

HB0008



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/8-8	from Ch. 46, par. 8-8
10 ILCS 5/10-4	from Ch. 46, par. 10-4

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a person must be 17 years of age or older (currently, 18 years of age or older) to circulate petitions for nomination.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 7-10, 8-8, and 10-4 as follows:

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

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

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

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

5 Name..... Address.....

6 State of Illinois)

7) ss.

8 County of.....)

9 I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No.
10 street, in the of, county of, and State of
11, that I am 17 ~~18~~ years of age or older, that I am a
12 citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this
13 sheet were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to
14 the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were
15 at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
16 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
17 stated, as above set forth.

18

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

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21 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of
22 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size
23 and shall contain above the space for signatures an

1 appropriate heading giving the information as to name of
2 candidate or candidates, in whose behalf such petition is
3 signed; the office, the political party represented and place
4 of residence; and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

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

1 either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was
2 circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on
3 which the sheet was circulated, or (3) for elections where the
4 petition circulation period is 90 days, certifying that none
5 of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days
6 preceding the last day for the filing of the petition, or (4)
7 for the 2022 general primary election only, certify that the
8 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of
9 January 13, 2022 through March 14, 2022 or certify that the
10 signatures on the sheet were signed during the period of
11 January 13, 2022 through the date on which this statement was
12 sworn or affirmed to and certifying that to the best of his or
13 her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the
14 time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
15 political party for which a nomination is sought. Such
16 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to
17 administer oaths in this State.

18 Except as otherwise provided in this Code, no petition
19 sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last
20 day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing of such petition.

21 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
22 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
23 signature from the petition, provided that:

- 24 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial
25 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;
26 and

1 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
2 certification listing the page number and line number of
3 each signature struck from the petition. Such
4 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

5 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened
6 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and
7 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable
8 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.
9 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
10 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition
11 sheets which are filed with the proper local election
12 officials, election authorities or the State Board of
13 Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed
14 by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not
15 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must
16 include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of
17 the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is
18 filed. This statement shall set out the address of such
19 candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall state
20 that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to
21 which the petition relates and is qualified for the office
22 specified (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it
23 shall state that the candidate is at the time of filing such
24 statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall
25 state that he has filed (or will file before the close of the
26 petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as

1 required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall
2 request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official
3 ballot, and shall be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate
4 before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds
5 in the State and shall be in substantially the following form:

6 Statement of Candidacy

7	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
8	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
9		Belvidere,			
10		Illinois			

11 State of Illinois)

12) ss.

13 County of)

14 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
15 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county of,
16 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a
17 qualified primary voter of the party; that I am a
18 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of
19 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the
20 office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be
21 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including
22 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility
23 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold
24 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the
25 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic

1 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act
 2 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official
 3 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case
 4 of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates)
 5 such office.

6 Signed

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

9 Signed

10 (Official Character)

11 (Seal, if officer has one.)

12 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added
 13 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation
 14 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election
 15 authority or local election official with whom the petition is
 16 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.
 17 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required
 18 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction
 19 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

20 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must
 21 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on
 22 his or her petition for nomination.

23 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating
 24 convention. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a
 25 candidate seeks to run for statewide office or as a delegate or

1 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention elected
2 from the State at-large, then the candidate's petition for
3 nomination must contain at least 5,000 but not more than
4 10,000 signatures.

5 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a
6 national nominating convention. Except as otherwise provided
7 in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for United States
8 Congress or as a congressional delegate or alternate
9 congressional delegate to a national nominating convention
10 elected from a congressional district, then the candidate's
11 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
12 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
13 his or her party in his or her congressional district. In the
14 first primary election following a redistricting of
15 congressional districts, a candidate's petition for nomination
16 must contain at least 600 signatures of qualified primary
17 electors of the candidate's political party in his or her
18 congressional district.

19 (c) County office. Except as otherwise provided in this
20 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for any countywide office,
21 including, but not limited to, county board chairperson or
22 county board member, elected on an at-large basis, in a county
23 other than Cook County, then the candidate's petition for
24 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
25 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who
26 cast votes at the last preceding general election in his or her

1 county. If a candidate seeks to run for county board member
2 elected from a county board district, then the candidate's
3 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
4 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
5 his or her party in the county board district. In the first
6 primary election following a redistricting of county board
7 districts or the initial establishment of county board
8 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain
9 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
10 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who
11 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by
12 the total number of county board districts comprising the
13 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of
14 signatures be less than 25.

15 (d) County office; Cook County only.

16 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office
17 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for
18 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
19 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
20 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in
21 Cook County.

22 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
23 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination
24 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to
25 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party
26 in his or her county board district. In the first primary

1 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of
2 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for
3 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
4 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
5 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding
6 general election divided by the total number of county
7 board districts comprising the county board; provided that
8 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

9 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, if a
10 candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board of Review
11 Commissioner, which is elected from a district pursuant to
12 subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property Tax Code,
13 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain
14 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
15 total number of registered voters in his or her board of
16 review district in the last general election at which a
17 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from
18 that board of review district. In no event shall the
19 number of signatures required be greater than the
20 requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide
21 office in Cook County under subsection (d)(1) of this
22 Section. In the first primary election following a
23 redistricting of Cook County Board of Review districts, a
24 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least
25 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures
26 required for a countywide candidate in Cook County,

1 whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her
2 party in the district.

3 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to
4 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's
5 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
6 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
7 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a
8 candidate seeks to run for alderperson of a municipality, then
9 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least
10 the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified
11 primary electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first
12 primary election following redistricting of wards or trustee
13 districts of a municipality or the initial establishment of
14 wards or districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must
15 contain the number of signatures equal to at least 0.5% of the
16 total number of votes cast for the candidate of that political
17 party who received the highest number of votes in the entire
18 municipality at the last regular election at which an officer
19 was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire
20 municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts. In
21 no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

22 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to
23 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's
24 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures
25 of the primary electors of his or her party of his or her
26 congressional district.

1 (g) Sanitary district trustee. Except as otherwise
2 provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run for trustee
3 of a sanitary district in which trustees are not elected from
4 wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
5 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
6 primary electors of his or her party from the sanitary
7 district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary
8 district in which trustees are elected from wards, then the
9 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
10 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of
11 his or her party in the ward of that sanitary district. In the
12 first primary election following redistricting of sanitary
13 districts elected from wards, a candidate's petition for
14 nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150
15 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary
16 district.

17 (h) Judicial office. Except as otherwise provided in this
18 Code, if a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a
19 district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
20 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.4% of the number of
21 votes cast in that district for the candidate for his or her
22 political party for the office of Governor at the last general
23 election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less
24 than 500 signatures. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial
25 office in a circuit or subcircuit, then the candidate's
26 petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures

1 equal to 0.25% of the number of votes cast for the judicial
2 candidate of his or her political party who received the
3 highest number of votes at the last general election at which a
4 judicial officer from the same circuit or subcircuit was
5 regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than
6 1,000 signatures in circuits and subcircuits located in the
7 First Judicial District or 500 signatures in every other
8 Judicial District.

9 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. Except
10 as otherwise provided in this Code, if a candidate seeks to run
11 for precinct committeeperson, then the candidate's petition
12 for nomination must contain at least 10 signatures of the
13 primary electors of his or her party for the precinct. If a
14 candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson, then the
15 candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less than
16 the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary electors
17 of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16% of those
18 same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures
19 may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater.
20 If a candidate seeks to run for township committeeperson, then
21 the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less
22 than the number of signatures equal to 5% of the primary
23 electors of his or her party of the township, but no more than
24 8% of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of
25 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever
26 is greater.

1 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools
2 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's
3 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more
4 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination
5 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of
6 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory
7 comprising the counties.

8 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other
9 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
10 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
11 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or
12 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,
13 whichever is greater.

14 For purposes of this Section the number of primary
15 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in
16 the applicable district, for the candidate for that political
17 party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at
18 the last general election in the State at which electors for
19 President of the United States were elected. For political
20 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be
21 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
22 that political party who received the highest number of votes
23 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at
24 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
25 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political
26 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be

1 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
2 that political party who received the highest number of votes
3 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which
4 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that
5 ward or district.

6 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
7 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
8 party.

9 The changes made to this Section by Public Act 93-574 are
10 declarative of existing law, except for item (3) of subsection
11 (d).

12 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein
13 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the
14 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for
15 the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of
16 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including
17 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;
19 102-692, eff. 1-7-22.)

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

21 Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
22 candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary
23 ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed
24 in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such
25 petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by

1 Section 7-10.1 of this Code and a statement of candidacy by the
 2 candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is filed.
 3 This statement shall set out the address of such candidate and
 4 the office for which he is a candidate; shall state that the
 5 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which
 6 the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified,
 7 and has filed a statement of economic interests as required by
 8 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act; shall request that the
 9 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot; and shall
 10 be subscribed and sworn by such candidate before some officer
 11 authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in this State and
 12 may be in substantially the following form:

13 State of Illinois)

14) ss.

15 County)

16 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
 17 street in the city (or village of) in the county of
 18 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a
 19 qualified primary voter of party; that I am a candidate
 20 for nomination to the office of to be voted upon at the
 21 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally
 22 qualified to hold such office and that I have filed a statement
 23 of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental
 24 Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon
 25 the official primary ballot for nomination for such office.

26 Signed

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

3 Signed (Official Character)

4 (Seal if officer has one.)

5 The receipt issued by the Secretary of State indicating
6 that the candidate has filed the statement of economic
7 interests required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act
8 must be filed with the petitions for nomination as provided in
9 subsection (8) of Section 7-12 of this Code.

10 Except as otherwise provided in this Code, all petitions
11 for nomination for the office of State Senator shall be signed
12 by at least 1,000 but not more than 3,000 of the qualified
13 primary electors of the candidate's party in his legislative
14 district.

15 Except as otherwise provided in this Code, all petitions
16 for nomination for the office of Representative in the General
17 Assembly shall be signed by at least 500 but not more than
18 1,500 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's
19 party in his or her representative district.

20 Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector
21 who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State
22 Representative or State Senator such elector's residence
23 address shall be written or printed. The residence address
24 required to be written or printed opposite each qualified
25 primary elector's name shall include the street address or
26 rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well

1 as the signer's county and city, village, or town.

2 For the purposes of this Section, the number of primary
3 electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in
4 the applicable district, for the candidate for such political
5 party who received the highest number of votes, state-wide, at
6 the last general election in the State at which electors for
7 President of the United States were elected.

8 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
9 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
10 party.

11 In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the petition
12 circulator, who shall be a person 17 ~~18~~ years of age or older
13 who is a citizen of the United States, shall state his or her
14 street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as
15 well as his or her county, city, village or town, and state;
16 and shall certify that the signatures on that sheet of the
17 petition were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify
18 that the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that, to
19 the best of his or her knowledge and belief, the persons so
20 signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified
21 primary voters for which the nomination is sought.

22 In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet, the
23 petition circulator shall (1) indicate the dates on which he
24 or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the first and
25 last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) for
26 elections where the petition circulation period is 90 days,

1 certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed
2 more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the
3 petition, or (4) for the 2022 general primary election only,
4 certify that the signatures on the sheet were signed during
5 the period of January 13, 2022 through March 14, 2022 or
6 certify that the signatures on the sheet were signed during
7 the period of January 13, 2022 through the date on which this
8 statement was sworn or affirmed to. No petition sheet shall be
9 circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided
10 in Section 8-9 for the filing of such petition.

11 All petition sheets which are filed with the State Board
12 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been
13 signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not
14 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.

15 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
16 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
17 signature from the petition, provided that:

18 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial
19 the petition at the place where the signature is struck;
20 and

21 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
22 certification listing the page number and line number of
23 each signature struck from the petition. Such
24 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-692, eff. 1-7-22;
26 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

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

2 Sec. 10-4. Form of petition for nomination. All petitions
3 for nomination under this Article 10 for candidates for public
4 office in this State, shall in addition to other requirements
5 provided by law, be as follows: Such petitions shall consist
6 of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall contain, above
7 the space for signature, an appropriate heading, giving the
8 information as to name of candidate or candidates in whose
9 behalf such petition is signed; the office; the party; place
10 of residence; and such other information or wording as
11 required to make same valid, and the heading of each sheet
12 shall be the same. Such petition shall be signed by the
13 qualified voters in their own proper persons only, and
14 opposite the signature of each signer his residence address
15 shall be written or printed. The residence address required to
16 be written or printed opposite each qualified primary
17 elector's name shall include the street address or rural route
18 number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the
19 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.
20 However, the county or city, village or town, and state of
21 residence of such electors may be printed on the petition
22 forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside in
23 the same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard
24 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,
25 including street number, if any. Except as otherwise provided

1 in this Code, no signature shall be valid or be counted in
2 considering the validity or sufficiency of such petition
3 unless the requirements of this Section are complied with. At
4 the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
5 circulator's statement, signed by a person 17 ~~18~~ years of age
6 or older who is a citizen of the United States; stating the
7 street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as
8 well as the county, city, village or town, and state;
9 certifying that the signatures on that sheet of the petition
10 were signed in his or her presence; certifying that the
11 signatures are genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on
12 which that sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first
13 and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3)
14 certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet were
15 signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing
16 of the petition; and certifying that to the best of his
17 knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of
18 signing the petition duly registered voters under Article 4,
19 5, or 6 of this Code of the political subdivision or district
20 for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, and
21 certifying that their respective residences are correctly
22 stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn to before some
23 officer authorized to administer oaths in this State. Except
24 as otherwise provided in this Code, no petition sheet shall be
25 circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided
26 in Section 10-6 for the filing of such petition. Such sheets,

1 before being presented to the electoral board or filed with
2 the proper officer of the electoral district or division of
3 the state or municipality, as the case may be, shall be neatly
4 fastened together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile
5 and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and
6 suitable manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered
7 consecutively. The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting
8 them together end to end, so as to form a continuous strip or
9 roll. All petition sheets which are filed with the proper
10 local election officials, election authorities or the State
11 Board of Elections shall be the original sheets which have
12 been signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not
13 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when
14 presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added
15 to, and no signature shall be revoked except by revocation in
16 writing presented or filed with the officers or officer with
17 whom the petition is required to be presented or filed, and
18 before the presentment or filing of such petition. Whoever
19 forges any name of a signer upon any petition shall be deemed
20 guilty of a forgery, and on conviction thereof, shall be
21 punished accordingly. The word "petition" or "petition for
22 nomination", as used herein, shall mean what is sometimes
23 known as nomination papers, in distinction to what is known as
24 a certificate of nomination. The words "political division for
25 which the candidate is nominated", or its equivalent, shall
26 mean the largest political division in which all qualified

1 voters may vote upon such candidate or candidates, as the
2 state in the case of state officers; the township in the case
3 of township officers et cetera. Provided, further, that no
4 person shall circulate or certify petitions for candidates of
5 more than one political party, or for an independent candidate
6 or candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted
7 upon at the next primary or general election, or for such
8 candidates and parties with respect to the same political
9 subdivision at the next consolidated election.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)