



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB3697

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/10-9	from Ch. 46, par. 10-9
10 ILCS 5/10-10	from Ch. 46, par. 10-10
110 ILCS 805/3-7.10	from Ch. 122, par. 103-7.10

Amends the Election Code. Removes references concerning the education officers electoral board. Provides, instead, that the county officers electoral board may hear and pass upon objections to the nomination of candidates for any community college district offices. Amends the Public Community College Act. With respect to the election of members of a board of trustees of a community college district, requires a nominating petition to be filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the community college district is located (instead of with the secretary of the board of trustees). Makes related changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 10-9 and 10-10 as follows:

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

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

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

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

22 2. The county officers electoral board to hear and pass  
23 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county

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

22 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and  
23 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
24 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor  
25 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village  
26 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated

1 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of  
2 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to  
3 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest  
4 number of years as a member of the city council or board of  
5 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of  
6 trustees shall be the chairman.

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

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

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

1 election commissioners and in all cases where the  
2 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the  
3 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
4 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall  
5 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

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

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

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

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

25 c. In the township officers electoral board by the  
26 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second

1 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

2 d. (Blank). ~~In the education officers electoral board~~  
3 ~~by the eligible elected community college district board~~  
4 ~~member who has had the second longest term of continuous~~  
5 ~~service as a board member.~~

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

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

20 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled  
21 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members  
22 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the  
23 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon  
24 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief  
25 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board  
26 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was

1 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by  
2 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the  
3 chairman of an electoral board shall be designated by the Chief  
4 Judge.

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

6 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

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

10 1. The State Board of Elections will hear and pass upon  
11 objections to the nominations of candidates for State  
12 offices, nominations of candidates for congressional or  
13 legislative offices that are in more than one county or are  
14 wholly located within a single county with a population of  
15 less than 3,000,000 and judicial offices of districts,  
16 subcircuits, or circuits situated in more than one county,  
17 nominations of candidates for the offices of State's  
18 attorney or regional superintendent of schools to be  
19 elected from more than one county, and petitions for  
20 proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of  
21 Illinois as provided for in Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
22 Constitution.

23 2. The county officers electoral board of a county with  
24 a population of less than 3,000,000 to hear and pass upon  
25 objections to the nominations of candidates for county

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

22 2.5. The county officers electoral board of a county  
23 with a population of 3,000,000 or more to hear and pass  
24 upon objections to the nominations of candidates for county  
25 offices, candidates for congressional and legislative  
26 offices if the district is wholly within a county with a



1 population of 3,000,000 or more, unless the district is  
2 wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of a municipal  
3 board of election commissioners, and judicial offices of a  
4 district, subcircuit, or circuit coterminous with or less  
5 than a county, for any school district offices, for the  
6 office of multi-township assessor where candidates for  
7 such office are nominated in accordance with this Code, and  
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9 county clerk, or an assistant designated by the county  
10 clerk, the State's Attorney of the county or an Assistant  
11 State's Attorney designated by the State's Attorney, and  
12 the clerk of the circuit court, or an assistant designated  
13 by the clerk of the circuit court, of the county, of whom  
14 the county clerk or his designee shall be the chairman,  
15 except that, in any county which has established a county  
16 board of election commissioners, that board shall  
17 constitute the county officers electoral board ex-officio.  
18 If a school district is located in 2 or more counties, the  
19 county officers electoral board of the county in which the  
20 principal office of the school district is located shall  
21 hear and pass upon objections to nominations of candidates  
22 for school district office in that school district.

23 3. The municipal officers electoral board to hear and  
24 pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for  
25 officers of municipalities shall be composed of the mayor  
26 or president of the board of trustees of the city, village

1 or incorporated town, and the city, village or incorporated  
2 town clerk, and one member of the city council or board of  
3 trustees, that member being designated who is eligible to  
4 serve on the electoral board and has served the greatest  
5 number of years as a member of the city council or board of  
6 trustees, of whom the mayor or president of the board of  
7 trustees shall be the chairman.

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

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

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

1 wholly within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of  
2 election commissioners and in all cases where the  
3 municipality or township is wholly or partially within the  
4 jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
5 commissioners, the board of election commissioners shall  
6 ex-officio constitute the electoral board.

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

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

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20 treasurer, and if he or she is ineligible to serve, by the  
21 sheriff of the county.

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

26 c. In the township officers electoral board by the

1 eligible elected town trustee who has had the second  
2 longest term of continuous service as a town trustee.

3 d. (Blank). ~~In the education officers electoral board~~  
4 ~~by the eligible elected community college district board~~  
5 ~~member who has had the second longest term of continuous~~  
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7 In the event that the chairman of the electoral board is  
8 ineligible to act because of the fact that he or she is a  
9 candidate for the office with relation to which the objector's  
10 petition is filed, then the substitute chosen under the  
11 provisions of this Section shall be the chairman; In this case,  
12 the officer or board with whom the objector's petition is  
13 filed, shall transmit the certificate of nomination or  
14 nomination papers as the case may be, and the objector's  
15 petition to the substitute chairman of the electoral board.

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

21 Any vacancies on an electoral board not otherwise filled  
22 pursuant to this Section shall be filled by public members  
23 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the  
24 county wherein the electoral board hearing is being held upon  
25 notification to the Chief Judge of such vacancies. The Chief  
26 Judge shall be so notified by a member of the electoral board

1 or the officer or board with whom the objector's petition was  
2 filed. In the event that none of the individuals designated by  
3 this Section to serve on the electoral board are eligible, the  
4 chairman of an electoral board shall be designated by the Chief  
5 Judge.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

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

1 purpose, which place shall be in the county court house in the  
2 county in the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the  
3 Municipal Officers Electoral Board, or the Township Officers  
4 Electoral Board ~~or the Education Officers Electoral Board,~~  
5 except that the Municipal Officers Electoral Board and the  
6 Township Officers Electoral Board, ~~and the Education Officers~~  
7 ~~Electoral Board~~ may meet at the location where the governing  
8 body of the municipality or township, ~~or community college~~  
9 ~~district,~~ respectively, holds its regularly scheduled  
10 meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter  
11 records may be removed from the offices of an election  
12 authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of  
13 the election authority. In those cases where the State Board of  
14 Elections is the electoral board designated under Section 10-9,  
15 the chairman of the State Board of Elections shall, within 24  
16 hours after the receipt of the certificate of nomination or  
17 nomination papers or petitions for a proposed amendment to  
18 Article IV of the Constitution or proposed statewide question  
19 of public policy, send a call by registered or certified mail  
20 to the objector who files the objector's petition, and either  
21 to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination  
22 papers are objected to or to the principal proponent or  
23 attorney for proponents of the proposed Constitutional  
24 amendment or statewide question of public policy and shall  
25 state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board  
26 shall meet for the purpose, which place may be in the Capitol

1 Building or in the principal or permanent branch office of the  
2 State Board. The day of the meeting shall not be less than 3  
3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of the certificate of  
4 nomination or nomination papers and the objector's petition by  
5 the chairman of the electoral board.

6 The electoral board shall have the power to administer  
7 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the request  
8 of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of its  
9 members, may authorize the chairman to issue subpoenas  
10 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum  
11 requiring the production of such books, papers, records and  
12 documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry before  
13 the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses are  
14 subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

15 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or  
16 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and  
17 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by  
18 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes  
19 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served  
20 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena, or  
21 to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a petition  
22 in the circuit court of the county in which such hearing is to  
23 be heard, or has been attempted to be heard, setting forth the  
24 facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect, and accompanying the  
25 petition with a copy of the citation and the answer, if one has  
26 been filed, together with a copy of the subpoena and the return

1 of service thereon, and shall apply for an order of court  
2 requiring such person to attend and testify, and forthwith  
3 produce books and papers, before the electoral board. Any  
4 circuit court of the state, excluding the judge who is sitting  
5 on the electoral board, upon such showing shall order such  
6 person to appear and testify, and to forthwith produce such  
7 books and papers, before the electoral board at a place to be  
8 fixed by the court. If such person shall knowingly fail or  
9 refuse to obey such order of the court without lawful excuse,  
10 the court shall punish him or her by fine and imprisonment, as  
11 the nature of the case may require and may be lawful in cases  
12 of contempt of court.

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

18 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on  
19 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the  
20 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
21 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy  
22 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the  
23 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election  
24 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of  
25 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and  
26 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of



1 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed in  
2 the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12 of  
3 this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at  
4 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular  
5 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of  
6 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party  
7 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or  
8 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,  
9 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election  
10 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of valid  
11 to invalid signatures within the particular election  
12 jurisdiction.

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

1 board must state its findings in writing and must state in  
2 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of  
3 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the  
4 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If  
5 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the  
6 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent  
7 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally  
8 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is  
9 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or  
10 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party affected  
11 by the decision or to such party's attorney of record, if any,  
12 at the address on record for such person in the files of the  
13 electoral board.

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

25       (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;  
26 revised 11-25-14.)

1 Section 10. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
2 changing Section 3-7.10 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 805/3-7.10) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-7.10)

4 Sec. 3-7.10. Nominations for members of the board shall be  
5 made by a petition signed by at least 50 voters or 10% of the  
6 voters, whichever is less, residing within the community  
7 college district and shall be filed with the county clerk or  
8 the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be,  
9 of the county in which the principal office of the community  
10 college district is located ~~secretary of the board~~. In addition  
11 to the requirements of the general election law, the form of  
12 such petitions shall be substantially as follows:

13 NOMINATING PETITIONS

14 To the (County Clerk or County Board of Election  
15 Commissioners) ~~Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Community~~  
16 ~~College District No. ....:~~

17 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) (or 10% or more)  
18 of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition  
19 that .... who resides at .... in the (city or village) of ....  
20 in Township .... (or who resides outside any city, village or  
21 incorporated town and in Township ....) in said district shall  
22 be a candidate for the office of .... of the Board of Trustees  
23 (full term) (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be  
24 held on (insert date).

1 Name: Address:

2 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid  
3 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk  
4 or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may  
5 be, of the county in which the principal office of the  
6 community college district is located ~~secretary of the board a~~  
7 ~~receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has~~  
8 ~~filed~~ a statement of economic interests as required by the  
9 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt shall be so  
10 filed either previously during the calendar year in which his  
11 or her nomination papers were filed or within the period for  
12 the filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general  
13 election law.

14 The county clerk or the county board of election  
15 commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the  
16 principal office of the community college district is located  
17 ~~secretary of the board~~ shall notify each candidate, or the  
18 appropriate committee, for whom a petition for nomination has  
19 been filed of their obligations under the Campaign Financing  
20 Act, as required by the general election law. Such notice shall  
21 be given on a form prescribed by the State Board of Elections  
22 and in accordance with the requirements of the general election  
23 law.

24 All petitions for the nomination of members of a board of  
25 trustees shall be filed with the county clerk or the county

1 board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the  
2 county in which the principal office of the community college  
3 district is located ~~secretary of the board~~ within the time  
4 provided for by the general election law. ~~Said secretary shall~~  
5 ~~make certification to the proper election authority in~~  
6 ~~accordance with the requirements of the general election law.~~  
7 ~~If the secretary is an incumbent board member seeking~~  
8 ~~reelection, a disinterested person must be a witness to the~~  
9 ~~filing of his petition.~~ It is the duty of the county clerk or  
10 the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be,  
11 of the county in which the principal office of the community  
12 college district is located ~~secretary~~ to provide candidates  
13 with petition forms and statements of candidacy.

14 The county clerk or the county board of election  
15 commissioners ~~secretary~~ shall, within 7 days of filing or on  
16 the last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to  
17 the petitioner, in writing, the office's ~~his~~ acceptance of the  
18 petition.

19 ~~In all newly organized districts the petition for the~~  
20 ~~nomination of candidates for members of the board at the first~~  
21 ~~election shall be addressed to and filed with the regional~~  
22 ~~superintendent in the manner specified for the petitions for~~  
23 ~~candidates of a community college board. For such election the~~  
24 ~~regional superintendent shall fulfill all duties otherwise~~  
25 ~~assigned to the secretary of the board.~~

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

1           Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
5 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
7 Public Act.