



1 names of any candidate or candidates for the same office  
2 contained in any party column or columns upon said ballot.  
3 The ballot shall contain no other names, except that in cases  
4 of electors for President and Vice-President of the United  
5 States, the names of the candidates for President and  
6 Vice-President may be added to the party designation and  
7 words calculated to aid the voter in his choice of candidates  
8 may be added, such as "Vote for one," "Vote for three." When  
9 an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a ballot  
10 label booklet, the candidates and questions shall appear on  
11 the pages of such booklet in the order provided by this Code;  
12 and, in any case where candidates for an office appear on a  
13 page which does not contain the name of any candidate for  
14 another office, and where less than 50% of the page is  
15 utilized, the name of no candidate shall be printed on the  
16 lowest 25% of such page. On the back or outside of the  
17 ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the  
18 words "Official Ballot", followed by the designation of the  
19 polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of  
20 the election and a facsimile of the signature of the election  
21 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The  
22 ballots shall be of plain white paper, through which the  
23 printing or writing cannot be read. However, ballots for use  
24 at the nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be printed  
25 on different color paper, except blue paper, whenever  
26 necessary or desirable to facilitate distinguishing between  
27 ballots for different political subdivisions. In the case of  
28 nonpartisan elections for officers of a political  
29 subdivision, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted  
30 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution providing the  
31 form of government therefor requires otherwise, the column  
32 listing such nonpartisan candidates shall be printed with no  
33 appellation or circle at its head. The party appellation or  
34 title, or the word "independent" at the head of any column

1 provided for independent candidates, shall be printed in  
2 ~~capital~~ letters not less than one-fourth of an inch in height  
3 and a circle one-half inch in diameter shall be printed at  
4 the beginning of the line in which such appellation or title  
5 is printed, provided, however, that no such circle shall be  
6 printed at the head of any column or columns provided for  
7 such independent candidates. The names of candidates shall be  
8 printed in ~~capital~~ letters not less than one-eighth nor more  
9 than one-fourth of an inch in height, and at the beginning of  
10 each line in which a name of a candidate is printed a square  
11 shall be printed, the sides of which shall be not less than  
12 one-fourth of an inch in length. However, the names of the  
13 candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same  
14 ticket shall be printed within a bracket and a single square  
15 shall be printed in front of the bracket. The list of  
16 candidates of the several parties and any such list of  
17 independent candidates shall be placed in separate columns on  
18 the ballot in such order as the election authorities charged  
19 with the printing of the ballots shall decide; provided, that  
20 the names of the candidates of the several political parties,  
21 certified by the State Board of Elections to the several  
22 county clerks shall be printed by the county clerk of the  
23 proper county on the official ballot in the order certified  
24 by the State Board of Elections. Any county clerk refusing,  
25 neglecting or failing to print on the official ballot the  
26 names of candidates of the several political parties in the  
27 order certified by the State Board of Elections, and any  
28 county clerk who prints or causes to be printed upon the  
29 official ballot the name of a candidate, for an office to be  
30 filled by the Electors of the entire State, whose name has  
31 not been duly certified to him upon a certificate signed by  
32 the State Board of Elections shall be guilty of a Class C  
33 misdemeanor.

34 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a

1 ballot card, on the inside flap of each ballot card envelope  
2 there shall be printed a form for write-in voting which shall  
3 be substantially as follows:

4 WRITE-IN VOTES

5 (See card of instructions for specific information.  
6 Duplicate form below by hand for additional write-in votes.)

7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 Title of Office

9 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

10 Name of Candidate

11 When an electronic voting system is used which uses a  
12 ballot sheet, the instructions to voters on the ballot sheet  
13 shall refer the voter to the card of instructions for  
14 specific information on write-in voting. Below each office  
15 appearing on such ballot sheet there shall be a provision for  
16 the casting of a write-in vote.

17 When such electronic system is used, there shall be  
18 printed on the back of each ballot card, each ballot card  
19 envelope, and the first page of the ballot label when a  
20 ballot label is used, the words "Official Ballot," followed  
21 by the number of the precinct or other precinct  
22 identification, which may be stamped, in lieu thereof and, as  
23 applicable, the number and name of the township, ward or  
24 other election district for which the ballot card, ballot  
25 card envelope, and ballot label are prepared, the date of the  
26 election and a facsimile of the signature of the election  
27 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The back  
28 of the ballot card shall also include a method of identifying  
29 the ballot configuration such as a listing of the political  
30 subdivisions and districts for which votes may be cast on  
31 that ballot, or a number code identifying the ballot  
32 configuration or color coded ballots, except that where there  
33 is only one ballot configuration in a precinct, the precinct  
34 identification, and any applicable ward identification, shall

1 be sufficient. Ballot card envelopes used in punch card  
2 systems shall be of paper through which no writing or punches  
3 may be discerned and shall be of sufficient length to enclose  
4 all voting positions. However, the election authority may  
5 provide ballot card envelopes on which no precinct number or  
6 township, ward or other election district designation, or  
7 election date are preprinted, if space and a preprinted form  
8 are provided below the space provided for the names of  
9 write-in candidates where such information may be entered by  
10 the judges of election. Whenever an election authority  
11 utilizes ballot card envelopes on which the election date and  
12 precinct is not preprinted, a judge of election shall mark  
13 such information for the particular precinct and election on  
14 the envelope in ink before tallying and counting any write-in  
15 vote written thereon. If some method of insuring ballot  
16 secrecy other than an envelope is used, such information must  
17 be provided on the ballot itself.

18 In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
19 ballot, the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
20 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
21 known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to  
22 the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a title  
23 or degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a  
24 title, degree or professional status, or similar information  
25 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname,  
26 except that the title "Mrs." may be used in the case of a  
27 married woman.

28 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
29 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
30 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A,  
31 whichever is applicable.

32 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit election  
33 authorities from using or reusing ballot card envelopes which  
34 were printed before the effective date of this amendatory Act

1 of 1985.

2 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/16-6.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-6.1)

4 Sec. 16-6.1. In elections held pursuant to the  
5 provisions of Section 12 of Article VI of the Constitution  
6 relating to retention of judges in office, the form of the  
7 proposition to be submitted for each candidate shall be as  
8 provided in paragraph (1) or (2), as the election authority  
9 may choose.

10 (1) The names of all persons seeking retention in  
11 the same office shall be listed, in the order provided in  
12 this Section, with one proposition that reads  
13 substantially as follows: "Shall each of the persons  
14 listed be retained in office as (insert name of office  
15 and court)?". To the right of each candidate's name must  
16 be places for the voter to mark "Yes" or "No". If the  
17 list of candidates for retention in the same office  
18 exceeds one page of the ballot, the proposition must  
19 appear on each page upon which the list of candidates  
20 continues.

21 (2) The form of the proposition for each candidate  
22 shall be substantially as follows:

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 Shall ..... (insert name YES  
25 of candidate) be retained in  
26 office as ..... (insert name  
27 of office and Court)? NO  
28 \_\_\_\_\_

29 The names of all candidates thus submitting their names  
30 for retention in office in any particular judicial district  
31 or circuit shall appear on the same ballot which shall be  
32 separate from all other ballots voted on at the general  
33 election.

1           Propositions on Supreme Court judges, if any are seeking  
2 retention, shall appear on the ballot in the first group, for  
3 judges of the Appellate Court in the second group immediately  
4 under the first, and for circuit judges in the last group.  
5 The grouping of candidates for the same office shall be  
6 preceded by a heading describing the office and the court.  
7 If there are two or more candidates for each office, the  
8 names of such candidates in each group shall be listed in the  
9 order determined as follows: The name of the person with the  
10 greatest length of time served in the specified office of the  
11 specified court shall be listed first in each group. The  
12 rest of the names shall be listed in the appropriate order  
13 based on the same seniority standard. If two or more  
14 candidates for each office have served identical periods of  
15 time in the specified office, such candidates shall be listed  
16 alphabetically at the appropriate place in the order of names  
17 based on seniority in the office as described. Circuit  
18 judges shall be credited for the purposes of this section  
19 with service as associate judges prior to July 1, 1971 and  
20 with service on any court the judges of which were made  
21 associate judges on January 1, 1964 by virtue of Paragraph 4,  
22 subparagraphs (c) and (d) of the Schedule to Article VI of  
23 the former Illinois Constitution.

24           At the top of the ballot on the same side as the  
25 propositions on the candidates are listed shall be printed an  
26 explanation to read substantially as follows: "Vote on the  
27 proposition with respect to all or any of the judges listed  
28 on this ballot. No judge listed is running against any other  
29 judge. The sole question is whether each judge shall be  
30 retained in his present office".

31           Such separate ballot shall be printed on paper of  
32 sufficient size so that when folded once it shall be large  
33 enough to contain the following words, which shall be printed  
34 on the back, "Ballot for judicial candidates seeking

1 retention in office". Such ballot shall be handed to the  
2 elector at the same time as the ballot containing the names  
3 of other candidates for the general election and shall be  
4 returned therewith by the elector to the proper officer in  
5 the manner designated by this Act. All provisions of this  
6 Act relating to ballots shall apply to such separate ballot,  
7 except as otherwise specifically provided in this section.  
8 Such separate ballot shall be printed upon paper of a green  
9 color. No other ballot at the same election shall be green  
10 in color.

11 In precincts in which voting machines are used, the  
12 special ballot containing the propositions on the retention  
13 of judges may be placed on the voting machines if such voting  
14 machines permit the casting of votes on such propositions.

15 An electronic voting system authorized by Article 24A may  
16 be used in voting and tabulating the judicial retention  
17 ballots. When an electronic voting system is used which  
18 utilizes a ballot label booklet and ballot card, there shall  
19 be used in the label booklet a separate ballot label page or  
20 pages as required for such proposition, which page or pages  
21 for such proposition shall be of a green color separate and  
22 distinct from the ballot label page or pages used for any  
23 other proposition or candidates."

24 (Source: P.A. 79-201.)