

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 Section 28-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/28-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-3)

7 Sec. 28-3. Form of petition for public question.
8 Petitions for the submission of public questions shall
9 consist of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall
10 contain, above the space for signature, an appropriate
11 heading, giving the information as to the question of public
12 policy to be submitted, and specifying the state at large or
13 the political subdivision or district or precinct or
14 combination of precincts or other territory in which it is to
15 be submitted and, where by law the public question must be
16 submitted at a particular election, the election at which it
17 is to be submitted. In the case of a petition for the
18 submission of a public question described in subsection (b)
19 of Section 28-6, the heading shall also specify the regular
20 election at which the question is to be submitted and include
21 the precincts included in the territory concerning which the
22 public question is to be submitted, as well as a common
23 description of such territory in plain and nonlegal language,
24 such description to describe the territory by reference to
25 streets, natural or artificial landmarks, addresses or any
26 other method which would enable a voter signing the petition
27 to be informed of the territory concerning which the question
28 is to be submitted. The heading of each sheet shall be the
29 same. Such petition shall be signed by the registered voters
30 of the political subdivision or district or precinct or
31 combination of precincts in which the question of public

1 policy is to be submitted in their own proper persons only,
2 and opposite the signature of each signer his residence
3 address shall be written or printed, which residence address
4 shall include the street address or rural route number of the
5 signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,
6 and city, village or town, and state; provided that the
7 county or city, village or town, and state of residence of
8 such electors may be printed on the petition forms where all
9 of the such electors signing the petition reside in the same
10 county or city, village or town, and state. Standard
11 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,
12 including street number, if any. No signature shall be valid
13 or be counted in considering the validity or sufficiency of
14 such petition unless the requirements of this Section are
15 complied with.

16 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be
17 added a statement, signed by a registered voter, who has been
18 a registered voter at all times he or she circulated the
19 petition, ~~of--the--political--subdivision--or--district--or~~
20 ~~precinct--or--combination--of--precincts--in--which--the--question--of~~
21 ~~public--policy--is--to--be--submitted,~~ stating the street address
22 or rural route number of the voter, as the case may be, as
23 well as the voter's county, and city, village or town, and
24 state certifying that the signatures on that sheet of the
25 petition were signed in his presence and are genuine, and
26 that to the best of his knowledge and belief the persons so
27 signing were at the time of signing the petition registered
28 voters of the political subdivision or district or precinct
29 or combination of precincts in which the question of public
30 policy is to be submitted and that their respective
31 residences are correctly stated therein. Such statement shall
32 be sworn to before some officer authorized to administer
33 oaths in this State.

34 Such sheets, before being filed with the proper officer

1 or board shall be bound securely and numbered consecutively.
2 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
3 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All
4 petition sheets which are filed with the proper local
5 election officials, election authorities or the State Board
6 of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been
7 signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not
8 photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. A petition, when
9 presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added
10 to, and no signature shall be revoked except by revocation in
11 writing presented or filed with the board or officer with
12 whom the petition is required to be presented or filed, and
13 before the presentment or filing of such petition, except as
14 may otherwise be provided in another statute which authorize
15 the public question. Whoever forges any name of a signer upon
16 any petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery, and on
17 conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly.

18 In addition to the foregoing requirements, a petition
19 proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution
20 pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution or a
21 petition proposing a question of public policy to be
22 submitted to the voters of the entire State shall be in
23 conformity with the requirements of Section 28-9 of this
24 Article.

25 If multiple sets of petitions for submission of the same
26 public questions are filed, the State Board of Elections,
27 appropriate election authority or local election official
28 where the petitions are filed shall within 2 business days
29 notify the proponent of his or her multiple petition filings
30 and that proponent has 3 business days after receipt of the
31 notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate
32 election authority or local election official that he or she
33 may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the proponent
34 notifies the State Board of Elections, appropriate election

1 authority or local election official, the last set of
2 petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered
3 valid by the State Board of Elections, appropriate election
4 authority or local election official. If the proponent fails
5 to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election
6 authority or local election official then only the first set
7 of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent
8 petitions shall be void.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-57, eff. 6-30-99.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.