

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3122

Introduced 2/6/2020, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

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 5/10-5	from Ch. 46, par. $10-5$
65 ILCS 20/21-28	from Ch. 24, par. 21-28

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a statement of candidacy shall include a telephone number and email address, if any, for the candidate. Provides that a candidate seeking countywide office in Cook County shall include at least 5,000 but not more than 10,000 signatures in the candidate's petition for nomination (rather than the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election in Cook County). Amends the Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941. Provides that each petition for nomination for mayor, city clerk, and city treasurer for the City of Chicago shall include at least 5,000 but no more than 10,000 signatures of legal voters of the city.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

- Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Sections 7-10, 8-8, and 10-5 as follows:
- 6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)
 - Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson, or township committeeperson, or precinct committeeperson, or ward committeeperson or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the following form:
- We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the 15 16 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in 17 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person or persons 18 19 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the 20 nomination for (or in case of committeepersons for election to) 21 the office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at 22 the primary election to be held on (insert date).
- 23 Name Office Address

1	John Jones Go	overnor	Belvidere, Ill.	
2	Jane James Lieuten	ant Governor	Peoria, Ill.	
3	Thomas Smith Attorn	ney General	Oakland, Ill.	
4	Name	Address		
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6) ss.			
7	County of)			
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9	street, in the of	., county of	, and State of	
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13	best of my knowledge and beli	ief the persons	s so signing were at	
14	the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the			
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candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the office, the political party represented and place of residence; and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors residing in the political division for which the nomination is sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the signature of each signer, his residence address shall be written or printed. The residence address required to be written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's name shall include the street address or rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county, and city, village or town, and state. However the county or city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address, including street number, if any. At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last

dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

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

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

- (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck; and
- (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a certification listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively. The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition

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sheets which are filed with the proper local election officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This statement shall set out the address of such candidate, a telephone number and email address, if any, for such candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State and shall be in substantially the following form:

23 Statement of Candidacy

Name Address Office District Party
John Jones 102 Main St. Governor Statewide Republican
Belvidere,

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      State of Illinois)
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      County of .....)
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          I, ...., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....
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      Street in the city (or village) of ...., in the county of ....,
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      State of Illinois; that I can be contacted at telephone number
      . . . and email address . . . .; that I am a qualified voter
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      that I am a candidate for nomination (for election in the case
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      the office of .... to be voted upon at the primary election to
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      be held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified
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      (including being the holder of any license that may be an
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      eligibility requirement for the office I seek the nomination
      for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file
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      before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of
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      Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon
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      the official primary ballot for nomination for (or election to
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                                      Signed .....
          Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by ....,
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who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

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1	Signed
2	(Official Character)
3	(Seal, if officer has one.)

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

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

- (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating convention elected from the State at-large, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000 but not more than 10,000 signatures.
- (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating convention elected from a congressional district, then the

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candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in his or her congressional district. In the first primary election following a redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party in his or her congressional district.

(c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any countywide office, including but not limited to county board chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county board member elected from a county board district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in the county board district. In the first primary election following a redistricting of county board districts or the initial establishment of county board districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by

- the total number of county board districts comprising the county board; provided that in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.
 - (d) County office; Cook County only.
 - (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000 but not more than 10,000 signatures the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election in Cook County.
 - (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in his or her county board district. In the first primary election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by the total number of county board districts comprising the county board; provided that in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.
 - (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property

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Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the total number of registered voters in his or her board of review district in the last general election at which a commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from that board of review district. In no event shall the number of signatures required be greater than the requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first primary election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures required for a countywide candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

(e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party in the municipality or township. If a candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or trustee districts of а municipality or the initial

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establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of that political party who received the highest number of votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

- (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party of his or her congressional district.
- (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not elected from wards, then the candidate's petition nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary district. In the first primary election redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a

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- candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary district.
 - (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the candidate for his or her political party for the office of Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her political party who received the highest number of votes at the last general election at which a judicial officer from the same circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500 signatures in every other Judicial District.
 - (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no

less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16% of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5% of the primary electors of his or her party of the township, but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is greater.

- (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party in the territory comprising the counties.
- (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures, whichever is greater.

For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the

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applicable district, for the candidate for that political party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the last general election in the State at which electors for President of the United States were elected. For political subdivisions, the number of primary electors determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for that political party who received the highest number of votes in the political subdivision at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from subdivision. For wards or districts of political subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for that political party who received the highest number of votes in the ward or district at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward or district.

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

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

Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different offices. In the case of the offices of

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- 1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, a joint petition including
- 2 one candidate for each of those offices must be filed.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

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4 (10 ILCS 5/8-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-8)
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Sec. 8-8. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no candidate for nomination shall be printed upon the primary ballot unless a petition for nomination shall have been filed in his behalf as provided for in this Section. Each such petition shall include as a part thereof the oath required by Section 7-10.1 of this Act and a statement of candidacy by the candidate filing or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This statement shall set out the address of such candidate, a telephone number and email address, if any, for such candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified and has filed a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall be subscribed and sworn by such candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in this State and may be in substantially the following form:

- 23 State of Illinois)
- 24) ss.
- 25 County)

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I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at 1 2 street in the city (or village of) in the county of 3 State of Illinois; that I can be contacted at telephone number . . . and email address; that I am a qualified voter 4 5 therein and am a qualified primary voter of party; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of to be voted 6 7 upon at the primary election to be held on (insert date); that 8 I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have 9 filed a statement of economic interests as required by the 10 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my 11 name be printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination 12 for such office.

13 Signed

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

16 Signed (Official Character)

17 (Seal if officer has one.)

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

All petitions for nomination for the office of State Senator shall be signed by at least 1,000 but not more than 3,000 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in his legislative district.

All petitions for nomination for the office of Representative in the General Assembly shall be signed by at least 500 but not more than 1,500 of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in his or her representative district.

Opposite the signature of each qualified primary elector who signs a petition for nomination for the office of State Representative or State Senator such elector's residence address shall be written or printed. The residence address required to be written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's name shall include the street address or rural route number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county and city, village or town.

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

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

In the affidavit at the bottom of each sheet, the petition circulator, who shall be a person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the United States, shall state his or her street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as

well as his or her county, city, village or town, and state; and shall certify that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or her presence; and shall certify that the signatures are genuine; and shall certify that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified primary voters for which the nomination is sought.

In the affidavit at the bottom of each petition sheet, the petition circulator shall either (1) indicate the dates on which he or she circulated that sheet, or (2) indicate the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certify that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition. No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided in Section 8-9 for the filing of such petition.

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

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

- (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck; and
 - (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a

- 1 certification listing the page number and line number of
- 2 each signature struck from the petition. Such
- 3 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11.)
- 5 (10 ILCS 5/10-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-5)
- Sec. 10-5. All petitions for nomination shall, besides containing the names of candidates, specify as to each:
- 8 1. The office or offices to which such candidate or
- 9 candidates shall be nominated.
- 10 2. The new political party, if any, represented, expressed
- in not more than 5 words. However, such party shall not bear
- 12 the same name as, nor include the name of any established
- 13 political party as defined in this Article. This prohibition
- does not preclude any established political party from making
- 15 nominations in those cases in which it is authorized to do so.
- 16 3. The place of residence of any such candidate or
- 17 candidates with the street and number thereof, if any. In the
- 18 case of electors for President and Vice-President of the United
- 19 States, the names of candidates for President and
- Vice-President may be added to the party name or appellation.
- 21 Such certificate of nomination or nomination papers in
- addition shall include as a part thereof, the oath required by
- 23 Section 7-10.1 of this Act and must include a statement of
- 24 candidacy for each of the candidates named therein, except
- 25 candidates for electors for President and Vice-President of the

United States. Each such statement shall set out the address of 1 2 such candidate, a telephone number and email address, if any, 3 for such candidate, the office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the candidate is qualified for the office 4 5 specified and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as 6 7 required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request 8 that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot 9 and shall be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before 10 some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in 11 this State, and may be in substantially the following form:

- 12 State of Illinois)
- 13) SS.
- 14 County of.....)

15 I,...., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at.... 16 street, in the city (or village) of.... in the county of.... 17 State of Illinois; that I can be contacted at telephone number . . . and email address; and that I am a qualified 18 voter therein; that I am a candidate for election to the office 19 20 of.... to be voted upon at the election to be held on the.... 21 day of....; and that I am legally qualified to hold such 22 office and that I have filed (or will file before the close of 23 the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, and I 24 25 hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office. 26

1 Signed.....

2 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by.... who

3 is to me personally known, this.... day of....,.....

4 Signed.....

5 (Official Character)

(Seal, if officer has one.)

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In addition, a new political party petition shall have attached thereto a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination pursuant to Section 10-11.

Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has filed a statement of economic interests in relation to the same governmental unit with that officer during the same calendar year as the year in which such nomination papers were filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the statement of economic interest of that candidate are not required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the statement of economic interests is filed showing the date on which such statement was filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 84-551.)
- 2 Section 10. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is
- 3 amended by changing Section 21-28 as follows:
- 4 (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)
- 5 Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.
- 6 (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city
- 7 shall be by petition. Each petition for nomination of a
- 8 candidate shall be signed by at least 473 legal voters of the
- 9 ward.
- 10 (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city
- 11 treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for
- nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 5,000 but
- not more then $10,000 \frac{12,500}{100}$ legal voters of the city.
- 14 (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,
- shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the
- 16 election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago
- 17 concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public
- 18 office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is
- 19 exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided
- 20 by law.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)