



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1170

Introduced 1/31/2023, by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-6.2	from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2
10 ILCS 5/5-16.2	from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2
10 ILCS 5/6-50.2	from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2
10 ILCS 5/7-9	from Ch. 46, par. 7-9

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the county convention of a county central committee shall occur on a date that is not earlier than the 29th day after, nor later than the 50th day after, the date of the primary at which committeepersons are elected (rather than on the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which committeepersons are elected). Provides that an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeperson because no one was elected to that office, because the precinct committeeperson ceases to reside in the precinct, or for any other reason may not be made between the general primary election and the county convention following the general primary election (rather than between the general primary election and the 30th day after the general primary election). Makes conforming changes.

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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 4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2, and 7-9 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

7 Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all
8 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly
9 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the
10 registration of all qualified residents of the State.

11 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct
12 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may
13 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the
14 State, except during the 27 days preceding an election.

15 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named
16 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such
17 persons:

18 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
19 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
20 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
21 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
22 at such library.

23 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by

1 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or
2 vocational school situated within the election
3 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
4 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The
5 county clerk shall notify every principal and
6 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school, and
7 vocational school situated within the election
8 jurisdiction of their eligibility to serve as deputy
9 registrars and offer training courses for service as
10 deputy registrars at conveniently located facilities at
11 least 4 months prior to every election.

12 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by
13 the president, of any university, college, community
14 college, academy or other institution of learning situated
15 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the
16 registrations of any resident of the State, at such
17 university, college, community college, academy or
18 institution.

19 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
20 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
21 members designated by such official, who may accept the
22 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

23 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide
24 State civic organization, as defined and determined by
25 rule of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members
26 designated by such official, who may accept the

1 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In
2 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be
3 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population
4 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the
5 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the
6 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the
7 jurisdiction and their location, the registration
8 activities of the organization and the need to appoint
9 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
10 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no
11 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number
12 applicable to every civic organization requesting
13 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State
14 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification
15 of bonafide State civic organizations. Such appointments
16 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,
17 terminating on the first business day of the month
18 following the month of the general election, and shall be
19 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by
20 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

21 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or
22 a reasonable number of employees designated by the
23 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept
24 the registration of any qualified resident of the county
25 at any such public aid office.

26 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of

1 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
2 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
3 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
4 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

5 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the
6 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number
7 of employees designated by such president, who may accept
8 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

9 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is
10 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date
11 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
12 organization with written notice setting forth the specific
13 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be
14 appointed as deputy registrar.

15 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy
16 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall
17 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that
18 the convenience of the public is served, giving due
19 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some
20 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that
21 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political
22 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in
23 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the
24 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chair
25 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political
26 party. A Chair of a County Central Committee shall submit a

1 list of applicants to the county clerk by November 30 of each
2 year. The county clerk may require a Chair of a County Central
3 Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

4 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time
5 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All
6 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered
7 voters within the county and shall take and subscribe to the
8 following oath or affirmation:

9 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
10 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the
11 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
12 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy
13 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no
14 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon
15 his personal application before me.

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17 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

18 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by
19 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take
20 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be
21 filed with the county clerk.

22 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
23 except precinct committee persons, shall be for 2-year terms,
24 commencing on December 1 following the general election of
25 each even-numbered year; except that the terms of the initial
26 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next

1 general election. Appointments of precinct committeepersons
2 shall be for ~~2-year~~ terms commencing on the date of the county
3 convention following the general primary at which they were
4 elected and ending on the date immediately preceding the date
5 of the next county convention. The county clerk shall issue a
6 certificate of appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall
7 maintain in his office for public inspection a list of the
8 names of all appointees.

9 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all
10 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at
11 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county
12 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be
13 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy
14 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy
15 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to
16 removal for cause.

17 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of
18 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall
19 be returned to the appointing election authority by
20 first-class mail within 2 business days or personal delivery
21 within 7 days, except that completed registration materials
22 received by the deputy registrars during the period between
23 the 35th and 28th day preceding an election shall be returned
24 by the deputy registrars to the appointing election authority
25 within 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed
26 registration materials received by the deputy registrars on

1 the 28th day preceding an election shall be returned by the
2 deputy registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof.
3 Unused materials shall be returned by deputy registrars
4 appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later
5 than the next working day following the close of registration.

6 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners,
7 as the case may be, must provide any additional forms
8 requested by any deputy registrar regardless of the number of
9 unaccounted registration forms the deputy registrar may have
10 in his or her possession.

11 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering
12 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or
13 her duties.

14 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly
15 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such
16 deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of the
17 county clerk.

18 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy
19 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be
20 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to
21 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction
22 of residence.

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

24 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

25 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all

1 municipal and township clerks or their duly authorized
2 deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the registration
3 of all qualified residents of the State.

4 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct
5 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may
6 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the
7 State, except during the 27 days preceding an election.

8 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named
9 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such
10 persons:

11 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
12 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
13 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
14 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,
15 at such library.

16 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by
17 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or
18 vocational school situated within the election
19 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
20 resident of the State, at such school. The county clerk
21 shall notify every principal and vice-principal of each
22 high school, elementary school, and vocational school
23 situated within the election jurisdiction of their
24 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer
25 training courses for service as deputy registrars at
26 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to

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3 the president, of any university, college, community
4 college, academy or other institution of learning situated
5 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the
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7 university, college, community college, academy or
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10 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified
11 members designated by such official, who may accept the
12 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

13 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide
14 State civic organization, as defined and determined by
15 rule of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members
16 designated by such official, who may accept the
17 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In
18 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be
19 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population
20 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the
21 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the
22 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the
23 jurisdiction and their location, the registration
24 activities of the organization and the need to appoint
25 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
26 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no

1 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number
2 applicable to every civic organization requesting
3 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State
4 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification
5 of bona fide State civic organizations. Such appointments
6 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,
7 terminating on the first business day of the month
8 following the month of the general election, and shall be
9 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by
10 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

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12 a reasonable number of employees designated by the
13 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept
14 the registration of any qualified resident of the county
15 at any such public aid office.

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17 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
18 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
19 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
20 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

21 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the
22 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number
23 of employees designated by such president, who may accept
24 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

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26 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date

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2 organization with written notice setting forth the specific
3 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be
4 appointed as deputy registrar.

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6 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall
7 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that
8 the convenience of the public is served, giving due
9 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some
10 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that
11 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political
12 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in
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15 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political
16 party. A Chair of a County Central Committee shall submit a
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19 Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

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21 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All
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23 voters within the county and shall take and subscribe to the
24 following oath or affirmation:

25 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
26 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the

1 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
 2 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy
 3 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no
 4 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon
 5 his personal application before me.

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 9 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take
 10 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be
 11 filed with the county clerk.

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 13 except precinct committeepersons, shall be for 2-year terms,
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 15 each even-numbered year, except that the terms of the initial
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 26 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

15 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall
16 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election
17 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the
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21 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the
22 written request of such persons:

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7 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
8 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such
9 unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as
10 deputy registrar is denied, the board of election
11 commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the
12 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
13 organization with written notice setting forth the
14 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the
15 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

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21 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The
22 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional
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24 public is served, giving due consideration to both population
25 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy
26 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal number

1 from each of the 2 major political parties in the election
 2 jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners, in
 3 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the
 4 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chair
 5 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political
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 7 list of applicants to the board by November 30 of each year.
 8 The board may require a Chair of a County Central Committee to
 9 furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

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 11 other than the 27-day period preceding an election. All
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 13 voters within the election jurisdiction and shall take and
 14 subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

15 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I
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 17 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
 18 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of registration
 19 officer to the best of my ability and that I will register no
 20 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon
 21 his personal application before me.

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23 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

24 This oath shall be administered and certified to by one of
 25 the commissioners or by the executive director or by some
 26 person designated by the board of election commissioners, and

1 shall immediately thereafter be filed with the board of
2 election commissioners. The members of the board of election
3 commissioners and all persons authorized by them under the
4 provisions of this Article to take registrations, after
5 themselves taking and subscribing to the above oath, are
6 authorized to take or administer such oaths and execute such
7 affidavits as are required by this Article.

8 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
9 except precinct committeepersons, shall be for 2-year terms,
10 commencing on December 1 following the general election of
11 each even-numbered year, except that the terms of the initial
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22 responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed
23 pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably
24 convenient for both the board of election commissioners and
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13 registration materials received by the deputy registrars on
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25 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or
26 her duties.

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2 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any
3 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed
4 to be employees of the board of election commissioners.

5 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy
6 registrars for persons residing outside the election
7 jurisdiction shall be transmitted by the board of election
8 commissioners within 2 days after receipt to the election
9 authority of the person's election jurisdiction of residence.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

12 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State
13 conventions.

14 (a) On a date that is not earlier than the 29th day after,
15 nor later than the 50th day after, ~~On the 29th day next~~
16 ~~succeeding~~ the date of the primary at which committeepersons
17 are elected, the county central committee of each political
18 party shall meet within the county and proceed to organize by
19 electing from its own number a chair and either from its own
20 number, or otherwise, such other officers as such committee
21 may deem necessary or expedient. Such meeting of the county
22 central committee shall be known as the county convention.

23 The chair of each county committee shall within 10 days
24 after the organization, forward to the State Board of
25 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the

1 officers, precinct committeepersons and representative
2 committeepersons elected by his political party.

3 The county convention of each political party shall choose
4 delegates to the State convention of its party, if the party
5 chooses to hold a State convention; but in any county having
6 within its limits any city having a population of 200,000, or
7 over the delegates from such city shall be chosen by wards, the
8 ward committeepersons from the respective wards choosing the
9 number of delegates to which such ward is entitled on the basis
10 prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such delegates to
11 be members of the delegation to the State convention from such
12 county. In all counties containing a population of 2,000,000
13 or more outside of cities having a population of 200,000 or
14 more, the delegates from each of the townships or parts of
15 townships as the case may be shall be chosen by townships or
16 parts of townships as the case may be, the township
17 committeepersons from the respective townships or parts of
18 townships as the case may be choosing the number of delegates
19 to which such townships or parts of townships as the case may
20 be are entitled, on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of
21 this Section such delegates to be members of the delegation to
22 the State convention from such county.

23 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political
24 party which elects its members by Alternative B under
25 paragraph (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State
26 Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State convention,

1 ex officio.

2 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political
3 party which elects its members by Alternative B under
4 paragraph (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the
5 State Convention, if the party chooses to hold a State
6 convention, who must be residents of the member's
7 Congressional District.

8 (b) State conventions may be held within 180 days after
9 the general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years
10 thereafter. In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter,
11 the chair of a State central committee may issue a call for a
12 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

13 The State convention of each political party, if the party
14 chooses to hold a State convention, has power to make
15 nominations of candidates of its political party for the
16 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,
17 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined
18 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to
19 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large
20 to national nominating conventions. The State Central
21 Committee may adopt rules to provide for and govern the
22 procedures of the State convention.

23 (c) The chair and secretary of each State convention, if
24 the party chooses to hold a State convention, shall, within 2
25 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of Elections of
26 this State a certificate setting forth the names and addresses

1 of all persons nominated by such State convention for electors
2 of President and Vice President of the United States, and of
3 any persons selected by the State convention for delegates and
4 alternate delegates at large to national nominating
5 conventions; and the names of such candidates so chosen by
6 such State convention for electors of President and Vice
7 President of the United States, shall be caused by the State
8 Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot at
9 the general election, in the manner required by law, and shall
10 be certified to the various county clerks of the proper
11 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this
12 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated
13 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act
14 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on
15 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified
16 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act
17 applicable thereto.

18 (d) Each convention, if the party chooses to hold a State
19 convention, may perform all other functions inherent to such
20 political organization and not inconsistent with this Article.

21 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,
22 if the party chooses to hold a State convention, the chair of
23 the State central committee of each political party shall file
24 in the principal office of the State Board of Elections a call
25 for the State convention. Such call shall state, among other
26 things, the time and place (designating the building or hall)

1 for holding the State convention. Such call shall be signed by
2 the chair and attested by the secretary of the committee. In
3 such convention each county shall be entitled to one delegate
4 for each 500 ballots voted by the primary electors of the party
5 in such county at the primary to be held next after the
6 issuance of such call; and if in such county, less than 500
7 ballots are so voted or if the number of ballots so voted is
8 not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall be one delegate for
9 such group which is less than 500, or for such group
10 representing the number of votes over the multiple of 500,
11 which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each primary
12 vote so represented by him. The call for such convention shall
13 set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in full and shall
14 direct that the number of delegates to be chosen be calculated
15 in compliance herewith and that such number of delegates be
16 chosen.

17 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons when
18 elected as provided in this Section shall serve as though
19 elected at large irrespective of any changes that may be made
20 in precinct, township or ward boundaries and the voting
21 strength of each committeeperson shall remain as provided in
22 this Section for the entire time for which he is elected.

23 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in
24 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as
25 provided in this Act.

26 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be

1 called by the chair, or by not less than 25% of the members of
2 such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such
3 committee in writing designating the time and place at which
4 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is
5 proposed to present at such special meeting.

6 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a
7 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson
8 because no one was elected to that office or because the
9 precinct committeeperson ceases to reside in the precinct or
10 for any other reason, the chair of the county central
11 committee of the appropriate political party may fill the
12 vacancy in such office by appointment of a qualified resident
13 of the county and the appointed precinct committeeperson shall
14 serve as though elected; however, no such appointment may be
15 made between the general primary election and the county
16 convention following ~~30th day after~~ the general primary
17 election.

18 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State
19 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of
20 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,
21 the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of a
22 political party which elects its State Central Committee by
23 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a)
24 of Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to
25 serve as if no reapportionment had occurred until the
26 expiration of their terms.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)