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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/2A-21	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-21
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/7-34	from Ch. 46, par. 7-34
55 ILCS 5/3-9014 new	

Amends the State's Attorney Division of the Counties Code. Provides that, beginning on December 1, 2024, the Office of the State's Attorney of Cook County will include 5 elected Deputy State's Attorneys and one elected, at large, State's Attorney. Provides that each Deputy State's Attorney will represent a district, consisting of 3 Cook County judicial subcircuit districts, and have all powers and duties of the State's Attorney within that district, except that the State's Attorney will retain powers relating to: (i) defense of Cook County; (ii) internal operations; (iii) performing the duties of a vacant office of a Deputy State's Attorney; and (iv) arbitration of disputes between Deputy State's Attorneys and approval of shared operations between the two or more jurisdictions. Contains other provisions about the election of Deputy State's Attorneys and vacancies in the office of a Deputy State's Attorney. Limits home rule powers. Amends the Election Code making conforming changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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 2A-21, 7-10, and 7-34 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/2A-21) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-21)

7 Sec. 2A-21. State's Attorney and Deputy State's Attorney -
8 Time of Election.

9 (a) State's Attorneys shall be elected at the general
10 election in 1980 and at the general election every 4 years
11 thereafter.

12 (b) Deputy State's Attorneys in Cook County shall be
13 elected at the general election in 2024 and at the general
14 election every 4 years thereafter.

15 (Source: P.A. 80-936.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

17 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
18 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or
19 township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward
20 committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate
21 delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed
22 upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has

1 been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in
2 substantially the following form:

3 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the
4 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in
5 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois,
6 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons
7 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the
8 nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for election to)
9 the office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at
10 the primary election to be held on (insert date).

11	Name	Office	Address
12	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
13	Jane James	Lieutenant Governor	Peoria, Ill.
14	Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

15 Name..... Address.....

16 State of Illinois)

17) ss.

18 County of.....)

19 I,, do hereby certify that I reside at No.
20 street, in the of, county of, and State of
21, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen
22 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet
23 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the
24 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at

1 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the
 2 party, and that their respective residences are correctly
 3 stated, as above set forth.

4

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

6

7 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of
 8 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size
 9 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate
 10 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or
 11 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the
 12 office, the political party represented and place of residence;
 13 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

14 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors
 15 residing in the political division for which the nomination is
 16 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the
 17 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be
 18 written or printed. The residence address required to be
 19 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's
 20 name shall include the street address or rural route number of
 21 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,
 22 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or
 23 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors
 24 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors
 25 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village

1 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in
2 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.
3 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
4 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or
5 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street
6 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as
7 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying
8 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed
9 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are
10 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that
11 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last
12 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that
13 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90
14 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and
15 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief
16 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the
17 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a
18 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before
19 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

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

26 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the

1 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

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

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

1 the close of the petition filing period) a statement of
 2 economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental
 3 Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed
 4 upon the official ballot, and shall be subscribed and sworn to
 5 by such candidate before some officer authorized to take
 6 acknowledgment of deeds in the State and shall be in
 7 substantially the following form:

8 Statement of Candidacy

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

13 State of Illinois)

14) ss.

15 County of)

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 the party; that I am a
 20 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of
 21 committeeperson and delegates and alternate delegates) to the
 22 office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be
 23 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including
 24 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility
 25 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold

1 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the
 2 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic
 3 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act
 4 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official
 5 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case
 6 of committeepersons and delegates and alternate delegates)
 7 such office.

8 Signed

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

11 Signed

12 (Official Character)

13 (Seal, if officer has one.)

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

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

25 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating

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

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

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

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

14 (d) County office; Cook County only.

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

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

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

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

26 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to

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

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

25 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run
26 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not

1 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for
2 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal
3 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the
4 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a
5 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,
6 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at
7 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary
8 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary
9 district. In the first primary election following
10 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a
11 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
12 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward
13 of that sanitary district.

14 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for
15 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition
16 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to
17 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the
18 candidate for his or her political party for the office of
19 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was
20 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a
21 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or
22 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
23 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number
24 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her
25 political party who received the highest number of votes at the
26 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same

1 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,
2 but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and
3 subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500
4 signatures in every other Judicial District.

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

22 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools
23 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's
24 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more
25 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination
26 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of

1 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory
2 comprising the counties.

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

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

1 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
2 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
3 party.

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

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

13 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/7-34) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-34)

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

17 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled
18 to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. Such pollwatchers
19 must be affiliated with the political party for which they
20 are pollwatching and must be a registered voter in
21 Illinois.

22 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
23 pollwatchers per precinct. For Federal, State, county,
24 township, and municipal primary elections, the
25 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois.

1 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
2 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
3 interests the investigation or prosecution of election
4 frauds, and which shall have registered its name and
5 address and the names and addresses of its principal
6 officers with the proper election authority at least 40
7 days before the primary election, shall be entitled to
8 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all primary
9 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in
10 Illinois.

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

24 (i) as part of its written articles of
25 incorporation, bylaws, or charter or by separate
26 written declaration, has among its stated purposes the

1 provision of voter information and education, the
2 protection of individual voters' rights, and the
3 promotion of free and equal elections;

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

6 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
7 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
8 current listed telephone number (a post office box
9 number without a current listed telephone number is not
10 sufficient).

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

18 (5) In any primary election held to nominate candidates
19 for the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000
20 population that is situated in 2 or more counties, a
21 pollwatcher who is a resident of a county in which any part
22 of the municipality is situated shall be eligible to serve
23 as a pollwatcher in any polling place located within such
24 municipality, provided that such pollwatcher otherwise
25 complies with the respective requirements of subsections
26 (1) through (4) of this Section and is a registered voter

1 whose residence is within Illinois.

2 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
3 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
4 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
5 signature(s) of the election authority and shall be available
6 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
7 credentials shall be authorized by the real or facsimile
8 signature of the State or local party official or the candidate
9 or the presiding officer of the civic organization or the chair
10 of the proponent or opponent group, as the case may be.

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

13 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

14 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

24 (Signature of Appointing Authority)

25 TITLE (party official, candidate,

1 civic organization president,
 2 proponent or opponent group chair)

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

9
 10 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
 11 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

12 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
 13 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
 14 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
 15 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
 16 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
 17 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
 18 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
 19 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
 20 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
 21 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted during
 22 the course of the day, but established political parties,
 23 candidates, qualified civic organizations and proponents and
 24 opponents of a ballot proposition can have only as many
 25 pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized in this

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

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

20 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
21 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
22 polling places on election day in such district or municipality
23 shall be required to have proper credentials. Such credentials
24 shall be printed in sufficient quantities, shall be issued by
25 and under the facsimile signature of the election authority of
26 the election jurisdiction where the polling place in which the

1 candidate seeks admittance is located, and shall be available
2 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
3 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

4 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
5 following form:

6 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

7 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

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

14

15 (Signature of Candidate)

OFFICE FOR WHICH
CANDIDATE SEEKS
NOMINATION OR
ELECTION

19 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
20 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
21 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
22 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
23 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
24 the signature comparison between the voter application and the

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

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

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

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

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

6 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

7 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
8 3-9014 as follows:

9 (55 ILCS 5/3-9014 new)

10 Sec. 3-9014. Cook County Office of State's Attorney.

11 (a) Beginning on December 1, 2024, the Office of the
12 State's Attorney of Cook County will include 5 elected Deputy
13 State's Attorneys and one elected, at large, State's Attorney.
14 Beginning with the general election held in 2024 and at each
15 succeeding general election, the Deputy State's Attorneys
16 shall be elected from 5 districts as follows:

17 (1) District 1: Cook County judicial subcircuit
18 districts 9, 12, and 13.

19 (2) District 2: Cook County judicial subcircuit
20 districts 4, 10, and 11.

21 (3) District 3: Cook County judicial subcircuit
22 districts 6, 7, and 8.

23 (4) District 4: Cook County judicial subcircuit
24 districts 3, 5, and 14.

1 (5) District 5: Cook County judicial subcircuit
2 districts 1, 2, and 15.

3 Each Deputy State's Attorney must be a resident of the
4 district to which he or she is elected for at least one year
5 prior to the commencement of the term of office. Nomination of
6 candidates for each Deputy State's Attorney at the initial and
7 each succeeding election shall be made by petition signed in
8 the aggregate for each candidate by not less than 1,000
9 qualified voters of the district.

10 (b) On and after December 1, 2024, each Deputy State's
11 Attorney elected under this Section has the powers and duties
12 enumerated for a State's Attorney under the law except those
13 powers of the Cook County State's Attorney listed under
14 subsection (c).

15 (c) On and after December 1, 2024, the Cook County State's
16 Attorney powers and duties are limited to: (i) those duties
17 under item (4) of subsection (a) of section 3-9005; (ii) those
18 duties under subsection (a) of Section 3-9006, including the
19 internal operations of the office of each Deputy State's
20 Attorney; (iii) performing the duties of a vacant office of a
21 Deputy State's Attorney until the vacancy is filled; and (iv)
22 to arbitrate any disputes between Deputy State's Attorneys
23 concerning powers, jurisdiction, operations, and negotiate and
24 approve any shared operations between two or more offices of
25 Deputy State's Attorneys.

26 (d) Vacancies within the office of a Deputy State's

1 Attorney shall be filled in the same manner provided to fill
2 vacancies of the office of the State's Attorney under this
3 Division.

4 (e) Cook County may not organize or operate the Cook County
5 Office of the State's Attorney in a manner inconsistent with
6 this Section. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i)
7 of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
8 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions
9 exercised by the State.