over the
5 correct precinct, that election authority shall proceed to
6 remake and count the votes on the provisional ballot in
7 accordance with the procedures described in Section
8 18A-218.20, including the determination of eligibility to
9 cast a provisional ballot. Any information provided to the
10 election authority within the 7 day period provided for in
11 Section 18A-15 of this Code shall be transmitted to the
12 office of the election authority having jurisdiction over
13 the voter's correct precinct, along with the provisional
14 ballot of that voter.

15 (2) If a voter casts a provisional ballot in a precinct
16 outside of the county in which he or she is registered and
17 outside of the municipality, representative district, or
18 legislative district in which he or she is registered (if
19 applicable), the ballot shall not be counted. It shall,
20 however, be transmitted via the U.S. Postal Service to the
21 election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's
22 correct precinct within 14 days after the election and
23 shall be kept for 2 months, the same length of time as is
24 required for other voted ballots.

25 For purposes of determining which election authority has
26 jurisdiction over the provisional voter, the election

1 authority having possession of the provisional ballot shall use
2 the address listed on the provisional ballot affidavit that was
3 provided by the voter. If such address is different from the
4 address at which the voter is registered, the ballot shall be
5 rejected, however the affidavit shall serve as a request to
6 register at such address.

7 (10 ILCS 5/18A-218.40 new)

8 Sec. 18A-218.40. Follow-up procedures for provisional
9 ballots. The original provisional ballot cast by the voter
10 shall be stored separately from other ballots voted in the
11 election and shall be preserved in the same manner as original
12 ballots that had to be remade for other reasons, such as a
13 damaged ballot or as a result of a voter over-voting an office.

14 (10 ILCS 5/Art. 19 heading)

15 ARTICLE 19. VOTING BY MAIL ~~ABSENT ELECTORS~~

16 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

17 Sec. 19-2. Any elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by
18 mail or electronically on the website of the appropriate
19 election authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior
20 to the date of such election, or by personal delivery not more
21 than 90 nor less than one day prior to the date of such
22 election, make application to the county clerk or to the Board
23 of Election Commissioners for an official ballot for the

1 voter's precinct to be voted at such election. The URL address
2 at which voters may electronically request a vote by mail ~~an~~
3 ~~absentee~~ ballot shall be fixed no later than 90 calendar days
4 before an election and shall not be changed until after the
5 election. Such a ballot shall be delivered to the elector only
6 upon separate application by the elector for each election.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691,
8 eff. 7-1-14.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

10 Sec. 19-3. The application for vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
11 shall be substantially in the following form:

12 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL ~~ABSENTEE~~ BALLOT

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

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

24 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
25 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall

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

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

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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 vote by mail ~~absentee~~
5 ballot. Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority shall
6 accept and promptly process any application for vote by mail
7 ~~absentee~~ ballot submitted in a form substantially similar to
8 that required by this Section, including any substantially
9 similar production or reproduction generated by the applicant.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

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

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

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

1 requesting permission for viewing.

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

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

20 In the event that the return address of an application for
21 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
22 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act,
23 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or
24 the ID/DD Community Care Act, within the jurisdiction of the
25 election authority, and the applicant is a registered voter in
26 the precinct in which such facility is located, the ballots

1 shall be prepared and transmitted to a responsible judge of
2 election no later than 9 a.m. on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday
3 immediately preceding the election as designated by the
4 election authority under Section 19-12.2. Such judge shall
5 deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the
6 applicant on the premises of the facility from which
7 application was made. The election authority shall by mail
8 notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot will be
9 delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

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

18 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-813,
19 eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
20 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

21 (10 ILCS 5/19-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-5)

22 Sec. 19-5. It shall be the duty of the election authority
23 to fold the ballot or ballots in the manner specified by the
24 statute for folding ballots prior to their deposit in the
25 ballot box, and to enclose such ballot or ballots in an

1 envelope unsealed to be furnished by him, which envelope shall
 2 bear upon the face thereof the name, official title and post
 3 office address of the election authority, and upon the other
 4 side a printed certification in substantially the following
 5 form:

6 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
 7 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
 8 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
 9 county of and State of Illinois, that I have lived at such
 10 address for months last past; and that I am lawfully
 11 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
 12 held on

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

14 I further state that I personally marked the enclosed
 15 ballot in secret.

16 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
 17 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
 18 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
 19 and correct.

20

21 If the ballot is to go to an elector who is physically
 22 incapacitated and needs assistance marking the ballot, the
 23 envelope shall bear upon the back thereof a certification in
 24 substantially the following form:

25 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
 26 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in

1 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
 2 county of and State of Illinois, that I have lived at such
 3 address for months last past; that I am lawfully entitled
 4 to vote in such precinct at the election to be held on
 5; that I am physically incapable of personally marking the
 6 ballot for such election.

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

8 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret
 9 with the assistance of

10
 11 (Individual rendering assistance)
 12
 13 (Residence Address)

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

18

19 In the case of a voter with a physical incapacity, marking
 20 a ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the
 21 assistance of another individual, other than a candidate whose
 22 name appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
 23 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
 24 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
 25 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
 26 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

1 In the case of a physically incapacitated voter, marking a
2 ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the assistance
3 of another individual, other than a candidate whose name
4 appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
5 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
6 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
7 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
8 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

9 Provided, that if the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a
10 primary election, the certification shall designate the name of
11 the political party with which the voter is affiliated.

12 In addition to the above, the election authority shall
13 provide printed slips giving full instructions regarding the
14 manner of marking and returning the ballot in order that the
15 same may be counted, and shall furnish one of such printed
16 slips to each of such applicants at the same time the ballot is
17 delivered to him. Such instructions shall include the following
18 statement: "In signing the certification on the vote by mail
19 ~~absentee~~ ballot envelope, you are attesting that you personally
20 marked this vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot in secret. If you are
21 physically unable to mark the ballot, a friend or relative may
22 assist you after completing the enclosed affidavit. Federal and
23 State laws prohibit a candidate whose name appears on the
24 ballot (unless you are the spouse or a parent, child, brother,
25 or sister of the candidate), your employer, your employer's
26 agent or an officer or agent of your union from assisting

1 physically disabled voters."

2 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
3 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question
4 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
5 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
6 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
7 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
8 a notice of the public question, which shall include a
9 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
10 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same
11 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-440, eff. 8-27-07; 96-553, eff. 8-17-09.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-6)

14 Sec. 19-6. Such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter shall make and
15 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the application
16 and on the return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or
17 ballots shall be folded by such voter in the manner required to
18 be folded before depositing the same in the ballot box, and be
19 deposited in such envelope and the envelope securely sealed.
20 The voter shall then endorse his certificate upon the back of
21 the envelope and the envelope shall be mailed in person by such
22 voter, postage prepaid, to the election authority issuing the
23 ballot or, if more convenient, it may be delivered in person,
24 by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter ~~a~~
25 ~~spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of the voter~~, or by a

1 company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the Illinois
2 Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial
3 Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making
4 deliveries. It shall be unlawful for any person not the voter
5 or a person authorized by the voter, ~~his or her spouse, parent,~~
6 ~~child, brother, or sister, or a representative of a company~~
7 ~~engaged in the business of making deliveries to the election~~
8 ~~authority~~ to take the ballot and ballot envelope of a voter for
9 deposit into the mail unless the ballot has been issued
10 pursuant to application by a physically incapacitated elector
11 under Section 3-3 or a hospitalized voter under Section 19-13,
12 in which case any employee or person under the direction of the
13 facility in which the elector or voter is located may deposit
14 the ballot and ballot envelope into the mail. ~~If an absentee~~
15 ~~voter gives his ballot and ballot envelope to a spouse, parent,~~
16 ~~child, brother or sister of the voter or to a company which is~~
17 ~~engaged in the business of making deliveries for delivery to~~
18 ~~the election authority, the voter shall give an authorization~~
19 ~~form to the person making the delivery. The person making the~~
20 ~~delivery shall present the authorization to the election~~
21 ~~authority. The authorization shall be in substantially the~~
22 ~~following form:~~

23 I (absentee voter) authorize
24 to take my ballot to the office of the election authority.

25

26 _____ Date _____ Signature of voter

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2 _____ Hour _____ Address

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4 _____ Date _____ Signature of Authorized

5 _____ Individual

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7 _____ Hour _____ Relationship (if any)

8 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/19-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-7)

10 Sec. 19-7. (a) Upon receipt of such vote by mail ~~absent~~
11 voter's ballot, the election authority shall forthwith enclose
12 the same unopened, together with the application made by said
13 vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter in a large or carrier envelope which
14 shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the name and
15 official title of such officer and the words, "This envelope
16 contains a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter's ballot and must be
17 opened on election day," together with the number and
18 description of the precinct in which said ballot is to be
19 voted, and such officer shall thereafter safely keep the same
20 in his office until counted by him as provided in the next
21 section.

22 (b) Within one day after receipt of such vote by mail

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

9 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

11 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

12 (a) (Blank.)

13 (b) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot returned to an
14 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
15 and received by that election authority before the closing of
16 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
17 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
18 processed by the election authority beginning on the 7th day
19 before election day ~~shall be counted~~ in the central ballot
20 counting location of the election authority, but the results of
21 the processing may not be counted until ~~on~~ the day of the
22 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections (g)
23 and (g-5).

24 (c) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed
25 to an election authority and postmarked by 7:00 p.m. ~~the~~

1 ~~midnight preceding the opening of the polls~~ on election day,
2 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
3 close on election day and before the close of the period for
4 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
5 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
6 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
7 location of the election authority during the period for
8 counting provisional ballots.

9 Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed to
10 an election authority absent a postmark, but that is received
11 by the election authority after the polls close on election day
12 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
13 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
14 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
15 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
16 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
17 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
18 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
19 of the election authority during the period for counting
20 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
21 ballot shall not be counted.

22 (d) Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
23 ballots returned to an election authority, by any means
24 authorized by this Article, and received by the election
25 authority at any time before the closing of the polls on
26 election day shall be endorsed by the receiving election

1 authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted
2 at the central ballot counting location of the election
3 authority during the same period provided for counting vote by
4 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots under subsections (b), (g), and
5 (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
6 ballots that are mailed to an election authority and postmarked
7 by 7:00 p.m. ~~the midnight preceding the opening of the polls~~ on
8 election day, but that are received by the election authority
9 after the polls close on election day and before the closing of
10 the period for counting provisional ballots cast at that
11 election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority with the
12 day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central
13 ballot counting location of the election authority during the
14 same periods provided for counting vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters'
15 ballots under subsection (c).

16 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
17 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail
18 ~~absentee~~ voter's blank ballots received by the election
19 authority after the closing of the polls on an election day
20 shall be endorsed by the election authority receiving them with
21 the day and hour of receipt and shall be safely kept unopened
22 by the election authority for the period of time required for
23 the preservation of ballots used at the election, and shall
24 then, without being opened, be destroyed in like manner as the
25 used ballots of that election.

26 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on

1 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
2 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
3 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
4 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail ~~absent~~
5 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~
6 voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election day
7 have been counted.

8 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
9 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
10 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
11 ~~ballot, other than an in-person absentee ballot,~~ is received,
12 but in all cases before the close of the period for counting
13 provisional ballots, the election judge or official shall
14 compare the voter's signature on the certification envelope of
15 that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot with the signature of the
16 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
17 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
18 match, and that the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter is otherwise
19 qualified to cast a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, the
20 election authority shall cast and count the ballot on election
21 day or the day the ballot is determined to be valid, whichever
22 is later, adding the results to the precinct in which the voter
23 is registered. If the election judge or official determines
24 that the signatures do not match, or that the vote by mail
25 ~~absentee~~ voter is not qualified to cast a vote by mail ~~an~~
26 ~~absentee~~ ballot, then without opening the certification

1 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
2 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
3 cast or count the ballot.

4 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote
5 by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot may be rejected by the election
6 judge or official:

7 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
8 and resealed;

9 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
10 period ballot;

11 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
12 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

13 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

14 If the election judge or official determines that any of
15 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
16 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
17 shall not cast or count the ballot.

18 (g-5) If a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot, ~~other than an~~
19 ~~in person absentee ballot,~~ is rejected by the election judge or
20 official for any reason, the election authority shall, within 2
21 days after the rejection but in all cases before the close of
22 the period for counting provisional ballots, notify the vote by
23 mail ~~absentee~~ voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The
24 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
25 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
26 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after

1 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
2 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
3 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
4 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
5 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
6 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
7 evidence submitted by the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter. No more
8 than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the
9 same political party. The reviewing panel of election judges
10 shall make a final determination as to the validity of the
11 contested vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot. The judges'
12 determination shall not be reviewable either administratively
13 or judicially.

14 A vote by mail ~~An absentee~~ ballot subject to this
15 subsection that is determined to be valid shall be counted
16 before the close of the period for counting provisional
17 ballots.

18 (g-10) All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots determined to be
19 valid shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for
20 which they were cast in the order in which the ballots were
21 opened.

22 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
23 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
24 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
26 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

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

2 Sec. 19-10. Pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early
3 ~~in-person absentee~~ voting procedures and view all reasonably
4 requested records relating to the conduct of the election,
5 provided the secrecy of the ballot is not impinged, at the
6 office of the election authority as well as at municipal,
7 township or road district clerks' offices where such early
8 ~~absentee~~ voting is conducted. Such pollwatchers shall qualify
9 and be appointed in the same manner as provided in Sections
10 7-34 and 17-23, except each candidate, political party or
11 organization of citizens may appoint only one pollwatcher for
12 each location where early ~~in-person absentee~~ voting is
13 conducted. Pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois
14 and possess valid pollwatcher credentials.

15 In the polling place on election day, pollwatchers shall be
16 permitted to be present during the casting of the vote by mail
17 ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and the vote of any vote by mail ~~absent~~
18 voter may be challenged for cause the same as if he were
19 present and voted in person, and the judges of the election or
20 a majority thereof shall have power and authority to hear and
21 determine the legality of such ballot; Provided, however, that
22 if a challenge to any vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's right to vote
23 is sustained, notice of the same must be given by the judges of
24 election by mail addressed to the voter's place of residence.

25 Where certain vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots are

1 counted on the day of the election in the office of the
2 election authority as provided in Section 19-8 of this Act,
3 each political party, candidate and qualified civic
4 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
5 for each panel of election judges therein assigned. Such
6 pollwatchers shall be subject to the same provisions as are
7 provided for pollwatchers in Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of this
8 Code, and shall be permitted to observe the election judges
9 making the signature comparison between that which is on the
10 ballot envelope and that which is on the permanent voter
11 registration record card taken from the master file.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.1)

14 Sec. 19-12.1. Any qualified elector who has secured an
15 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card in
16 accordance with the Illinois Identification Card Act,
17 indicating that the person named thereon has a Class 1A or
18 Class 2 disability or any qualified voter who has a permanent
19 physical incapacity of such a nature as to make it improbable
20 that he will be able to be present at the polls at any future
21 election, or any voter who is a resident of (i) a federally
22 operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility located in
23 Illinois or (ii) a facility licensed or certified pursuant to
24 the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health
25 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care Act and

1 has a condition or disability of such a nature as to make it
2 improbable that he will be able to be present at the polls at
3 any future election, may secure a disabled voter's or nursing
4 home resident's identification card, which will enable him to
5 vote under this Article as a physically incapacitated or
6 nursing home voter. For the purposes of this Section,
7 "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility"
8 means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse Brown VA
9 Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward Hines, Jr.
10 VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain James A.
11 Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

12 Application for a disabled voter's or nursing home
13 resident's identification card shall be made either: (a) in
14 writing, with voter's sworn affidavit, to the county clerk or
15 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, and shall
16 be accompanied by the affidavit of the attending physician
17 specifically describing the nature of the physical incapacity
18 or the fact that the voter is a nursing home resident and is
19 physically unable to be present at the polls on election days;
20 or (b) by presenting, in writing or otherwise, to the county
21 clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case may be,
22 proof that the applicant has secured an Illinois Person with a
23 Disability Identification Card indicating that the person
24 named thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability. Upon the
25 receipt of either the sworn-to application and the physician's
26 affidavit or proof that the applicant has secured an Illinois

1 Person with a Disability Identification Card indicating that
2 the person named thereon has a Class 1A or Class 2 disability,
3 the county clerk or board of election commissioners shall issue
4 a disabled voter's or nursing home resident's identification
5 card. Such identification cards shall be issued for a period of
6 5 years, upon the expiration of which time the voter may secure
7 a new card by making application in the same manner as is
8 prescribed for the issuance of an original card, accompanied by
9 a new affidavit of the attending physician. The date of
10 expiration of such five-year period shall be made known to any
11 interested person by the election authority upon the request of
12 such person. Applications for the renewal of the identification
13 cards shall be mailed to the voters holding such cards not less
14 than 3 months prior to the date of expiration of the cards.

15 Each disabled voter's or nursing home resident's
16 identification card shall bear an identification number, which
17 shall be clearly noted on the voter's original and duplicate
18 registration record cards. In the event the holder becomes
19 physically capable of resuming normal voting, he must surrender
20 his disabled voter's or nursing home resident's identification
21 card to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
22 before the next election.

23 The holder of a disabled voter's or nursing home resident's
24 identification card may make application by mail for an
25 official ballot within the time prescribed by Section 19-2.
26 Such application shall contain the same information as is

1 included in the form of application for ballot by a physically
2 incapacitated elector prescribed in Section 19-3 except that it
3 shall also include the applicant's disabled voter's
4 identification card number and except that it need not be sworn
5 to. If an examination of the records discloses that the
6 applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, he shall be mailed a
7 ballot as provided in Section 19-4. The ballot envelope shall
8 be the same as that prescribed in Section 19-5 for physically
9 disabled voters, and the manner of voting and returning the
10 ballot shall be the same as that provided in this Article for
11 other vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots, except that a statement to
12 be subscribed to by the voter but which need not be sworn to
13 shall be placed on the ballot envelope in lieu of the affidavit
14 prescribed by Section 19-5.

15 Any person who knowingly subscribes to a false statement in
16 connection with voting under this Section shall be guilty of a
17 Class A misdemeanor.

18 For the purposes of this Section, "nursing home resident"
19 includes a resident of (i) a federally operated veterans' home,
20 hospital, or facility located in Illinois or (ii) a facility
21 licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act or the Specialized
22 Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013. For the purposes of
23 this Section, "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or
24 facility" means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse
25 Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward
26 Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain

1 James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-275,
3 eff. 1-1-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13;
4 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.2)

6 Sec. 19-12.2. Voting by physically incapacitated electors
7 who have made proper application to the election authority not
8 later than 5 days before the regular primary and general
9 election of 1980 and before each election thereafter shall be
10 conducted on the premises of (i) federally operated veterans'
11 homes, hospitals, and facilities located in Illinois or (ii)
12 facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home
13 Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of
14 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care Act for the sole benefit of
15 residents of such homes, hospitals, and facilities. For the
16 purposes of this Section, "federally operated veterans' home,
17 hospital, or facility" means the long-term care facilities at
18 the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System,
19 Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and
20 Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Such voting
21 shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to
22 allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of
23 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. either on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or
24 Monday immediately preceding the regular election. This vote by
25 mail ~~absentee~~ voting on one of said days designated by the

1 election authority shall be supervised by two election judges
2 who must be selected by the election authority in the following
3 order of priority: (1) from the panel of judges appointed for
4 the precinct in which such home, hospital, or facility is
5 located, or from a panel of judges appointed for any other
6 precinct within the jurisdiction of the election authority in
7 the same ward or township, as the case may be, in which the
8 home, hospital, or facility is located or, only in the case
9 where a judge or judges from the precinct, township or ward are
10 unavailable to serve, (3) from a panel of judges appointed for
11 any other precinct within the jurisdiction of the election
12 authority. The two judges shall be from different political
13 parties. Not less than 30 days before each regular election,
14 the election authority shall have arranged with the chief
15 administrative officer of each home, hospital, or facility in
16 his or its election jurisdiction a mutually convenient time
17 period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately
18 preceding the election for such voting on the premises of the
19 home, hospital, or facility and shall post in a prominent place
20 in his or its office a notice of the agreed day and time period
21 for conducting such voting at each home, hospital, or facility;
22 provided that the election authority shall not later than noon
23 on the Thursday before the election also post the names and
24 addresses of those homes, hospitals, and facilities from which
25 no applications were received and in which no supervised vote
26 by mail ~~absentee~~ voting will be conducted. All provisions of

1 this Code applicable to pollwatchers shall be applicable
2 herein. To the maximum extent feasible, voting booths or
3 screens shall be provided to insure the privacy of the voter.
4 Voting procedures shall be as described in Article 17 of this
5 Code, except that ballots shall be treated as vote by mail
6 ~~absentee~~ ballots and shall not be counted until the close of
7 the polls on the following day. After the last voter has
8 concluded voting, the judges shall seal the ballots in an
9 envelope and affix their signatures across the flap of the
10 envelope. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the
11 sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who
12 shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central
13 ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on
14 the day of election. The judges of election shall also report
15 to the election authority the name of any applicant in the
16 home, hospital, or facility who, due to unforeseen circumstance
17 or condition or because of a religious holiday, was unable to
18 vote. In this event, the election authority may appoint a
19 qualified person from his or its staff to deliver the ballot to
20 such applicant on the day of election. This staff person shall
21 follow the same procedures prescribed for judges conducting
22 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting in such homes, hospitals, or
23 facilities and shall return the ballot to the central ballot
24 counting location before the polls close. However, if the home,
25 hospital, or facility from which the application was made is
26 also used as a regular precinct polling place for that voter,

1 voting procedures heretofore prescribed may be implemented by 2
2 of the election judges of opposite party affiliation assigned
3 to that polling place during the hours of voting on the day of
4 the election. Judges of election shall be compensated not less
5 than \$25.00 for conducting vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting in such
6 homes, hospitals, or facilities.

7 Not less than 120 days before each regular election, the
8 Department of Public Health shall certify to the State Board of
9 Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified
10 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
11 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the ID/DD Community Care
12 Act. The lists shall indicate the approved bed capacity and the
13 name of the chief administrative officer of each such home,
14 hospital, or facility, and the State Board of Elections shall
15 certify the same to the appropriate election authority within
16 20 days thereafter.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12; 97-275,
18 eff. 1-1-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 98-104, eff. 7-22-13.)

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

20 Sec. 19-13. Any qualified voter who has been admitted to a
21 hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center due to an
22 illness or physical injury not more than 14 days before an
23 election shall be entitled to personal delivery of a vote by
24 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot in the hospital, nursing home, or
25 rehabilitation center subject to the following conditions:

1 (1) The voter completes the Application for Physically
2 Incapacitated Elector as provided in Section 19-3, stating as
3 reasons therein that he is a patient in (name
4 of hospital/home/center), located at,
5 (address of hospital/home/center),
6 (county, city/village), was admitted for
7 (nature of illness or physical injury), on
8 (date of admission), and does not expect to be
9 released from the hospital/home/center on or before the day of
10 election or, if released, is expected to be homebound on the
11 day of the election and unable to travel to the polling place.

12 (2) The voter's physician completes a Certificate of
13 Attending Physician in a form substantially as follows:

14 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

15 I state that I am a physician, duly licensed to practice in
16 the State of; that is a patient in
17 (name of hospital/home/center), located at
18 (address of hospital/home/center),
19 (county, city/village); that such individual
20 was admitted for (nature of illness or physical
21 injury), on (date of admission); and that I have
22 examined such individual in the State in which I am licensed to
23 practice medicine and do not expect such individual to be
24 released from the hospital/home/center on or before the day of
25 election or, if released, to be able to travel to the polling
26 place on election day.

1 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
2 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
3 statements set forth in this certification are true and
4 correct.

5 (Signature)

6 (Date licensed)

7 (3) Any person who is registered to vote in the same
8 precinct as the admitted voter or any legal relative of the
9 admitted voter may present such voter's vote by mail ~~absentee~~
10 ballot application, completed as prescribed in paragraph 1,
11 accompanied by the physician's certificate, completed as
12 prescribed in paragraph 2, to the election authority. Such
13 precinct voter or relative shall execute and sign an affidavit
14 furnished by the election authority attesting that he is a
15 registered voter in the same precinct as the admitted voter or
16 that he is a legal relative of the admitted voter and stating
17 the nature of the relationship. Such precinct voter or relative
18 shall further attest that he has been authorized by the
19 admitted voter to obtain his or her vote by mail ~~absentee~~
20 ballot from the election authority and deliver such ballot to
21 him in the hospital, home, or center.

22 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's application,
23 physician's certificate, and the affidavit of the precinct
24 voter or the relative, the election authority shall examine the
25 registration records to determine if the applicant is qualified
26 to vote and, if found to be qualified, shall provide the

1 precinct voter or the relative the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot
2 for delivery to the applicant.

3 Upon receipt of the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot, the
4 admitted voter shall mark the ballot in secret and subscribe to
5 the certifications on the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot return
6 envelope. After depositing the ballot in the return envelope
7 and securely sealing the envelope, such voter shall give the
8 envelope to the precinct voter or the relative who shall
9 deliver it to the election authority in sufficient time for the
10 ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the
11 election authority's central ballot counting location before 7
12 p.m. on election day.

13 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's vote by mail ~~absentee~~
14 ballot, the ballot shall be counted in the manner prescribed in
15 this Article.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-18, eff. 6-14-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
17 95-878, eff. 1-1-09.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/19-15)

19 Sec. 19-15. Precinct tabulation optical scan technology
20 voting equipment. If the election authority has adopted the use
21 of Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
22 equipment pursuant to Article 24B of this Code, and the
23 provisions of the Article are in conflict with the provisions
24 of this Article 19, the provisions of Article 24B shall govern
25 the procedures followed by the election authority, its judges

1 of elections, and all employees and agents, provided that vote
2 by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots are counted at the election
3 authority's central ballot counting location. In following the
4 provisions of Article 24B, the election authority is authorized
5 to develop and implement procedures to fully utilize Precinct
6 Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting equipment, at the
7 central ballot counting location, authorized by the State Board
8 of Elections as long as the procedure is not in conflict with
9 either Article 24B or the administrative rules of the State
10 Board of Elections.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/19-20)

13 Sec. 19-20. Report on vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots. This
14 Section applies to vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots ~~other than~~
15 ~~in person absentee ballots.~~

16 On or before the 21st day after an election, each election
17 authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the
18 following information with respect to that election:

19 (1) The number, by precinct, of vote by mail ~~absentee~~
20 ballots requested, provided, and counted.

21 (2) The number of rejected vote by mail ~~absentee~~
22 ballots.

23 (3) The number of voters seeking review of rejected
24 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots pursuant to subsection (g-5)
25 of Section 19-8.

1 (4) The number of vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots counted
2 following review pursuant to subsection (g-5) of Section
3 19-8.

4 On or before the 28th day after an election, the State Board of
5 Elections shall compile the information received under this
6 Section with respect to that election and make that information
7 available to the public.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/19A-10)

10 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

11 (a) An election authority may establish permanent polling
12 places for early voting by personal appearance at locations
13 throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including
14 but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township
15 clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or
16 local public agency office. Except as otherwise provided in
17 subsection (b), any person entitled to vote early by personal
18 appearance may do so at any polling place established for early
19 voting.

20 (b) If it is impractical for the election authority to
21 provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in
22 every form required in the election authority's jurisdiction,
23 the election authority may:

24 (1) provide appropriate forms of ballots to the office
25 of the municipal clerk in a municipality not having a board

1 of election commissioners; the township clerk; or in
2 counties not under township organization, the road
3 district clerk; and

4 (2) limit voting at that polling place to registered
5 voters in that municipality, ward or group of wards,
6 township, or road district.

7 If the early voting polling place does not have the correct
8 ballot form for a person seeking to vote early, the election
9 judge or election official conducting early voting at that
10 polling place shall inform the person of that fact, give the
11 person the appropriate telephone number of the election
12 authority in order to locate an early voting polling place with
13 the correct ballot form for use in that person's assigned
14 precinct, and instruct the person to go to the proper early
15 voting polling place to vote early.

16 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
17 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
18 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for early
19 voting by personal appearance at a location within each of the
20 3 largest municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the
21 3 largest municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority
22 shall establish at least 2 permanent polling places within the
23 municipality. All population figures shall be determined by the
24 federal census.

25 (d) During each general primary and general election, each
26 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of

1 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
2 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 permanent
3 polling places for early voting by personal appearance. All
4 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

5 (e) During each general primary and general election, each
6 election authority in a county with a population of over
7 100,000 but under 250,000 persons shall establish at least one
8 permanent polling place for early voting by personal
9 appearance. The location for early voting may be the election
10 authority's main office or another location designated by the
11 election authority. The election authority may designate
12 additional sites for early voting by personal appearance. All
13 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

14 (f) No permanent polling place required by this Section
15 shall be located within 1,500 feet from another permanent
16 polling place required by this Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

20 (a) The period for early voting by personal appearance
21 begins the 40th ~~15th~~ day preceding a general primary,
22 consolidated primary, consolidated, or general election and
23 extends through the end of the 3rd ~~3rd~~ day before election day,
24 ~~except that for the 2014 general election the period for early~~
25 ~~voting by personal appearance shall extend through the 2nd day~~

1 ~~before election day.~~

2 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
3 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
4 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
5 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to
6 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
7 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place
8 for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.
9 to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00
10 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. 12:00
11 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to the
12 hours required by this subsection, a permanent ~~early voting~~
13 polling place designated by an election authority under
14 subsections ~~subsection~~ (c), (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must
15 remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday
16 during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours
17 on the final weekend during the early voting period. ~~For the~~
18 2014 general election, a permanent polling place for early
19 voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30
20 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, except that
21 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling place
22 for early voting must remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m.
23 to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. For the 2014 general
24 election, a permanent polling place for early voting shall
25 remain open during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on
26 Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays; except that,

1 ~~in addition to the hours required by this subsection (b), a~~
2 ~~permanent early voting place designated by an election~~
3 ~~authority under subsection (c) of Section 19A-10 must remain~~
4 ~~open for a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend~~
5 ~~during the early voting period.~~

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-4,

1 eff. 3-12-13; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

3 Sec. 19A-25. Schedule of locations and times for early
4 voting.

5 (a) The election authority shall publish during the week
6 before the period for early voting and at least once each week
7 during the period for early voting in a newspaper of general
8 circulation in the election authority's jurisdiction a
9 schedule stating:

10 (1) the location of each permanent and temporary
11 polling place for early voting and the precincts served by
12 each location; and

13 (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be
14 conducted at each location.

15 (b) The election authority shall post a copy of the
16 schedule at any office or other location that is to be used as
17 a polling place for early voting. The schedule must be posted
18 continuously for a period beginning not later than the 5th day
19 before the first day of the period for early voting by personal
20 appearance and ending on the last day of that period.

21 (c) The election authority must make copies of the schedule
22 available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge
23 during the period of posting.

24 (d) If the election authority maintains a website, it shall
25 make the schedule available on its website.

1 (e) No additional polling places for early voting may be
2 established after the schedule is published under this Section.

3 (f) At least 10 business days before the period for early
4 voting begins, each election authority shall provide the State
5 Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and
6 the hours each site will be open.

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

8 (10 ILCS 5/19A-35)

9 Sec. 19A-35. Procedure for voting.

10 (a) Not more than 23 days before the start of the election,
11 the county clerk shall make available to the election official
12 conducting early voting by personal appearance a sufficient
13 number of early ballots, envelopes, and printed voting
14 instruction slips for the use of early voters. The election
15 official shall receipt for all ballots received and shall
16 return unused or spoiled ballots at the close of the early
17 voting period to the county clerk and must strictly account for
18 all ballots received. The ballots delivered to the election
19 official must include early ballots for each precinct in the
20 election authority's jurisdiction and must include separate
21 ballots for each political subdivision conducting an election
22 of officers or a referendum at that election.

23 (b) In conducting early voting under this Article, the
24 election judge or official is required to verify the signature
25 of the early voter by comparison with the signature on the

1 official registration card, and the judge or official must
2 verify (i) the identity of the applicant, (ii) that the
3 applicant is a registered voter, (iii) the precinct in which
4 the applicant is registered, and (iv) the proper ballots of the
5 political subdivision in which the applicant resides and is
6 entitled to vote before providing an early ballot to the
7 applicant. ~~The Except for during the 2014 general election, the~~
8 applicant's identity must be verified by the applicant's
9 presentation of an Illinois driver's license, a non-driver
10 identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State,
11 a photo identification card issued by a university or college,
12 or another government-issued identification document
13 containing the applicant's photograph. The election judge or
14 official must verify the applicant's registration from the most
15 recent poll list provided by the election authority, and if the
16 applicant is not listed on that poll list, by telephoning the
17 office of the election authority.

18 (b-5) A person requesting an early voting ballot to whom a
19 vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot was issued may vote early if
20 the person submits that vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot to the
21 judges of election or official conducting early voting for
22 cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the vote by mail
23 ~~absentee~~ ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit
24 to the judges or official (i) a portion of the vote by mail
25 ~~absentee~~ ballot if the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot was torn or
26 mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the judges or

1 official specifying that (A) the voter never received a vote by
2 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned
3 a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot and was informed that the
4 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ~~absentee~~
5 ballot.

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

13 (b-15) Immediately after voting an early ballot, the voter
14 shall be instructed whether the voting equipment accepted or
15 rejected the ballot or identified that ballot as under-voted
16 for a statewide constitutional office. A voter whose ballot is
17 identified as under-voted may return to the voting booth and
18 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose early voting
19 ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon
20 surrendering the ballot, request and vote another early voting
21 ballot. The voter's surrendered ballot shall be initialed by
22 the election judge or official conducting the early voting and
23 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing the
24 voting equipment used.

25 (c) The sealed early ballots in their carrier envelope
26 shall be delivered by the election authority to the central

1 ballot counting location before the close of the polls on the
2 day of the election.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/19A-75)

5 Sec. 19A-75. Early voting in jurisdictions using Direct
6 Recording Electronic Voting Systems under Article 24C.
7 Election authorities that have adopted for use Direct Recording
8 Electronic Voting Systems under Article 24C may either use
9 those voting systems to conduct early voting or, so long as at
10 least one Direct Recording Electronic Voting System device is
11 available at each early voting polling place, use whatever
12 method the election authority uses for vote by mail ~~absentee~~
13 balloting ~~conducted by mail~~; provided that no early ballots are
14 counted before the polls close on election day.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-1)

17 Sec. 20-1. The following words and phrases contained in
18 this Article shall be construed as follows:

19 1. "Territorial limits of the United States" means each of
20 the several States of the United States and includes the
21 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and
22 the Virgin Islands; but does not include American Samoa, the
23 Canal Zone, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or any
24 other territory or possession of the United States.

1 2. "Member of the United States Service" means (a) members
2 of the Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and
3 dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying
4 them, (b) members of the Merchant Marine of the United States
5 and their spouses and dependents when residing with or
6 accompanying them and (c) United States government employees
7 serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

8 3. "Citizens of the United States temporarily residing
9 outside the territorial limits of the United States" means
10 civilian citizens of the United States and their spouses and
11 dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying
12 them, who maintain a precinct residence in a county in this
13 State and whose intent to return may be ascertained.

14 4. "Non-Resident Civilian Citizens" means civilian
15 citizens of the United States (a) who reside outside the
16 territorial limits of the United States, (b) who had maintained
17 a precinct residence in a county in this State immediately
18 prior to their departure from the United States, (c) who do not
19 maintain a residence and are not registered to vote in any
20 other State, and (d) whose intent to return to this State may
21 be uncertain.

22 5. "Official postcard" means the postcard application for
23 registration to vote or for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot
24 in the form provided in Section 204(c) of the Federal Voting
25 Rights Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1973cc-14(c)).

26 6. "Federal office" means the offices of President and

1 Vice-President of the United States, United States Senator,
2 Representative in Congress, delegates and alternate delegates
3 to the national nominating conventions and candidates for the
4 Presidential Preference Primary.

5 7. "Federal election" means any general, primary or special
6 election at which candidates are nominated or elected to
7 Federal office.

8 8. "Dependent", for purposes of this Article, shall mean a
9 father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter.

10 9. "Electronic transmission" includes, but is not limited
11 to, transmission by electronic mail or the Internet.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

14 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
15 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
16 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
17 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by
18 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to the election authority having
19 jurisdiction over his precinct of residence on the official
20 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
21 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10
22 days before the election. A request pursuant to this Section
23 shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
24 ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original
25 application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the

1 election authority for one year as authorization to send a
2 ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that
3 calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot
4 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
5 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
6 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
7 ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote
8 pursuant to this Section.

9 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
10 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
11 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
12 must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding
13 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
14 counting location of the election authority during the period
15 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
16 14th day following election day.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

19 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
20 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
21 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who
22 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
23 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
24 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
25 simultaneous application to the election authority having

1 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for ~~an absentee~~
2 registration by mail and vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot not less
3 than 30 days before the election. Such application may be made
4 on the official postcard or on a form furnished by the election
5 authority as prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article or by
6 facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant to
7 this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ~~an~~
8 ~~absentee~~ ballot for every election in one calendar year. The
9 original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of
10 the election authority for one year as authorization to send a
11 ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that
12 calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot
13 shall be sent each election with the vote by mail ~~absentee~~
14 ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting
15 location to be used in lieu of the original application for
16 ballot.

17 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
18 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
19 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days
20 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a
21 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
22 that election shall be waived.

23 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
24 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
25 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
26 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by

1 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission.

2 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
3 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and
4 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
5 of the election authority during the period for counting
6 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
7 following election day.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

10 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
11 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
12 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
13 residence for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot containing the
14 Federal offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal
15 election. Such application may be made on the official postcard
16 or by facsimile or electronic transmission. A request pursuant
17 to this Section shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail
18 ~~an absentee~~ ballot for every election in one calendar year at
19 which Federal offices are filled. The original application for
20 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
21 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
22 each election to be held within that calendar year at which
23 Federal offices are filled. A certified copy of such
24 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the
25 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot to the election authority's

1 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the
2 original application for ballot. No registration shall be
3 required in order to vote pursuant to this Section. Ballots
4 under this Section shall be delivered by the election authority
5 in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article in
6 person, by mail, or, if requested by the applicant and the
7 election authority has the capability, by facsimile
8 transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots voted
9 under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than
10 midnight preceding election day and received for counting at
11 the central ballot counting location of the election authority
12 during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last
13 day of which is the 14th day following election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

16 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
17 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
18 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
19 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
20 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
21 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
22 other method of making application for vote by mail ~~an absentee~~
23 ballot under this Article, may make application for a vote by
24 mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to the election authority having
25 jurisdiction over his or her precinct of residence by a

1 facsimile machine or electronic transmission not less than 10
2 days before the election.

3 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
4 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
5 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
6 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
7 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
8 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
9 than midnight preceding election day and received for counting
10 at the central ballot counting location of the election
11 authority during the period for counting provisional ballots,
12 the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.
13 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10; 96-512, eff. 1-1-10;
14 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

16 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
17 following applications for ~~absentee~~ registration by mail or
18 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot which shall be considered a method
19 of application in lieu of the official postcard.

20 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the
21 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
22 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
23 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic
24 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
25 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such

1 application shall be substantially in the following form:

2 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

3 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in
4 which is located my residence at....., in the
5 city/village/township of(insert home address)
6 County of..... and State of Illinois.

7 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
8 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
9 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
10 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
11 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
12 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

13 1. () a member of the United States Service,

14 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
15 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
16 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
17 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
18 opportunity to vote in person on that day.

19 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
20 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

21 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
22 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
23 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
24 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later
25 than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later
26 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the

1 last day of which is the 14th day following election day or
2 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

3 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
4 registered)

5 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
6 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
7 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
8 before the election.

9 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
11 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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13 Post office address or service address to which
14 registration materials or ballot should be mailed
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18"

19 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
20 application shall designate the name of the political party
21 with which the applicant is affiliated.

22 Such applications may be obtained from the election
23 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of
24 residence.

25 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
26 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in

1 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
2 the office of the election authority within the periods
3 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
4 following form:

5 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
6 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
7 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
8 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
9 County of..... and State of Illinois.

10 I certify that the following named person.....
11 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
12 Service.

13 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
14 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
15 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
16 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
17 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
18 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
19 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
20 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
21 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
22 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
23 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

24 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
25 to be voted by said person at such election and said person
26 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the

1 election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding
 2 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
 3 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
 4 day following election day, or shall destroy said ballot or
 5 ballots.

6 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
 7 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
 8 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
 9 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

10 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
 11 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 12 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

13 Name of applicant

14 Residence address

15 City/village/township.....

16 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
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21 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 22 application shall designate the name of the political party
 23 with which the person for whom application is made is
 24 affiliated.

25 Such applications may be obtained from the election
 26 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which

1 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-312, eff. 1-1-10.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/20-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-4)

4 Sec. 20-4. Immediately upon the receipt of the official
5 postcard or an application as provided in Section 20-3 within
6 the times heretofore prescribed, the election authority shall
7 ascertain whether or not such applicant is legally entitled to
8 vote as requested, including verification of the applicant's
9 signature by comparison with the signature on the official
10 registration record card, if any. If the election authority
11 ascertains that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote, it
12 shall enter the name, street address, ward and precinct number
13 of such applicant on a list to be posted in his or its office in
14 a place accessible to the public. Within one day after posting
15 the name and other information of an applicant for a ballot,
16 the election authority shall transmit that name and posted
17 information to the State Board of Elections, which shall
18 maintain the names and other information in an electronic
19 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
20 State and local political committees. As soon as the official
21 ballot is prepared the election authority shall immediately
22 deliver the same to the applicant in person, by mail, by
23 facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission as
24 provided in this Article.

25 If any such election authority receives a second or

1 additional application which it believes is from the same
2 person, he or it shall submit it to the chief judge of the
3 circuit court or any judge of that court designated by the
4 chief judge. If the chief judge or his designate determines
5 that the application submitted to him is a second or additional
6 one, he shall so notify the election authority who shall
7 disregard the second or additional application.

8 The election authority shall maintain a list for each
9 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
10 ~~absentee~~ ballots. The list shall be maintained for each
11 precinct within the jurisdiction of the election authority.
12 Prior to the opening of the polls on election day, the election
13 authority shall deliver to the judges of election in each
14 precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom
15 vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots have been issued.

16 Election authorities may transmit by facsimile or other
17 electronic means a ballot simultaneously with transmitting an
18 application for vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballot; however, no such
19 ballot shall be counted unless an application has been
20 completed by the voter and the election authority ascertains
21 that the applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as provided in
22 this Section.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/20-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-5)

25 Sec. 20-5. The election authority shall fold the ballot or

1 ballots in the manner specified by the statute for folding
 2 ballots prior to their deposit in the ballot box and shall
 3 enclose such ballot in an envelope unsealed to be furnished by
 4 it, which envelope shall bear upon the face thereof the name,
 5 official title and post office address of the election
 6 authority, and upon the other side of such envelope there shall
 7 be printed a certification in substantially the following form:

8 "CERTIFICATION

9 I state that I am a resident/former resident of the
 10 precinct of the city/village/township of,
 11 (Designation to be made by Election Authority) or of the
 12 ward in the city of (Designation to be made by
 13 Election Authority) residing at in said
 14 city/village/township in the county of and State of
 15 Illinois; that I am a

- 16 1. () member of the United States Service
- 17 2. () citizen of the United States temporarily residing
- 18 outside the territorial limits of the United States
- 19 3. () nonresident civilian citizen

20 and desire to cast the enclosed ballot pursuant to Article 20
 21 of The Election Code; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in
 22 such precinct at the election to be held on
 23

24 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in
 25 secret.

26 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29

1 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
2 statements set forth in this certification are true and
3 correct.

4 (Name)
5
6 (Service Address)"
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10 If the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a primary
11 election, the certification shall designate the name of the
12 political party with which the voter is affiliated.

13 In addition to the above, the election authority shall
14 provide printed slips giving full instructions regarding the
15 manner of completing the forms and affidavits for ~~absentee~~
16 registration by mail or the manner of marking and returning the
17 ballot in order that the same may be counted, and shall furnish
18 one of the printed slips to each of the applicants at the same
19 time the registration materials or ballot is delivered to him.

20 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
21 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question
22 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
23 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
24 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
25 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
26 a notice of the public question, which shall include a

1 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
2 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same
3 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

4 The envelope in which such registration or such ballot is
5 mailed to the voter as well as the envelope in which the
6 registration materials or the ballot is returned by the voter
7 shall have printed across the face thereof two parallel
8 horizontal red bars, each one-quarter inch wide, extending from
9 one side of the envelope to the other side, with an intervening
10 space of one-quarter inch, the top bar to be one and
11 one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope, and with the
12 words "Official Election Balloting Material-VIA AIR MAIL"
13 between the bars. In the upper right corner of such envelope in
14 a box, there shall be printed the words: "U.S. Postage Paid 42
15 USC 1973". All printing on the face of such envelopes shall be
16 in red, including an appropriate inscription or blank in the
17 upper left corner of return address of sender.

18 The envelope in which the ballot is returned to the
19 election authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage paid,
20 (ii) in person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or
21 sister of the voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the
22 business of making deliveries of property and licensed as a
23 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission
24 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

25 Election authorities transmitting ballots by facsimile or
26 electronic transmission shall, to the extent possible, provide

1 those applicants with the same instructions, certification,
2 and other materials required when sending by mail.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-512, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/20-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-6)

5 Sec. 20-6. Such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter shall make and
6 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the application
7 and on the return envelope for the ballot, and such ballot or
8 ballots shall then be folded by such voter in the manner
9 required to be folded before depositing the same in the ballot
10 box, and be deposited in such envelope and the envelope
11 securely sealed. The envelope in which the ballot is returned
12 to the election authority may be delivered (i) by mail, postage
13 paid, (ii) in person, by the spouse, parent, child, brother, or
14 sister of the voter, or (iii) by a company engaged in the
15 business of making deliveries of property and licensed as a
16 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission
17 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-512, eff. 1-1-10.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/20-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-7)

20 Sec. 20-7. Upon receipt of such vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's
21 ballot, the officer or officers above described shall forthwith
22 enclose the same unopened, together with the application made
23 by said vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter in a large or carrier
24 envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the

1 name and official title of such officer and the words, "This
2 envelope contains a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter's ballot and
3 must be opened on election day," together with the number and
4 description of the precinct in which said ballot is to be
5 voted, and such officer shall thereafter safely keep the same
6 in his office until counted by him as provided in the next
7 section.

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

10 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

11 (a) (Blank.)

12 (b) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot returned to an
13 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
14 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
15 election authority beginning on the 7th day before election day
16 ~~before the closing of the polls on election day shall be~~
17 ~~endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and~~
18 ~~hour of receipt and shall be counted~~ in the central ballot
19 counting location of the election authority, but the results of
20 the processing may not be counted until ~~on~~ the day of the
21 election after 7:00 p.m. on election day, except as provided in
22 subsections (g) and (g-5).

23 (c) Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed
24 to an election authority and postmarked by the midnight
25 preceding the opening of the polls on election day, but that is

1 received by the election authority after the polls close on
2 election day and before the close of the period for counting
3 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by
4 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and
5 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
6 election authority during the period for counting provisional
7 ballots.

8 Each vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter's ballot that is mailed to
9 an election authority absent a postmark, but that is received
10 by the election authority after the polls close on election day
11 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
12 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
13 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
14 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
15 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
16 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
17 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
18 of the election authority during the period for counting
19 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
20 ballot shall not be counted.

21 (d) Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
22 ballots returned to an election authority, by any means
23 authorized by this Article, and received by the election
24 authority at any time before the closing of the polls on
25 election day shall be endorsed by the receiving election
26 authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted

1 at the central ballot counting location of the election
2 authority during the same period provided for counting vote by
3 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots under subsections (b), (g), and
4 (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter's blank
5 ballot that are mailed to an election authority and postmarked
6 by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day,
7 but that are received by the election authority after the polls
8 close on election day and before the closing of the period for
9 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
10 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
11 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
12 location of the election authority during the same periods
13 provided for counting vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots under
14 subsection (c).

15 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
16 mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail
17 ~~absentee~~ voter's blank ballots received by the election
18 authority after the closing of the polls on the day of election
19 shall be endorsed by the person receiving the ballots with the
20 day and hour of receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by
21 the election authority for the period of time required for the
22 preservation of ballots used at the election, and shall then,
23 without being opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used
24 ballots of that election.

25 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
26 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no

1 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
2 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
3 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail ~~absent~~
4 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail ~~absentee~~
5 voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election day
6 have been counted.

7 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
8 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
9 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
10 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
11 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
12 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
13 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
14 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
15 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
16 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
17 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
18 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
19 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
20 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
21 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
22 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
23 under this Article, then without opening the certification
24 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
25 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
26 cast or count the ballot.

1 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
2 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
3 judge or official:

4 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
5 and resealed;

6 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
7 period ballot;

8 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
9 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

10 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

11 If the election judge or official determines that any of
12 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
13 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
14 shall not cast or count the ballot.

15 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
16 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
17 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
18 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
19 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
20 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
21 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
22 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
23 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
24 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
25 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
26 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel

1 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
2 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
3 evidence submitted by the vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voter. No more
4 than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the
5 same political party. The reviewing panel of election judges
6 shall make a final determination as to the validity of the
7 contested ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
8 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

9 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
10 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
11 counting provisional ballots.

12 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
13 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
14 the order in which the ballots were opened.

15 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
16 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
17 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
19 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/20-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-10)

21 Sec. 20-10. Pollwatchers shall be permitted to be present
22 during the casting of the vote by mail ~~absent~~ voters' ballots
23 and the vote of any vote by mail ~~absent~~ voter may be challenged
24 for cause the same as if he were present and voted in person,
25 and the judges of the election or a majority thereof shall have

1 power and authority to hear and determine the legality of such
2 ballot; Provided, however, that if a challenge to any vote by
3 mail ~~absent~~ voter's right to vote is sustained, notice of the
4 same must be given by the judges of election by mail addressed
5 to the voter's mailing address as stated in the certification
6 and application for ballot.

7 (Source: P.A. 80-1090.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/20-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-13)

9 Sec. 20-13. If otherwise qualified to vote, any person not
10 covered by Sections 20-2, 20-2.1 or 20-2.2 of this Article who
11 is not registered to vote and who is temporarily absent from
12 his county of residence, may make special application to the
13 election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of
14 permanent residence, not less than 5 days before a presidential
15 election, for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to vote for the
16 president and vice-president only. Such application shall be
17 furnished by the election authority and shall be in
18 substantially the following form:

19 SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL ~~ABSENTEE~~ BALLOT APPLICATION (For use
20 by non-registered Illinois residents temporarily absent from
21 the county to vote for the president and vice-president only)

22 AFFIDAVIT

23 1. I hereby request a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to
24 vote for the president and vice-president only

25 (insert date of general election)

1 through a parent or spouse, fill in the following)

2 (1) My parents or spouse's name is:

3 (First) (Middle) (Last)

4 (2) (Month) (Day) (Year)

5 is the date of my marriage or my age at which time I
6 derived my citizenship.

7 7. I am not registered as a voter in any other county in
8 the State of Illinois or in any other State.

9 8. I am not requesting a ballot from any other place and am
10 not voting in any other manner in this election and I have not
11 voted and do not intend to vote in this election at any other
12 address. I request that you mail my ballot to the following
13 address:

14 (Print name and complete mailing address)

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18 9. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article
19 29 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
20 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

21

22 Signature of Applicant

23 The procedures set forth in Sections 20-4 through 20-12 of
24 this Article, insofar as they may be made applicable, shall be
25 applicable to vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting under this Section.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/20-13.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-13.1)
 2 Sec. 20-13.1. Any person not covered by Sections 20-2,
 3 20-2.1 or 20-2.2 of this Article who is registered to vote but
 4 who is disqualified from voting because he moved outside his
 5 election precinct during the 30 days preceding a presidential
 6 election may make special application to the election authority
 7 having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence by
 8 mail, not more than 30 nor less than 5 days before a Federal
 9 election, or in person in the office of the election authority,
 10 not more than 30 nor less than 1 day before a Federal election,
 11 for a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot to vote for the president
 12 and vice-president only. Such application shall be furnished by
 13 the election authority and shall be in substantially the
 14 following form:

SPECIAL VOTER APPLICATION

(For use by registered Illinois voters disqualified for having moved outside their precinct on or after the 30th day preceding the election, to vote for president and vice-president only.)

1. I hereby request a ballot to vote for president and vice-president only on (insert date of general election).

2. I am a citizen of the United States and my present address is: (Residence Number) (Street) (City/Village/Township)

1 (County) (State).

2 3. As of (Month), (Day),
3 (Year) I was a registered voter at (Residence
4 Number) (Street)
5 (City/Village/Township).

6 4. I moved to my present address on (Month)
7 (Day) (Year).

8 5. I have not registered to vote from nor have I requested
9 a ballot in any other election jurisdiction in this State or in
10 another State.

11 6. (If vote by mail ~~absentee~~ request), I request that you
12 mail the ballot to the following address:

13 Print name and complete mailing address.
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16

17 Under the penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article
18 29 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
19 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

20
21 (Signature of Applicant)

22 7. Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Month)
23 (Day) (Year)

24
25 (Signature of Official
26 Administering Oath)

1 The procedures set forth in Sections 20-4 through 20-12 of
2 this Article, insofar as they may be made applicable, shall be
3 applicable to vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting under this Section.
4 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/20-25)

6 Sec. 20-25. Extraordinary procedures. In the event of a
7 deployment of the United States Armed Forces or the declaration
8 of an emergency by the President of the United States or the
9 Governor of Illinois, The Governor or the executive director of
10 the State Board of Elections may modify the registration and
11 voting procedures established by this Article or by rules
12 adopted pursuant to this Article for the duration of the
13 deployment or emergency in order to facilitate vote by mail
14 ~~absentee~~ voting under this Article. The Governor or executive
15 director, as the case may be, then promptly shall notify each
16 election authority of the changes in procedures. Each election
17 authority shall publicize the modifications and shall provide
18 notice of the modifications to each person under its
19 jurisdiction subject to this Article for whom the election
20 authority has contact information.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1004, eff. 1-1-11.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/24-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-15)

23 Sec. 24-15. As soon as the polls are closed, the voting
24 machine or machines shall be locked in order to prevent further

1 voting and each machine shall be sealed against voting and
2 tampering, with a numbered metal seal, and the number of such
3 metal seal shall be recorded at once on the certificate
4 provided for that purpose, and the number on the protective
5 counter of each voting machine shall also be recorded on the
6 certificate in the space provided for that purpose, and the
7 number on the public counter shall be recorded in the space
8 provided for that purpose. The counting compartment shall then
9 be opened in the presence of all the precinct election
10 officials and all watchers and other persons who may be
11 lawfully within the room, giving full view of the numbers
12 announcing the votes cast for each candidate, and the vote for
13 and against each of the questions or other propositions.
14 Provided, however, when a machine is equipped with a device
15 which will automatically record the number on the registering
16 columns for each candidate, question or proposition on the back
17 of the machine to a paper recording sheet then the recording
18 sheet shall be removed and the vote cast shall be announced
19 from the recording sheet for each candidate and the vote for
20 and against each question or proposition. When voting machines
21 are used in an election precinct, the watchers provided by law
22 to be present in the polling place on election day shall be
23 permitted to make a record of the number on the metal seal with
24 which each voting machine is sealed, and to also record the
25 number shown on the protective counter of each voting machine,
26 and such watchers shall also be permitted to examine the

1 counters of the voting machines as the totals are being
2 announced for transcription to the return sheets or from the
3 recording sheets and also to examine the return sheets or the
4 recording sheets as the totals are being recorded or checked
5 thereon. In voting machine precincts where the voting machine
6 is not equipped with the automatic recording sheet the officer,
7 officers board or boards charged by law to furnish the ballot
8 labels for the voting machines shall also furnish for each
9 election precinct in which a voting machine is to be used, at
10 least two duplicate return sheets which shall be used by the
11 precinct election board of such election precinct for recording
12 the results of the election. Such return sheets shall be
13 printed in the form of a diagram exactly corresponding, in
14 arrangement, with the face of the voting machine, and such
15 return sheets shall also correspond, in as far as arrangement
16 is concerned, with the sample ballots, and each return sheet
17 shall provide printed instructions for the exact procedure
18 which the precinct election board shall follow when making the
19 canvass of the results of the election, and such return sheets
20 shall also provide the office titles, party names, candidates'
21 names and code letters and number, arranged in the same manner
22 as on the ballot labels, and there shall be provided a space
23 for inserting the serial number of each voting machine, so that
24 the totals recorded from each voting machine may be identified
25 as being from a certain voting machine, and there shall be
26 provided a space for recording such separate total for each

1 candidate and constitutional amendment, or other question or
2 proposition, from each separate voting machine, and a space for
3 recording the total of the vote by mail and early ~~mail and~~
4 ~~absentee~~ vote in the same manner, so that the final total for
5 each candidate, constitutional amendment, question or other
6 proposition, may be totaled by adding all the figures in a
7 column. Totals on the return sheets shall be recorded in
8 figures only, in ink. The same authorities shall also furnish
9 to each such election precinct suitable printed forms for use
10 by the precinct election board, in making out the certificates
11 provided for in this Article. Such certificates shall be made a
12 part of the return sheets if practicable, or may be on separate
13 sheets.

14 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 2492.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/24-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-16)

16 Sec. 24-16. The precinct election officers shall then
17 ascertain the number of votes which the candidates received
18 both on the machine or machines, and by the voting of irregular
19 ballots, if any. Except when the machine is equipped with a
20 device which will automatically record the registering column
21 on the back of the machine to sheets of paper giving the
22 accurate vote cast for each candidate. Two precinct election
23 officials, not members of the same political party, shall write
24 the totals in figures, in ink, for such candidate on the
25 duplicate return sheets provided for that purpose, while one

1 election officer announces in a distinct voice the total vote
2 cast for each candidate thus ascertained in the order of the
3 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot label, and
4 the remaining precinct election official or officials, if any,
5 shall be stationed at the counter compartment of the voting
6 machine being canvassed and shall watch each total as it is
7 being called out from the registering counters. Each precinct
8 election official who is recording the totals on the return
9 sheets shall distinctly repeat each total as it is announced
10 from the counter of the voting machine. The totals of each
11 machine for each candidate shall be recorded on the return
12 sheets in such a manner that they may be identified by the
13 serial number of the voting machine. The vote both for and
14 against each question or other proposition shall also be
15 announced and recorded in the same manner as the vote for the
16 candidates. When the machine is equipped with a device which
17 will automatically record the registering column on the back of
18 the machine to recording sheets of paper giving the accurate
19 vote cast for each candidate then the totals cast for each
20 candidate or each question or proposition shall be called out
21 the same as if they were being read from the Counter
22 Compartment of the voting machine, provided however the paper
23 recording sheet shall constitute the return sheet for the
24 precinct or consolidated area and no return sheets shall be
25 required. When more than one voting machine is used in the same
26 election precinct, the canvass of the first machine shall be

1 completed before the second and so on. When the canvass of all
2 totals shall have been completed, the precinct election board
3 shall canvass all vote by mail and early ~~absentee~~ ballots in
4 the same manner provided by law for canvassing paper ballots.
5 The totals of the vote by mail and early ~~absentee~~ votes for
6 each candidate and for each question or other proposition shall
7 be recorded on the return sheets under the totals from the
8 voting machines and the final total of the votes received by
9 each candidate, and each constitutional amendment, question or
10 other proposition, shall be ascertained and recorded in the
11 space provided for that purpose on the return sheets. Upon the
12 completion of the canvass as hereinbefore provided, one of the
13 precinct election officials shall, in a loud and distinct voice
14 announce the total votes received by each candidate, and the
15 total votes cast both for and against each constitutional
16 amendment, question or other proposition, and such
17 proclamation shall be made slowly enough so as to enable anyone
18 desiring to do so, to record each such result as it is
19 announced. Except where a voting machine is equipped with an
20 automatic recording sheet when the proclamation is completed,
21 the election official who announced the totals from the
22 counters of the machine or machines, shall take his place at
23 one of the return sheets and one of the election officials of
24 the opposite party who has completed the recording of the
25 returns on the return sheets shall take his place at the
26 counter compartment of the voting machine first canvassed, and

1 he shall then proceed to announce each total on each
2 registering counter in the same manner as it was done for the
3 first canvass. Before the recheck of the voting machine is
4 begun, the two precinct election officials who are to recheck
5 the totals on the return sheets shall exchange return sheets
6 and each election official shall then, as the canvass proceeds,
7 check each total as it is announced from the registering
8 counters of the voting machine or machines for the second time.
9 As each total is announced each precinct election official who
10 is checking the totals on the return sheets shall repeat in a
11 loud and distinct voice each total as it is announced. If any
12 errors in the original canvass are discovered they shall be
13 corrected at once in the presence of all the precinct election
14 officials and a certificate shall be prepared and signed by
15 each such election official, setting forth which errors were
16 discovered and what corrections were made, and such certificate
17 shall be made in duplicate and one filed with each return
18 sheet. During the process of rechecking each total on the
19 machines, the precinct election official or officials, if any,
20 who at the original canvass acted as watcher or watchers at the
21 registering counters of the machines, shall in the same manner
22 verify the accuracy of each total as it is announced from the
23 machine or machines and is repeated by the two precinct
24 election officials who are rechecking the totals as written on
25 the return sheets. When this recheck is completed the entire
26 precinct election board shall take one of the return sheets and

1 fold it in accordion pleats approximately ten inches wide with
2 the face of the return sheet out, in such a manner that each
3 pleat can easily be turned as the final recheck proceeds. The
4 entire precinct election board shall then begin at the voting
5 machine first canvassed and each such election official shall,
6 simultaneously with the other such election officials, and in
7 the presence of each other, examine each registering counter on
8 the voting machine, and immediately examine the corresponding
9 record for that counter, as it is written on the return sheet,
10 and shall satisfy himself that both numbers are the same. Each
11 total on each voting machine shall be as examined and when such
12 examination has been completed, the entire precinct election
13 board shall then compare each total on such return sheet with
14 the corresponding total on the duplicate return sheet and each
15 precinct election official shall satisfy himself that all
16 totals are the same on both return sheets. Each precinct
17 election official shall sign a certificate stating that each
18 step in the canvass of the voting machines, as provided herein,
19 has been carefully and faithfully carried out in every detail.
20 If any errors are discovered during the final recheck of the
21 registering counters and comparison of the duplicate return
22 sheets, such errors shall be corrected at once, and each
23 precinct election official shall sign a certificate stating
24 which errors were found and what corrections were made and such
25 corrections shall be made in the presence of all the precinct
26 election officials. The precinct election board shall then

1 canvass the irregular ballot in substantially the same manner
2 as the law provides for canvassing the returns for paper
3 ballots, and shall record the results thereof on the return
4 sheets in the space provided for that purpose. Before leaving
5 the room and before closing and locking the counting
6 compartment, each precinct election official shall make and
7 sign the certificate and written statements and the return
8 sheets of such election as provided by law. In precincts where
9 the voting machines are equipped with the automatic recording
10 sheet and two or more machines the total vote cast for each
11 candidate, question or proposition from each machine shall be
12 recorded separately on the statement of votes as provided for
13 in Section 18-14, and the grand total of all votes appearing on
14 the recording sheets shall be recorded on the statement of
15 votes and proclaimed by the judges in the same manner as is
16 herein provided for proclamation of votes from the return
17 sheets. All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots and irregular ballots
18 of each voting machine shall be returned to the proper officer
19 together with the return sheets and certificates and supplies
20 and such vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots and irregular machine
21 ballots shall be preserved and finally destroyed as is now
22 provided by law when paper ballots are used. The written
23 statements or returns so made, after having been properly
24 signed, shall be distinctly and clearly read in the hearing of
25 all persons present in the polling place, and ample opportunity
26 shall be given to compare the results so certified with the

1 counter dials of the machine. After such comparison and
2 correction, if any is made, the precinct election officials
3 shall then close the counting compartment and lock the same.
4 Thereafter the voting machine shall remain locked and sealed
5 against voting for a period of at least 30 days, after the
6 results of the election have been declared, unless otherwise
7 ordered by the circuit court: provided, however, upon
8 application to the circuit court, the circuit judge may order
9 the said machines opened prior to the thirty day period herein
10 required to be closed. The circuit court in its order shall
11 specify the manner in which the count recorded on the machines
12 shall be taken and preserved: provided, however, when the
13 machines are equipped with any recording or photographic device
14 on which votes registered on the mechanical counters will be
15 separately recorded or photographed, as provided in Section
16 24-18 hereof, and it is necessary to use said machines at an
17 election occurring within said 30 days, then after the machines
18 have remained locked for a period of 48 hours they may be
19 prepared for such subsequent election as herein provided.
20 Whenever it is necessary to reset the machines for another
21 election prior to the time limit for the filing of election
22 contests, it shall be the duty of the proper officials to make
23 a photographic record of the machines involved to be used in
24 case of an election contest, whereupon the machines may be set
25 back to zero and arranged for the next election.

26 (Source: P.A. 80-704.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24A-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-6)

2 Sec. 24A-6. The ballot information, whether placed on the
3 ballot or on the marking device, shall, as far as practicable,
4 be in the order of arrangement provided for paper ballots,
5 except that such information may be in vertical or horizontal
6 rows, or in a number of separate pages. Ballots for all
7 questions or propositions to be voted on must be provided in
8 the same manner and must be arranged on or in the marking
9 device or on the ballot sheet in the places provided for such
10 purposes.

11 When an electronic voting system utilizes a ballot label
12 booklet and ballot card, ballots for candidates, ballots
13 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional
14 amendment ballots, judicial retention ballots, public
15 measures, and all propositions to be voted upon may be placed
16 on the electronic voting device by providing in the ballot
17 booklet separate ballot label pages or series of pages
18 distinguished by differing colors as provided below. When an
19 electronic voting system utilizes a ballot sheet, ballots
20 calling for a constitutional convention, constitutional
21 amendment ballots and judicial retention ballots shall be
22 placed on the ballot sheet by providing a separate portion of
23 the ballot sheet for each such kind of ballot which shall be
24 printed in ink of a color distinct from the color of ink used
25 in printing any other portion of the ballot sheet. Ballots for

1 candidates, public measures and all other propositions to be
2 voted upon shall be placed on the ballot sheet by providing a
3 separate portion of the ballot sheet for each such kind of
4 ballot. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of intent
5 to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections 17-16.1 and
6 18-9.1, a line on which the name of a candidate may be written
7 by the voter shall be printed below the name of the last
8 candidate nominated for such office, and immediately to the
9 left of such line an area shall be provided for marking a vote
10 for such write-in candidate. The number of write-in lines for
11 an office shall equal the number of persons who have filed
12 declarations of intent to be write-in candidates plus an
13 additional line or lines for write-in candidates who qualify to
14 file declarations to be write-in candidates under Sections
15 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot contains
16 the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of the
17 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may
18 vote. More than one amendment to the constitution may be placed
19 on the same ballot page or series of pages or on the same
20 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot label
21 pages for constitutional conventions or constitutional
22 amendments shall be on paper of blue color and shall precede
23 all other ballot label pages in the ballot label booklet. More
24 than one public measure or proposition may be placed on the
25 same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same
26 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. More than one

1 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on
2 the same ballot label page or series of pages or on the same
3 portion of the ballot sheet, as the case may be. Ballot label
4 pages for candidates shall be on paper of white color, except
5 that in primary elections the ballot label page or pages for
6 the candidates of each respective political party shall be of
7 the color designated by the election official in charge of the
8 election for that political party's candidates; provided that
9 the ballot label pages or pages for candidates for use at the
10 nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be on paper of
11 different colors, except blue, whenever necessary or desirable
12 to facilitate distinguishing between the pages for different
13 political subdivisions. On each page of the candidate booklet,
14 where the election is made to list ballot information
15 vertically, the party affiliation of each candidate or the word
16 "independent" shall appear immediately to the left of the
17 candidate's name, and the name of candidates for the same
18 office shall be listed vertically under the title of that
19 office. If no candidate or candidates file for an office and if
20 no person or persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate
21 for that office, then below the title of that office the
22 election authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the
23 case of nonpartisan elections for officers of political
24 subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted
25 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires otherwise,
26 the listing of such nonpartisan candidates shall not include

1 any party or "independent" designation. Ballot label pages for
2 judicial retention ballots shall be on paper of green color,
3 and ballot label pages for all public measures and other
4 propositions shall be on paper of some other distinct and
5 different color. In primary elections, a separate ballot label
6 booklet, marking device and voting booth shall be used for each
7 political party holding a primary, with the ballot label
8 booklet arranged to include ballot label pages of the
9 candidates of the party and public measures and other
10 propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary
11 election. One ballot card may be used for recording the voter's
12 vote or choice on all such ballots, proposals, public measures
13 or propositions, and such ballot card shall be arranged so as
14 to record the voter's vote or choice in a separate column or
15 columns for each such kind of ballot, proposal, public measure
16 or proposition.

17 If the ballot label booklet includes both candidates for
18 office and public measures or propositions to be voted on, the
19 election official in charge of the election shall divide the
20 pages by protruding tabs identifying the division of the pages,
21 and printing on such tabs "Candidates" and "Propositions".

22 The ballot card and all of its columns and the ballot card
23 envelope shall be of the color prescribed for candidate's
24 ballots at the general or primary election, whichever is being
25 held. At an election where no candidates are being nominated or
26 elected, the ballot card, its columns, and the ballot card

1 envelope shall be of a color designated by the election
2 official in charge of the election.

3 The ballot cards, ballot card envelopes and ballot sheets
4 may, at the discretion of the election authority, be printed on
5 white paper and then striped with the appropriate colors.

6 When ballot sheets are used, the various portions thereof
7 shall be arranged to conform to the foregoing format.

8 Vote by mail and early ~~Absentee~~ ballots may consist of
9 ballot cards, envelopes, paper ballots or ballot sheets voted
10 in person in the office of the election official in charge of
11 the election or voted by mail. Where a ballot card is used for
12 voting by mail it must be accompanied by a punching tool or
13 other appropriate marking device, voter instructions and a
14 specimen ballot showing the proper positions to vote on the
15 ballot card or ballot sheet for each party, candidate,
16 proposal, public measure or proposition, and in the case of a
17 ballot card must be mounted on a suitable material to receive
18 the punched out chip.

19 Any voter who spoils his ballot or makes an error may
20 return the ballot to the judges of election and secure another.
21 However, the protruding identifying tab for proposals for a
22 constitutional convention or constitutional amendments shall
23 have printed thereon "Constitutional Ballot", and the ballot
24 label page or pages for such proposals shall precede the ballot
25 label pages for candidates in the ballot label booklet.

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/24A-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-10)

2 Sec. 24A-10. (1) In an election jurisdiction which has
3 adopted an electronic voting system, the election official in
4 charge of the election shall select one of the 3 following
5 procedures for receiving, counting, tallying, and return of the
6 ballots:

7 (a) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
8 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes cast
9 on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot box is
10 for all votes cast on paper ballots, including any paper
11 ballots required to be voted other than on the electronic
12 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box shall
13 be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere provided in
14 "The Election Code," as amended, for the counting and handling
15 of paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
16 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
17 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the election.
18 Such slip shall be signed by all the judges of election and
19 shall be inserted by them in the first ballot box. The judges
20 of election shall thereupon immediately lock each ballot box;
21 provided, that if such box is not of a type which may be
22 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
23 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box
24 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way, and in such
25 manner that the seal completely covers the slot in the ballot

1 box, and each of the judges shall sign such seal. Thereupon two
2 of the judges of election, of different political parties,
3 shall forthwith and by the most direct route transport both
4 ballot boxes to the counting location designated by the county
5 clerk or board of election commissioners.

6 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the electronic
7 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened at
8 the central counting station by the two precinct transport
9 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, such team shall first count
10 the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are folded
11 together so as to appear to have been cast by the same person,
12 all of the ballots so folded together shall be marked and
13 returned with the other ballots in the same condition, as near
14 as may be, in which they were found when first opened, but
15 shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots are found to
16 exceed the number of persons voting in the precinct as shown by
17 the slip signed by the judges of election, the ballots shall be
18 replaced in the box, and the box closed and well shaken and
19 again opened and one of the precinct transport judges shall
20 publicly draw out so many ballots unopened as are equal to such
21 excess.

22 Such excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not Counted"
23 and signed by the two precinct transport judges and shall be
24 placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots Envelope". The
25 number of excess ballots shall be noted in the remarks section
26 of the Certificate of Results. "Excess" ballots shall not be

1 counted in the total of "defective" ballots.

2 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
3 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and
4 tabulate the write-in vote; or

5 (b) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
6 shall be used. All ballots which are not to be tabulated on the
7 electronic voting system shall be counted, tallied, and
8 returned as elsewhere provided in "The Election Code," as
9 amended, for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

10 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
11 electronic voting system shall be processed as follows:

12 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the precinct
13 judges of election then shall open the ballot box and canvass
14 the votes polled to determine that the number of ballots
15 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by the
16 applications for ballot or if the same do not agree the judges
17 of election shall make such ballots agree with the applications
18 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of "The
19 Election Code." The judges of election shall then examine all
20 ballot cards and ballot card envelopes which are in the ballot
21 box to determine whether the ballot cards and ballot card
22 envelopes bear the initials of a precinct judge of election. If
23 any ballot card or ballot card envelope is not initialed, it
24 shall be marked on the back "Defective," initialed as to such
25 label by all judges immediately under such word "Defective,"
26 and not counted, but placed in the envelope provided for that

1 purpose labeled "Defective Ballots Envelope."

2 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a
3 ballot card, before separating the ballot cards from their
4 respective covering envelopes, the judges of election shall
5 examine the ballot card envelopes for write-in votes. When the
6 voter has voted a write-in vote, the judges of election shall
7 compare the write-in vote with the votes on the ballot card to
8 determine whether such write-in results in an overvote for any
9 office. In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of
10 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
11 election of each of the two major political parties, shall make
12 a true duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card except
13 for the office which is overvoted, by using the ballot label
14 booklet of the precinct and one of the marking devices of the
15 precinct so as to transfer all votes of the voter except for
16 the office overvoted, to an official ballot card of that kind
17 used in the precinct at that election. The original ballot card
18 and envelope upon which there is an overvote shall be clearly
19 labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear the same serial
20 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of election,
21 commencing with number 1 and continuing consecutively for the
22 ballots of that kind in that precinct. The judges of election
23 shall initial the "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballot cards and
24 shall place them in the box for return of the ballots. The
25 "Overvoted Ballot" ballots and their envelopes shall be placed
26 in the "Duplicate Ballots" envelope. Envelopes bearing

1 write-in votes marked in the place designated therefor and
2 bearing the initials of a precinct judge of election and not
3 resulting in an overvote and otherwise complying with the
4 election laws as to marking shall be counted, tallied, and
5 their votes recorded on a tally sheet provided by the election
6 official in charge of the election. The ballot cards and ballot
7 card envelopes shall be separated and all except any defective
8 or overvoted shall be placed separately in the box for return
9 of the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
10 ballots and ballot cards to determine if any is damaged or
11 defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic
12 tabulating equipment. If any ballot or ballot card is damaged
13 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the
14 automatic tabulating equipment, the judges of election,
15 consisting in each case of at least one judge of election of
16 each of the two major political parties, shall make a true
17 duplicate ballot of all votes on such ballot card by using the
18 ballot label booklet of the precinct and one of the marking
19 devices of the precinct. The original ballot or ballot card and
20 envelope shall be clearly labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the
21 ballot or ballot card so produced "Duplicate Damaged Ballot,"
22 and each shall bear the same number which shall be placed
23 thereon by the judges of election, commencing with number 1 and
24 continuing consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the
25 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate
26 Damaged Ballot" ballot or ballot cards, and shall place them in

1 the box for return of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots
2 or ballot cards and their envelopes shall be placed in the
3 "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip indicating the number of
4 voters voting in person shall be made out, signed by all judges
5 of election, and inserted in the box for return of the ballots.
6 The tally sheets recording the write-in votes shall be placed
7 in this box. The judges of election thereupon immediately shall
8 securely lock the ballot box or other suitable box furnished
9 for return of the ballots by the election official in charge of
10 the election; provided that if such box is not of a type which
11 may be securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament
12 tape provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around
13 the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A
14 separate adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of
15 election of the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to
16 cover any slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct;
17 and if such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein
18 rather than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box
19 as provided herein, but in such manner that the separate
20 adhesive seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges
21 may not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
22 disturbing the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the
23 judges of election, of different major political parties,
24 forthwith shall by the most direct route transport the box for
25 return of the ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the
26 central counting location designated by the election official

1 in charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
2 adequate parking facilities at the central counting location or
3 for any other reason, it is impossible or impracticable for the
4 boxes from all the polling places to be delivered directly to
5 the central counting location, the election official in charge
6 of the election may designate some other location to which the
7 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at
8 such other location the boxes shall be in the care and custody
9 of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each
10 of the two major political parties, designated for such purpose
11 by the election official in charge of elections from
12 recommendations by the appropriate political party
13 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
14 transported from such other location to the central counting
15 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2
16 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated for such
17 purpose by the election official in charge of elections from
18 recommendations by the appropriate political party
19 organizations.

20 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated Ballots"
21 envelope each shall be securely sealed and the flap or end
22 thereof of each signed by the precinct judges of election and
23 returned to the central counting location with the box for
24 return of the ballots, enclosed ballots and returns.

25 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
26 designated by the election official in charge of the election

1 shall check the box returned containing the ballots to
2 determine that all seals are intact, and thereupon shall open
3 the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number of
4 ballots so delivered against the total number of voters of the
5 precinct who voted, remove the ballots or ballot cards and
6 deliver them to the technicians operating the automatic
7 tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of
8 ballots and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
9 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges; or

10 (c) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes cast,
11 shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
12 precinct judges of election shall securely lock the ballot box;
13 provided that if such box is not of a type which may be
14 securely locked, such box shall be sealed with filament tape
15 provided for such purpose which shall be wrapped around the box
16 lengthwise and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate
17 adhesive seal label signed by each of the judges of election of
18 the precinct shall be affixed to the box so as to cover any
19 slot therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if
20 such box is sealed with filament tape as provided herein rather
21 than locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
22 provided herein, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
23 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may not
24 be removed without breaking the filament tape and disturbing
25 the signature of the judges. Thereupon, 2 of the judges of
26 election, of different major political parties, shall

1 forthwith by the most direct route transport the box for return
2 of the ballots and enclosed vote by mail ~~absentee~~ and early
3 ballots and returns to the central counting location designated
4 by the election official in charge of the election. If however,
5 because of the lack of adequate parking facilities at the
6 central counting location or for some other reason, it is
7 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the polling
8 places to be delivered directly to the central counting
9 location, the election official in charge of the election may
10 designate some other location to which the boxes shall be
11 delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at such other
12 location the boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or
13 more teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the
14 two major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
15 election official in charge of elections from recommendations
16 by the appropriate political party organizations. As soon as
17 possible, the boxes shall be transported from such other
18 location to the central counting location by one or more teams,
19 each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major
20 political parties, designated for such purpose by the election
21 official in charge of the election from recommendations by the
22 appropriate political party organizations.

23 At the central counting location there shall be one or more
24 teams of tally judges who possess the same qualifications as
25 tally judges in election jurisdictions using paper ballots. The
26 number of such teams shall be determined by the election

1 authority. Each team shall consist of 5 tally judges, 3
2 selected and approved by the county board from a certified list
3 furnished by the chairman of the county central committee of
4 the party with the majority of members on the county board and
5 2 selected and approved by the county board from a certified
6 list furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
7 of the party with the second largest number of members on the
8 county board. At the central counting location a team of tally
9 judges shall open the ballot box and canvass the votes polled
10 to determine that the number of ballot sheets therein agree
11 with the number of voters voting as shown by the applications
12 for ballot; and, if the same do not agree, the tally judges
13 shall make such ballots agree with the number of applications
14 for ballot in the manner provided by Section 17-18 of the
15 Election Code. The tally judges shall then examine all ballot
16 sheets which are in the ballot box to determine whether they
17 bear the initials of the precinct judge of election. If any
18 ballot is not initialed, it shall be marked on the back
19 "Defective", initialed as to such label by all tally judges
20 immediately under such word "Defective", and not counted, but
21 placed in the envelope provided for that purpose labeled
22 "Defective Ballots Envelope". An overvote for one office shall
23 invalidate only the vote or count of that particular office.

24 At the central counting location, a team of tally judges
25 designated by the election official in charge of the election
26 shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians operating

1 the automatic tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
2 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be noted
3 on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally
4 judges.

5 (2) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection
6 (1) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
7 to transport the ballots, properly signed and sealed as
8 provided herein, shall ensure that the ballots are delivered to
9 the central counting station no later than 12 hours after the
10 polls close. At the central counting station a team of tally
11 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
12 election shall examine the ballots so transported and shall not
13 accept ballots for tabulating which are not signed and sealed
14 as provided in subsection (1) of this Section until the judges
15 transporting the same make and sign the necessary corrections.
16 Upon acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
17 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
18 same shall take a receipt signed by the election official in
19 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
20 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
21 any ballots shall, in the event such ballots cannot be found
22 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
23 are to take as above provided.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

1 Sec. 24A-15.1. Except as herein provided, discovery
2 recounts and election contests shall be conducted as otherwise
3 provided for in "The Election Code", as amended. The automatic
4 tabulating equipment shall be tested prior to the discovery
5 recount or election contest as provided in Section 24A-9, and
6 then the official ballots or ballot cards shall be recounted on
7 the automatic tabulating equipment. In addition, (1) the ballot
8 or ballot cards shall be checked for the presence or absence of
9 judges' initials and other distinguishing marks, and (2) the
10 ballots marked "Rejected", "Defective", "Objected to", "Vote by
11 Mail Absentee Ballot", and "Early Ballot" shall be examined to
12 determine the propriety of the labels, and (3) the "Duplicate
13 Vote by Mail Absentee Ballots", "Duplicate Early Ballots",
14 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballots" and "Duplicate Damaged Ballots"
15 shall be compared with their respective originals to determine
16 the correctness of the duplicates.

17 Any person who has filed a petition for discovery recount
18 may request that a redundant count be conducted in those
19 precincts in which the discovery recount is being conducted.
20 The additional costs of such a redundant count shall be borne
21 by the requesting party.

22 The log of the computer operator and all materials retained
23 by the election authority in relation to vote tabulation and
24 canvass shall be made available for any discovery recount or
25 election contest.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/24B-6)

2 Sec. 24B-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Electronic
3 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology Voting System;
4 Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ Ballots; Early Ballots; Spoiled Ballots.

5 The ballot information, shall, as far as practicable, be in the
6 order of arrangement provided for paper ballots, except that
7 the information may be in vertical or horizontal rows, or on a
8 number of separate pages or displays on the marking device.

9 Ballots for all questions or propositions to be voted on should
10 be provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on the
11 ballot sheet or marking device in the places provided for such
12 purposes. Ballots shall be of white paper unless provided
13 otherwise by administrative rule of the State Board of
14 Elections or otherwise specified.

15 All propositions, including but not limited to
16 propositions calling for a constitutional convention,
17 constitutional amendment, judicial retention, and public
18 measures to be voted upon shall be placed on separate portions
19 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
20 grey screens. Candidates shall be listed on a separate portion
21 of the ballot sheet or marking device by utilizing borders or
22 grey screens. Whenever a person has submitted a declaration of
23 intent to be a write-in candidate as required in Sections
24 17-16.1 and 18-9.1, a line or lines on which the voter may
25 select a write-in candidate shall be printed below the name of

1 the last candidate nominated for such office. Such line or
2 lines shall be proximate to an area provided for marking votes
3 for the write-in candidate or candidates. The number of
4 write-in lines for an office shall equal the number of persons
5 who have filed declarations of intent to be write-in candidates
6 plus an additional line or lines for write-in candidates who
7 qualify to file declarations to be write-in candidates under
8 Sections 17-16.1 and 18-9.1 when the certification of ballot
9 contains the words "OBJECTION PENDING" next to the name of that
10 candidate, up to the number of candidates for which a voter may
11 vote. In the case of write-in lines for the offices of Governor
12 and Lieutenant Governor, 2 lines shall be printed within a
13 bracket and a single square shall be printed in front of the
14 bracket. More than one amendment to the constitution may be
15 placed on the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking
16 device. Constitutional convention or constitutional amendment
17 propositions shall be printed or displayed on a separate
18 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device and designated by
19 borders or grey screens, unless otherwise provided by
20 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections. More than
21 one public measure or proposition may be placed on the same
22 portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. More than one
23 proposition for retention of judges in office may be placed on
24 the same portion of the ballot sheet or marking device. Names
25 of candidates shall be printed in black. The party affiliation
26 of each candidate or the word "independent" shall appear near

1 or under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for
2 the same office shall be listed vertically under the title of
3 that office, on separate pages of the marking device, or as
4 otherwise approved by the State Board of Elections. If no
5 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or
6 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that
7 office, then below the title of that office the election
8 authority instead shall print "No Candidate". In the case of
9 nonpartisan elections for officers of political subdivisions,
10 unless the statute or an ordinance adopted pursuant to Article
11 VII of the Constitution requires otherwise, the listing of
12 nonpartisan candidates shall not include any party or
13 "independent" designation. Judicial retention questions and
14 ballot questions for all public measures and other propositions
15 shall be designated by borders or grey screens on the ballot or
16 marking device. In primary elections, a separate ballot, or
17 displays on the marking device, shall be used for each
18 political party holding a primary, with the ballot or marking
19 device arranged to include names of the candidates of the party
20 and public measures and other propositions to be voted upon on
21 the day of the primary election.

22 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and
23 public measures or propositions to be voted on, the election
24 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot or
25 displays on the marking device in sections for "Candidates" and
26 "Propositions", or separate ballots may be used.

1 Vote by Mail or Early Ballots ~~Absentee ballots~~ may consist
2 of envelopes, paper ballots or ballot sheets voted in person in
3 the office of the election official in charge of the election
4 or voted by mail. Where a Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
5 Technology ballot is used for voting by mail it must be
6 accompanied by voter instructions.

7 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or
8 has a ballot returned by the automatic tabulating equipment may
9 return the ballot to the judges of election and get another
10 ballot.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 95-862, eff. 8-19-08;
12 96-1018, eff. 1-1-11.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/24B-10)

14 Sec. 24B-10. Receiving, Counting, Tallying and Return of
15 Ballots; Acceptance of Ballots by Election Authority.

16 (a) In an election jurisdiction which has adopted an
17 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
18 system, the election official in charge of the election shall
19 select one of the 3 following procedures for receiving,
20 counting, tallying, and return of the ballots:

21 (1) Two ballot boxes shall be provided for each polling
22 place. The first ballot box is for the depositing of votes
23 cast on the electronic voting system; and the second ballot
24 box is for all votes cast on other ballots, including any
25 paper ballots required to be voted other than on the

1 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology electronic
2 voting system. Ballots deposited in the second ballot box
3 shall be counted, tallied, and returned as is elsewhere
4 provided in this Code for the counting and handling of
5 paper ballots. Immediately after the closing of the polls,
6 the judges of election shall make out a slip indicating the
7 number of persons who voted in the precinct at the
8 election. The slip shall be signed by all the judges of
9 election and shall be inserted by them in the first ballot
10 box. The judges of election shall thereupon immediately
11 lock each ballot box; provided, that if the box is not of a
12 type which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed
13 with filament tape provided for the purpose that shall be
14 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
15 twice each way, and in a manner that the seal completely
16 covers the slot in the ballot box, and each of the judges
17 shall sign the seal. Two of the judges of election, of
18 different political parties, shall by the most direct route
19 transport both ballot boxes to the counting location
20 designated by the county clerk or board of election
21 commissioners.

22 Before the ballots of a precinct are fed to the
23 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
24 tabulating equipment, the first ballot box shall be opened
25 at the central counting station by the 2 precinct transport
26 judges. Upon opening a ballot box, the team shall first

1 count the number of ballots in the box. If 2 or more are
2 folded together to appear to have been cast by the same
3 person, all of the ballots folded together shall be marked
4 and returned with the other ballots in the same condition,
5 as near as may be, in which they were found when first
6 opened, but shall not be counted. If the remaining ballots
7 are found to exceed the number of persons voting in the
8 precinct as shown by the slip signed by the judges of
9 election, the ballots shall be replaced in the box, and the
10 box closed and well shaken and again opened and one of the
11 precinct transport judges shall publicly draw out so many
12 ballots unopened as are equal to the excess.

13 The excess ballots shall be marked "Excess-Not
14 Counted" and signed by the 2 precinct transport judges and
15 shall be placed in the "After 7:00 p.m. Defective Ballots
16 Envelope". The number of excess ballots shall be noted in
17 the remarks section of the Certificate of Results. "Excess"
18 ballots shall not be counted in the total of "defective"
19 ballots.

20 The precinct transport judges shall then examine the
21 remaining ballots for write-in votes and shall count and
22 tabulate the write-in vote.

23 (2) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
24 cast, shall be used. All ballots which are not to be
25 tabulated on the electronic voting system shall be counted,
26 tallied, and returned as elsewhere provided in this Code

1 for the counting and handling of paper ballots.

2 All ballots to be processed and tabulated with the
3 electronic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
4 voting system shall be processed as follows:

5 Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
6 precinct judges of election shall open the ballot box and
7 canvass the votes polled to determine that the number of
8 ballots agree with the number of voters voting as shown by
9 the applications for ballot, or if the same do not agree
10 the judges of election shall make such ballots agree with
11 the applications for ballot in the manner provided by
12 Section 17-18 of this Code.

13 In case of an overvote for any office, the judges of
14 election, consisting in each case of at least one judge of
15 election of each of the 2 major political parties, shall
16 make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on the ballot
17 except for the office which is overvoted, by using the
18 ballot of the precinct and one of the marking devices, or
19 equivalent ballot, of the precinct to transfer all votes of
20 the voter except for the office overvoted, to an official
21 ballot of that kind used in the precinct at that election.
22 The original ballot upon which there is an overvote shall
23 be clearly labeled "Overvoted Ballot", and each shall bear
24 the same serial number which shall be placed thereon by the
25 judges of election, beginning with number 1 and continuing
26 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in that

1 precinct. The judges of election shall initial the
2 "Duplicate Overvoted Ballot" ballots and shall place them
3 in the box for return of the ballots. The "Overvoted
4 Ballot" ballots shall be placed in the "Duplicate Ballots"
5 envelope. The ballots except any defective or overvoted
6 ballot shall be placed separately in the box for return of
7 the ballots. The judges of election shall examine the
8 ballots to determine if any is damaged or defective so that
9 it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment.
10 If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot
11 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment,
12 the judges of election, consisting in each case of at least
13 one judge of election of each of the 2 major political
14 parties, shall make a true duplicate ballot of all votes on
15 such ballot by using the ballot of the precinct and one of
16 the marking devices, or equivalent ballot, of the precinct.
17 The original ballot and ballot envelope shall be clearly
18 labeled "Damaged Ballot" and the ballot so produced
19 "Duplicate Damaged Ballot", and each shall bear the same
20 number which shall be placed thereon by the judges of
21 election, commencing with number 1 and continuing
22 consecutively for the ballots of that kind in the precinct.
23 The judges of election shall initial the "Duplicate Damaged
24 Ballot" ballot and shall place them in the box for return
25 of the ballots. The "Damaged Ballot" ballots shall be
26 placed in the "Duplicated Ballots" envelope. A slip

1 indicating the number of voters voting in person and the
2 total number of voters of the precinct who voted at the
3 election shall be made out, signed by all judges of
4 election, and inserted in the box for return of the
5 ballots. The tally sheets recording the write-in votes
6 shall be placed in this box. The judges of election
7 immediately shall securely lock the ballot box or other
8 suitable box furnished for return of the ballots by the
9 election official in charge of the election; provided that
10 if the box is not of a type which may be securely locked,
11 the box shall be sealed with filament tape provided for the
12 purpose which shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise
13 and crosswise, at least twice each way. A separate adhesive
14 seal label signed by each of the judges of election of the
15 precinct shall be affixed to the box to cover any slot
16 therein and to identify the box of the precinct; and if the
17 box is sealed with filament tape as provided rather than
18 locked, such tape shall be wrapped around the box as
19 provided, but in such manner that the separate adhesive
20 seal label affixed to the box and signed by the judges may
21 not be removed without breaking the filament tape and
22 disturbing the signature of the judges. Two of the judges
23 of election, of different major political parties, shall by
24 the most direct route transport the box for return of the
25 ballots and enclosed ballots and returns to the central
26 counting location designated by the election official in

1 charge of the election. If, however, because of the lack of
2 adequate parking facilities at the central counting
3 location or for any other reason, it is impossible or
4 impracticable for the boxes from all the polling places to
5 be delivered directly to the central counting location, the
6 election official in charge of the election may designate
7 some other location to which the boxes shall be delivered
8 by the 2 precinct judges. While at the other location the
9 boxes shall be in the care and custody of one or more
10 teams, each consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2
11 major political parties, designated for such purpose by the
12 election official in charge of elections from
13 recommendations by the appropriate political party
14 organizations. As soon as possible, the boxes shall be
15 transported from the other location to the central counting
16 location by one or more teams, each consisting of 4
17 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major political parties,
18 designated for the purpose by the election official in
19 charge of elections from recommendations by the
20 appropriate political party organizations.

21 The "Defective Ballots" envelope, and "Duplicated
22 Ballots" envelope each shall be securely sealed and the
23 flap or end of each envelope signed by the precinct judges
24 of election and returned to the central counting location
25 with the box for return of the ballots, enclosed ballots
26 and returns.

1 At the central counting location, a team of tally
2 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
3 election shall check the box returned containing the
4 ballots to determine that all seals are intact, and shall
5 open the box, check the voters' slip and compare the number
6 of ballots so delivered against the total number of voters
7 of the precinct who voted, remove the ballots and deliver
8 them to the technicians operating the automatic tabulating
9 equipment. Any discrepancies between the number of ballots
10 and total number of voters shall be noted on a sheet
11 furnished for that purpose and signed by the tally judges.

12 (3) A single ballot box, for the deposit of all votes
13 cast, shall be used. Immediately after the closing of the
14 polls, the precinct judges of election shall securely lock
15 the ballot box; provided that if such box is not of a type
16 which may be securely locked, the box shall be sealed with
17 filament tape provided for the purpose which shall be
18 wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise, at least
19 twice each way. A separate adhesive seal label signed by
20 each of the judges of election of the precinct shall be
21 affixed to the box to cover any slot therein and to
22 identify the box of the precinct; and if the box is sealed
23 with filament tape as provided rather than locked, such
24 tape shall be wrapped around the box as provided, but in a
25 manner that the separate adhesive seal label affixed to the
26 box and signed by the judges may not be removed without

1 breaking the filament tape and disturbing the signature of
2 the judges. Two of the judges of election, of different
3 major political parties, shall by the most direct route
4 transport the box for return of the ballots and enclosed
5 vote by mail absentee and early ballots and returns to the
6 central counting location designated by the election
7 official in charge of the election. If however, because of
8 the lack of adequate parking facilities at the central
9 counting location or for some other reason, it is
10 impossible or impracticable for the boxes from all the
11 polling places to be delivered directly to the central
12 counting location, the election official in charge of the
13 election may designate some other location to which the
14 boxes shall be delivered by the 2 precinct judges. While at
15 the other location the boxes shall be in the care and
16 custody of one or more teams, each consisting of 4 persons,
17 2 from each of the 2 major political parties, designated
18 for the purpose by the election official in charge of
19 elections from recommendations by the appropriate
20 political party organizations. As soon as possible, the
21 boxes shall be transported from the other location to the
22 central counting location by one or more teams, each
23 consisting of 4 persons, 2 from each of the 2 major
24 political parties, designated for the purpose by the
25 election official in charge of the election from
26 recommendations by the appropriate political party

1 organizations.

2 At the central counting location there shall be one or
3 more teams of tally judges who possess the same
4 qualifications as tally judges in election jurisdictions
5 using paper ballots. The number of the teams shall be
6 determined by the election authority. Each team shall
7 consist of 5 tally judges, 3 selected and approved by the
8 county board from a certified list furnished by the
9 chairman of the county central committee of the party with
10 the majority of members on the county board and 2 selected
11 and approved by the county board from a certified list
12 furnished by the chairman of the county central committee
13 of the party with the second largest number of members on
14 the county board. At the central counting location a team
15 of tally judges shall open the ballot box and canvass the
16 votes polled to determine that the number of ballot sheets
17 therein agree with the number of voters voting as shown by
18 the applications for ballot and, if the same do not agree,
19 the tally judges shall make such ballots agree with the
20 number of applications for ballot in the manner provided by
21 Section 17-18 of this Code. The tally judges shall then
22 examine all ballot sheets that are in the ballot box to
23 determine whether they bear the initials of the precinct
24 judge of election. If any ballot is not initialed, it shall
25 be marked on the back "Defective", initialed as to that
26 label by all tally judges immediately under the word

1 "Defective", and not counted, but placed in the envelope
2 provided for that purpose labeled "Defective Ballots
3 Envelope". An overvote for one office shall invalidate only
4 the vote or count for that particular office.

5 At the central counting location, a team of tally
6 judges designated by the election official in charge of the
7 election shall deliver the ballot sheets to the technicians
8 operating the automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
9 Technology tabulating equipment. Any discrepancies between
10 the number of ballots and total number of voters shall be
11 noted on a sheet furnished for that purpose and signed by
12 the tally judges.

13 (b) Regardless of which procedure described in subsection
14 (a) of this Section is used, the judges of election designated
15 to transport the ballots properly signed and sealed, shall
16 ensure that the ballots are delivered to the central counting
17 station no later than 12 hours after the polls close. At the
18 central counting station, a team of tally judges designated by
19 the election official in charge of the election shall examine
20 the ballots so transported and shall not accept ballots for
21 tabulating which are not signed and sealed as provided in
22 subsection (a) of this Section until the judges transporting
23 the ballots make and sign the necessary corrections. Upon
24 acceptance of the ballots by a team of tally judges at the
25 central counting station, the election judges transporting the
26 ballots shall take a receipt signed by the election official in

1 charge of the election and stamped with the date and time of
2 acceptance. The election judges whose duty it is to transport
3 any ballots shall, in the event the ballots cannot be found
4 when needed, on proper request, produce the receipt which they
5 are to take as above provided.

6 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
7 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15.1)

9 Sec. 24B-15.1. Discovery recounts and election contests.
10 Except as provided, discovery recounts and election contests
11 shall be conducted as otherwise provided for in this Code. The
12 automatic Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology
13 tabulating equipment shall be tested prior to the discovery
14 recount or election contest as provided in Section 24B-9, and
15 then the official ballots shall be recounted on the automatic
16 tabulating equipment. In addition, (a) the ballots shall be
17 checked for the presence or absence of judges' initials and
18 other distinguishing marks, and (b) the ballots marked
19 "Rejected", "Defective", "Objected To", "Early Ballot", and
20 "Vote by Mail Absentee Ballot" shall be examined to determine
21 the propriety of the labels, and (c) the "Duplicate Vote by
22 Mail Absentee Ballots", "Duplicate Overvoted Ballots",
23 "Duplicate Early Ballot", and "Duplicate Damaged Ballots"
24 shall be compared with their respective originals to determine
25 the correctness of the duplicates.

1 Any person who has filed a petition for discovery recount
2 may request that a redundant count be conducted in those
3 precincts in which the discovery recount is being conducted.
4 The additional costs of a redundant count shall be borne by the
5 requesting party.

6 The log of the computer operator and all materials retained
7 by the election authority in relation to vote tabulation and
8 canvass shall be made available for any discovery recount or
9 election contest.

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

11 (10 ILCS 5/24C-1)

12 Sec. 24C-1. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to
13 authorize the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems
14 approved by the State Board of Elections. In a Direct Recording
15 Electronic Voting System, voters cast votes by means of a
16 ballot display provided with mechanical or electro-optical
17 devices that can be activated by the voters to mark their
18 choices for the candidates of their preference and for or
19 against public questions. Such voting devices shall be capable
20 of instantaneously recording such votes, storing such votes,
21 producing a permanent paper record and tabulating such votes at
22 the precinct or at one or more counting stations. This Article
23 authorizes the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting
24 Systems for in-precinct counting applications and for early
25 ~~in person~~ absentee voting in the office of the election

1 authority and in the offices of local officials authorized by
2 the election authority to conduct such early ~~absentee~~ voting.
3 All other early ~~absentee~~ ballots must be counted at the office
4 of the election authority.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/24C-6)

7 Sec. 24C-6. Ballot Information; Arrangement; Direct
8 Recording Electronic Voting System; Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~
9 Ballots; Spoiled Ballots. The ballot information, shall, as far
10 as practicable, be in the order of arrangement provided for
11 paper ballots, except that the information may be in vertical
12 or horizontal rows, or on a number of separate pages or display
13 screens.

14 Ballots for all public questions to be voted on should be
15 provided in a similar manner and must be arranged on the ballot
16 in the places provided for such purposes. All public questions,
17 including but not limited to public questions calling for a
18 constitutional convention, constitutional amendment, or
19 judicial retention, shall be placed on the ballot separate and
20 apart from candidates. Ballots for all public questions shall
21 be clearly designated by borders or different color screens.
22 More than one amendment to the constitution may be placed on
23 the same portion of the ballot sheet. Constitutional convention
24 or constitutional amendment propositions shall be placed on a
25 separate portion of the ballot and designated by borders or

1 unique color screens, unless otherwise provided by
2 administrative rule of the State Board of Elections. More than
3 one public question may be placed on the same portion of the
4 ballot. More than one proposition for retention of judges in
5 office may be placed on the same portion of the ballot.

6 The party affiliation, if any, of each candidate or the
7 word "independent", where applicable, shall appear near or
8 under the candidate's name, and the names of candidates for the
9 same office shall be listed vertically under the title of that
10 office. In the case of nonpartisan elections for officers of
11 political subdivisions, unless the statute or an ordinance
12 adopted pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution requires
13 otherwise, the listing of nonpartisan candidates shall not
14 include any party or "independent" designation. If no candidate
15 or candidates file for an office and if no person or persons
16 file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that office,
17 then below the title of that office the election authority
18 shall print "No Candidate". In primary elections, a separate
19 ballot shall be used for each political party holding a
20 primary, with the ballot arranged to include names of the
21 candidates of the party and public questions and other
22 propositions to be voted upon on the day of the primary
23 election.

24 If the ballot includes both candidates for office and
25 public questions or propositions to be voted on, the election
26 official in charge of the election shall divide the ballot in

1 sections for "Candidates" and "Public Questions", or separate
2 ballots may be used.

3 Any voter who spoils his or her ballot, makes an error, or
4 has a ballot rejected by the automatic tabulating equipment
5 shall be provided a means of correcting the ballot or obtaining
6 a new ballot prior to casting his or her ballot.

7 Any election authority using a Direct Recording Electronic
8 Voting System may use voting systems approved for use under
9 Articles 24A or 24B of this Code in conducting early ~~absentee~~
10 voting in the office of the election authority or voted by
11 mail.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/24C-11)

14 Sec. 24C-11. Functional requirements. A Direct Recording
15 Electronic Voting System shall, in addition to satisfying the
16 other requirements of this Article, fulfill the following
17 functional requirements:

18 (a) Provide a voter in a primary election with the means of
19 casting a ballot containing votes for any and all candidates of
20 the party or parties of his or her choice, and for any and all
21 non-partisan candidates and public questions and preclude the
22 voter from voting for any candidate of any other political
23 party except when legally permitted. In a general election, the
24 system shall provide the voter with means of selecting the
25 appropriate number of candidates for any office, and of voting

1 on any public question on the ballot to which he or she is
2 entitled to vote.

3 (b) If a voter is not entitled to vote for particular
4 candidates or public questions appearing on the ballot, the
5 system shall prevent the selection of the prohibited votes.

6 (c) Once the proper ballot has been selected, the system
7 devices shall provide a means of enabling the recording of
8 votes and the casting of said ballot.

9 (d) System voting devices shall provide voting choices that
10 are clear to the voter and labels indicating the names of every
11 candidate and the text of every public question on the voter's
12 ballot. Each label shall identify the selection button or
13 switch, or the active area of the ballot associated with it.
14 The system shall be able to incorporate minimal, easy-to-follow
15 on-screen instruction for the voter on how to cast a ballot.

16 (e) Voting devices shall (i) enable the voter to vote for
17 any and all candidates and public questions appearing on the
18 ballot for which the voter is lawfully entitled to vote, in any
19 legal number and combination; (ii) detect and reject all votes
20 for an office or upon a public question when the voter has cast
21 more votes for the office or upon the public question than the
22 voter is entitled to cast; (iii) notify the voter if the
23 voter's choices as recorded on the ballot for an office or
24 public question are fewer than or exceed the number that the
25 voter is entitled to vote for on that office or public question
26 and the effect of casting more or fewer votes than legally

1 permitted; (iv) notify the voter if the voter has failed to
2 completely cast a vote for an office or public question
3 appearing on the ballot; and (v) permit the voter, in a private
4 and independent manner, to verify the votes selected by the
5 voter, to change the ballot or to correct any error on the
6 ballot before the ballot is completely cast and counted. A
7 means shall be provided to indicate each selection after it has
8 been made or canceled.

9 (f) System voting devices shall provide a means for the
10 voter to signify that the selection of candidates and public
11 questions has been completed. Upon activation, the system shall
12 record an image of the completed ballot, increment the proper
13 ballot position registers, and shall signify to the voter that
14 the ballot has been cast. The system shall then prevent any
15 further attempt to vote until it has been reset or re-enabled
16 by a judge of election.

17 (g) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a
18 public counter that can be set to zero prior to the opening of
19 the polling place, and that records the number of ballots cast
20 at a particular election. The counter shall be incremented only
21 by the casting of a ballot. The counter shall be designed to
22 prevent disabling or resetting by other than authorized persons
23 after the polls close. The counter shall be visible to all
24 judges of election so long as the device is installed at the
25 polling place.

26 (h) Each system voting device shall be equipped with a

1 protective counter that records all of the testing and election
2 ballots cast since the unit was built. This counter shall be
3 designed so that its reading cannot be changed by any cause
4 other than the casting of a ballot. The protective counter
5 shall be incapable of ever being reset and it shall be visible
6 at all times when the device is configured for testing,
7 maintenance, or election use.

8 (i) All system devices shall provide a means of preventing
9 further voting once the polling place has closed and after all
10 eligible voters have voted. Such means of control shall
11 incorporate a visible indication of system status. Each device
12 shall prevent any unauthorized use, prevent tampering with
13 ballot labels and preclude its re-opening once the poll closing
14 has been completed for that election.

15 (j) The system shall produce a printed summary report of
16 the votes cast upon each voting device. Until the proper
17 sequence of events associated with closing the polling place
18 has been completed, the system shall not allow the printing of
19 a report or the extraction of data. The printed report shall
20 also contain all system audit information to be required by the
21 election authority. Data shall not be altered or otherwise
22 destroyed by report generation and the system shall ensure the
23 integrity and security of data for a period of at least 6
24 months after the polls close.

25 (k) If more than one voting device is used in a polling
26 place, the system shall provide a means to manually or

1 electronically consolidate the data from all such units into a
2 single report even if different voting systems are used to
3 record early absentee ballots. The system shall also be capable
4 of merging the vote tabulation results produced by other vote
5 tabulation systems, if necessary.

6 (l) System functions shall be implemented such that
7 unauthorized access to them is prevented and the execution of
8 authorized functions in an improper sequence is precluded.
9 System functions shall be executable only in the intended
10 manner and order, and only under the intended conditions. If
11 the preconditions to a system function have not been met, the
12 function shall be precluded from executing by the system's
13 control logic.

14 (m) All system voting devices shall incorporate at least 3
15 memories in the machine itself and in its programmable memory
16 devices.

17 (n) The system shall include capabilities of recording and
18 reporting the date and time of normal and abnormal events and
19 of maintaining a permanent record of audit information that
20 cannot be turned off. Provisions shall be made to detect and
21 record significant events (e.g., casting a ballot, error
22 conditions that cannot be disposed of by the system itself,
23 time-dependent or programmed events that occur without the
24 intervention of the voter or a judge of election).

25 (o) The system and each system voting device must be
26 capable of creating, printing and maintaining a permanent paper

1 record and an electronic image of each ballot that is cast such
2 that records of individual ballots are maintained by a
3 subsystem independent and distinct from the main vote
4 detection, interpretation, processing and reporting path. The
5 electronic images of each ballot must protect the integrity of
6 the data and the anonymity of each voter, for example, by means
7 of storage location scrambling. The ballot image records may be
8 either machine-readable or manually transcribed, or both, at
9 the discretion of the election authority.

10 (p) The system shall include built-in test, measurement and
11 diagnostic software and hardware for detecting and reporting
12 the system's status and degree of operability.

13 (q) The system shall contain provisions for maintaining the
14 integrity of memory voting and audit data during an election
15 and for a period of at least 6 months thereafter and shall
16 provide the means for creating an audit trail.

17 (r) The system shall be fully accessible so as to permit
18 blind or visually impaired voters as well as physically
19 disabled voters to exercise their right to vote in private and
20 without assistance.

21 (s) The system shall provide alternative language
22 accessibility if required pursuant to Section 203 of the Voting
23 Rights Act of 1965.

24 (t) Each voting device shall enable a voter to vote for a
25 person whose name does not appear on the ballot.

26 (u) The system shall record and count accurately each vote

1 properly cast for or against any candidate and for or against
2 any public question, including the names of all candidates
3 whose names are written in by the voters.

4 (v) The system shall allow for accepting provisional
5 ballots and for separating such provisional ballots from
6 precinct totals until authorized by the election authority.

7 (w) The system shall provide an effective audit trail as
8 defined in Section 24C-2 in this Code.

9 (x) The system shall be suitably designed for the purpose
10 used, be durably constructed, and be designed for safety,
11 accuracy and efficiency.

12 (y) The system shall comply with all provisions of federal,
13 State and local election laws and regulations and any future
14 modifications to those laws and regulations.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/24C-13)

17 Sec. 24C-13. Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ ballots; Early voting
18 ballots; Proceedings at Location for Central Counting;
19 Employees; Approval of List.

20 (a) All jurisdictions using Direct Recording Electronic
21 Voting Systems shall use paper ballots or paper ballot sheets
22 approved for use under Articles 16, 24A or 24B of this Code
23 when conducting vote by mail ~~absentee~~ voting ~~except that Direct~~
24 ~~Recording Electronic Voting Systems may be used for in person~~
25 ~~absentee voting conducted pursuant to Section 19 2.1 of this~~

1 ~~Code~~. All vote by mail ~~absentee~~ ballots shall be counted at the
2 central ballot counting location of the election authority. The
3 provisions of Section 24A-9, 24B-9 and 24C-9 of this Code shall
4 apply to the testing and notice requirements for central count
5 tabulation equipment, including comparing the signature on the
6 ballot envelope with the signature of the voter on the
7 permanent voter registration record card taken from the master
8 file. Vote results shall be recorded by precinct and shall be
9 added to the vote results for the precinct in which the vote by
10 mail ~~absent~~ voter was eligible to vote prior to completion of
11 the official canvass.

12 (b) All proceedings at the location for central counting
13 shall be under the direction of the county clerk or board of
14 election commissioners. Except for any specially trained
15 technicians required for the operation of the Direct Recording
16 Electronic Voting System, the employees at the counting station
17 shall be equally divided between members of the 2 leading
18 political parties and all duties performed by the employees
19 shall be by teams consisting of an equal number of members of
20 each political party. Thirty days before an election the county
21 clerk or board of election commissioners shall submit to the
22 chairman of each political party, for his or her approval or
23 disapproval, a list of persons of his or her party proposed to
24 be employed. If a chairman fails to notify the election
25 authority of his or her disapproval of any proposed employee
26 within a period of 10 days thereafter the list shall be deemed

1 approved.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;
3 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

5 Sec. 24C-15. Official Return of Precinct; Check of Totals;
6 Audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording
7 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include
8 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate
9 and public question and shall constitute the official return of
10 each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the election
11 authority shall provide the number of applications for ballots
12 in each precinct, the total number of ballots and vote by mail
13 ~~absentee~~ ballots counted in each precinct for each political
14 subdivision and district and the number of registered voters in
15 each precinct. However, the election authority shall check the
16 totals shown by the precinct return and, if there is an obvious
17 discrepancy regarding the total number of votes cast in any
18 precinct, shall have the ballots for that precinct audited to
19 correct the return. The procedures for this audit shall apply
20 prior to and after the proclamation is completed; however,
21 after the proclamation of results, the election authority must
22 obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots or voting devices
23 except for election contests and discovery recounts. The
24 certificate of results, which has been prepared and signed by
25 the judges of election after the ballots have been tabulated,

1 shall be the document used for the canvass of votes for such
2 precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
3 votes between the unofficial results and the certificate of
4 results, or whenever a discrepancy exists during the canvass of
5 votes between the certificate of results and the set of totals
6 reflected on the certificate of results, the ballots for that
7 precinct shall be audited to correct the return.

8 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall
9 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts
10 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting
11 devices used in early voting. The precincts and the voting
12 devices to be tested shall be selected after election day on a
13 random basis by the State Board of Elections, so that every
14 precinct and every device used in early voting in the election
15 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being
16 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard
17 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and
18 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central
19 committee chairman of each established political party shall be
20 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random
21 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.

22 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked on
23 the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested
24 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each
25 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with
26 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by the

1 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test precinct.
2 The election authority shall test count these votes either by
3 hand or by using an automatic tabulating device other than a
4 Direct Recording Electronic voting device that has been
5 approved by the State Board of Elections for that purpose and
6 tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election authority
7 shall print the results of each test count. If any error is
8 detected, the cause shall be determined and corrected, and an
9 errorless count shall be made prior to the official canvass and
10 proclamation of election results. If an errorless count cannot
11 be conducted and there continues to be difference in vote
12 results between the certificate of results produced by the
13 Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and the count of the
14 permanent paper records or if an error was detected and
15 corrected, the election authority shall immediately prepare
16 and forward to the appropriate canvassing board a written
17 report explaining the results of the test and any errors
18 encountered and the report shall be made available for public
19 inspection.

20 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
21 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county
22 chairman of each established political party and qualified
23 civic organizations shall be given prior written notice of the
24 time and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

25 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in
26 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the

1 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/25-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-7)

4 Sec. 25-7. (a) When any vacancy shall occur in the office
5 of representative in congress from this state more than 180
6 days before the next general election, the Governor shall issue
7 a writ of election within 5 days after the occurrence of that
8 vacancy to the county clerks of the several counties in the
9 district where the vacancy exists, appointing a day within 115
10 days of issuance of the writ to hold a special election to fill
11 such vacancy.

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

19 Except as provided in this subsection (b), the provisions
20 of Article 7 of this Code are applicable to petitions for the
21 special primary election and special election. Petitions for
22 nomination in accordance with Article 7 shall be filed in the
23 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than
24 54 and not less than 50 days prior to the date of the special
25 primary election, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Petitions for

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

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

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

24 (Source: P.A. 97-1134, eff. 12-3-12.)

1 Sec. 28-9. Petitions for proposed amendments to Article IV
2 of the Constitution pursuant to Section 3, Article XIV of the
3 Constitution shall be signed by a number of electors equal in
4 number to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates
5 for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election. Such
6 petition shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not
7 more than 24 months preceding the general election at which the
8 proposed amendment is to be submitted and shall be filed with
9 the Secretary of State at least 6 months before that general
10 election.

11 Upon receipt of a petition for a proposed Constitutional
12 amendment, the Secretary of State shall, as soon as is
13 practicable, but no later than the close of the next business
14 day, deliver such petition to the State Board of Elections.

15 Petitions for advisory questions of public policy to be
16 submitted to the voters of the entire State shall be signed by
17 a number of voters equal in number to 8% of the total votes
18 cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial
19 election. Such petition shall have been signed by said
20 petitioners not more than 24 months preceding the date of the
21 general election at which the question is to be submitted and
22 shall be filed with the State Board of Elections at least 6
23 months before that general election.

24 The proponents of the proposed statewide advisory public
25 question shall file the original petition in bound ~~election~~
26 ~~jurisdiction~~ sections. Each section shall be composed of

1 consecutively numbered petition sheets containing only the
2 signatures of registered voters ~~of a single election~~
3 ~~jurisdiction and, at the top of each petition sheet, the name~~
4 ~~of the election jurisdiction shall be typed or printed in block~~
5 ~~letters; provided that, if the name of the election~~
6 ~~jurisdiction is not so printed, the election jurisdiction of~~
7 ~~the circulator of that petition sheet shall be controlling with~~
8 ~~respect to the signatures on that sheet.~~ Any petition sheets
9 not consecutively numbered or which contain duplicate page
10 numbers already used on other sheets, or are photocopies or
11 duplicates of the original sheets, shall not be considered part
12 of the petition for the purpose of the random sampling
13 verification and shall not be counted toward the minimum number
14 of signatures required to qualify the proposed statewide
15 advisory public question for the ballot.

16 Within 7 business days following the last day for filing
17 the original petition, the proponents shall also file copies of
18 the ~~sectioned election jurisdiction~~ petition sheets with each
19 proper election authority and obtain a receipt therefor.

20 For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be
21 defined and construed as follows:

- 22 1. "Board" means the State Board of Elections.
- 23 2. "Election Authority" means a county clerk or city or
24 county board of election commissioners.
- 25 3. (Blank). ~~"Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire~~
26 ~~county, in the case of a county in which no city board of~~

1 ~~election commissioners is located or which is under the~~
2 ~~jurisdiction of a county board of election commissioners; (b)~~
3 ~~the territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election~~
4 ~~commissioners; and (c) the territory in a county outside of the~~
5 ~~jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners. In each~~
6 ~~instance election jurisdiction shall be determined according~~
7 ~~to which election authority maintains the permanent~~
8 ~~registration records of qualified electors.~~

9 4. "Proponents" means any person, association, committee,
10 organization or other group, or their designated
11 representatives, who advocate and cause the circulation and
12 filing of petitions for a statewide advisory question of public
13 policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for submission at
14 a general election and who has registered with the Board as
15 provided in this Act.

16 5. "Opponents" means any person, association, committee,
17 organization or other group, or their designated
18 representatives, who oppose a statewide advisory question of
19 public policy or a proposed constitutional amendment for
20 submission at a general election and who have registered with
21 the Board as provided in this Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/29-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-5)

24 Sec. 29-5. Voting more than once. Any person who, having
25 voted once, knowingly on the same election day where the ballot

1 or machine lists any of the same candidates and issues listed
2 on the ballot or machine previously used for voting by that
3 person, (a) files an application to vote in the same or another
4 polling place, or (b) accepts a ballot or enters a voting
5 machine (except to legally give assistance pursuant to the
6 provisions of this Code), shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony;
7 however, if a person has delivered a ballot or ballots to an
8 election authority as a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ voter and due
9 to a change of circumstances is able to and does vote in the
10 precinct of his residence on election day, shall not be deemed
11 to be in violation of this Code.

12 (Source: P.A. 83-755.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/29-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-20)

14 Sec. 29-20. Vote by Mail ~~Absentee~~ ballots - violations. A
15 person is guilty of a Class 3 felony who knowingly:

16 (1) Solicits another person, knowing that the person is
17 not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~
18 voter, to apply for an absentee ballot;

19 (2) Solicits another person, knowing that the person is
20 not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~
21 voter, to cast a ballot as a vote by mail ~~an absent~~ voter;

22 (3) Intimidates or unduly influences another person to
23 cast a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~ ballot in a manner
24 inconsistent with the voter's intent; or

25 (4) Marks or tampers with a vote by mail ~~an absentee~~

1 ballot of another person or takes a vote by mail ~~an~~
2 ~~absentee~~ ballot of another person in violation of Section
3 19-6 so that an opportunity for fraudulent marking or
4 tampering is created.

5 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1 rep.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.2 rep.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/28-10 rep.)

9 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing
10 Sections 19-2.1, 19-2.2, and 28-10.

11 Section 15. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended
12 by changing Section 11 as follows:

13 (15 ILCS 335/11) (from Ch. 124, par. 31)

14 Sec. 11. The Secretary may make a search of his records and
15 furnish information as to whether a person has a current
16 Standard Illinois Identification Card or an Illinois Person
17 with a Disability Identification Card then on file, upon
18 receipt of a written application therefor accompanied with the
19 prescribed fee. However, the Secretary may not disclose medical
20 information concerning an individual to any person, public
21 agency, private agency, corporation or governmental body
22 unless the individual has submitted a written request for the
23 information or unless the individual has given prior written

1 consent for the release of the information to a specific person
2 or entity. This exception shall not apply to: (1) offices and
3 employees of the Secretary who have a need to know the medical
4 information in performance of their official duties, or (2)
5 orders of a court of competent jurisdiction. When medical
6 information is disclosed by the Secretary in accordance with
7 the provisions of this Section, no liability shall rest with
8 the Office of the Secretary of State as the information is
9 released for informational purposes only.

10 The Secretary may release personally identifying
11 information or highly restricted personal information only to:

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

14 (2) other governmental agencies for use in their
15 official governmental functions;

16 (3) law enforcement agencies that need the information
17 for a criminal or civil investigation;

18 (3-5) the State Board of Elections for the ~~sole~~ purpose
19 of providing the signatures required by a local election
20 authority to register a voter through an online voter
21 registration system or as may be required by an agreement
22 the State Board of Elections has entered into with a
23 multi-state voter registration list maintenance system; or

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

26 The Secretary may not disclose an individual's social

1 security number or any associated information obtained from the
2 Social Security Administration without the written request or
3 consent of the individual except: (i) to officers and employees
4 of the Secretary who have a need to know the social security
5 number in the performance of their official duties; (ii) to law
6 enforcement officials for a lawful civil or criminal law
7 enforcement investigation if the head of the law enforcement
8 agency has made a written request to the Secretary specifying
9 the law enforcement investigation for which the social security
10 number is being sought; (iii) under a lawful court order signed
11 by a judge; or (iv) to the Illinois Department of Veterans'
12 Affairs for the purpose of confirming veteran status.

13 (Source: P.A. 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13;
14 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

15 Section 20. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is
16 amended by changing Section 21-28 as follows:

17 (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)

18 Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.

19 (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city
20 shall be by petition. ~~All petitions for nominations of~~
21 ~~candidates shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of~~
22 ~~the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of all the votes~~
23 ~~cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding general~~
24 ~~election.~~ For the election following the redistricting of

1 wards, and each election thereafter until the next
2 redistricting of wards, petitions for nominations of
3 candidates shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the
4 ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of the total number of
5 votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election
6 divided by the number of wards.

7 (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city
8 treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for
9 nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500
10 legal voters of the city.

11 (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,
12 shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the
13 election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago
14 concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public
15 office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is
16 exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided
17 by law.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)".