

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, 4-6.2, 4-6.3, 4-8, 4-8.03, 4-10, 4-16, 5-5,  
6 5-7, 5-7.03, 5-16.2, 5-16.3, 6-29, 6-35, 6-35.03, 6-43, 6-50,  
7 6-50.2, and 6-50.3 as follows:

8 (10 ILCS 5/4-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6)

9 Sec. 4-6. For the purpose of registering voters under  
10 this Article in addition to the method provided for precinct  
11 registration under Section 4-7, the office of the county  
12 clerk shall be open every day, except Saturday, Sunday, and  
13 legal holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Saturdays the  
14 hours of registration shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon,  
15 and such additional hours as the county clerk may designate.  
16 If, however, the county board otherwise duly regulates and  
17 fixes the hours of opening and closing of all county offices  
18 at the county seat of any county, such regulation shall  
19 control and supersede the hours herein specified. There shall  
20 be no registration at the office of the county clerk or at  
21 the office of municipal and township or road district clerks  
22 serving as deputy registrars during the 27 28 days preceding  
23 any regular or special election at which the cards provided  
24 in this Article are used, or until the 2nd day following such  
25 regular or special election; provided, that if by reason of  
26 the proximity of any such elections to one another the effect  
27 of this provision would be to close registrations for all or  
28 any part of the 10 days immediately prior to such 27 28 day  
29 period, the county clerk shall accept, solely for use in the  
30 subsequent and not in any intervening election, registrations  
31 and transfers of registration within the period from the 27th

1 28th to the 38th days, both inclusive, prior to such  
2 subsequent election; ~~provided, further that at the office of~~  
3 ~~such clerks registration shall be permitted on the 28th day~~  
4 ~~preceding the election in November of even numbered years in~~  
5 ~~any county in which such day is not designated as a day of~~  
6 ~~precinct registration.~~ In any election called for the  
7 submission of the revision or alteration of, or the  
8 amendments to the Constitution, submitted by a Constitutional  
9 Convention, the final day for registration at the office of  
10 the election authority charged with the printing of the  
11 ballot of this election shall be the 15th day prior to the  
12 date of election.

13 Any qualified person residing within the county or any  
14 portion thereof subject to this Article may register or  
15 re-register with the county clerk.

16 Each county clerk shall appoint one or more registration  
17 or re-registration teams for the purpose of accepting the  
18 registration or re-registration of any voter who files an  
19 affidavit that he is physically unable to appear at any  
20 appointed place of registration or re-registration. Each team  
21 shall consist of one member of each political party having  
22 the highest and second highest number of registered voters in  
23 the county. The county clerk shall designate a team to visit  
24 each disabled person and shall accept the registration or  
25 re-registration of each such person as if he had applied for  
26 registration or re-registration at the office of the county  
27 clerk.

28 As used in this Article, "deputy registrars" and  
29 "registration officers" mean any person authorized to accept  
30 registrations of electors under this Article.

31 (Source: P.A. 83-1059.)

32 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

33 Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all

1 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly  
2 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the  
3 registration of all qualified residents of their respective  
4 municipalities, townships and road districts. A deputy  
5 registrar serving as such by virtue of his status as a  
6 municipal clerk, or a duly authorized deputy of a municipal  
7 clerk, of a municipality the territory of which lies in more  
8 than one county may accept the registration of any qualified  
9 resident of the municipality, regardless of which county the  
10 resident, municipal clerk or the duly authorized deputy of  
11 the municipal clerk lives in.

12 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
13 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
14 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the  
15 county, except during the 27 28 days preceding an election.

16 The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars  
17 a reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
18 located at driver's license examination stations and  
19 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of  
20 State who may accept the registration of any qualified  
21 residents of the county at any such driver's license  
22 examination stations. The appointment of employees of the  
23 Secretary of State as deputy registrars shall be made in the  
24 manner provided in Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
25 Code.

26 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following  
27 named persons as deputy registrars upon the written request  
28 of such persons:

29 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
30 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
31 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
32 the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
33 county, at such library.

34 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated

1 by the principal, of any high school, elementary school,  
2 or vocational school situated within the election  
3 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
4 qualified resident of the county, at such school. The  
5 county clerk shall notify every principal and  
6 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school,  
7 and 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  
13 by the president, of any university, college, community  
14 college, academy or other institution of learning  
15 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
16 the registrations of any resident of the county, at such  
17 university, college, community college, academy or  
18 institution.

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

24 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a  
25 bonafide State civic organization, as defined and  
26 determined by rule of the State Board of Elections, or  
27 qualified members designated by such official, who may  
28 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the  
29 county. In determining the number of deputy registrars  
30 that shall be appointed, the county clerk shall consider  
31 the population of the jurisdiction, the size of the  
32 organization, the geographic size of the jurisdiction,  
33 convenience for the public, the existing number of deputy  
34 registrars in the jurisdiction and their location, the

1 registration activities of the organization and the need  
2 to appoint deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
3 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
4 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
5 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
6 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The  
7 State Board of Elections shall by rule provide for  
8 certification of bonafide State civic organizations. Such  
9 appointments shall be made for a period not to exceed 2  
10 years, terminating on the first business day of the month  
11 following the month of the general election, and shall be  
12 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided  
13 by this Code during the terms of such appointments.

14 6. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
15 Public Aid, or a reasonable number of employees  
16 designated by the Director and located at public aid  
17 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
18 resident of the county at any such public aid office.

19 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
20 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
21 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
22 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
23 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

24 8. The president of any corporation as defined by  
25 the Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable  
26 number of employees designated by such president, who may  
27 accept the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
28 county.

29 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
30 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
31 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
32 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
33 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
34 appointed as deputy registrar.



1 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
2 except precinct committeemen, shall be for 2-year terms,  
3 commencing on December 1 following the general election of  
4 each even-numbered year; except that the terms of the initial  
5 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next  
6 general election. Appointments of precinct committeemen shall  
7 be for 2-year terms commencing on the date of the county  
8 convention following the general primary at which they were  
9 elected. The county clerk shall issue a certificate of  
10 appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in  
11 his office for public inspection a list of the names of all  
12 appointees.

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

21 (c) Completed registration materials under the control  
22 of deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a),  
23 shall be returned to the proper election authority within 7  
24 days, except that completed registration materials received  
25 by the deputy registrars during the period between the 35th  
26 and ~~28th~~ 29th day preceding an election shall be returned by  
27 the deputy registrars to the proper election authority within  
28 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed registration  
29 materials received by the deputy registrars on the ~~28th~~ 29th  
30 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
31 registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof. Unused  
32 materials shall be returned by deputy registrars appointed  
33 pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later than the  
34 next working day following the close of registration.

1 (d) The county clerk shall not be required to provide  
2 additional forms to any deputy registrar having more than 200  
3 registration forms unaccounted for during the preceding 12  
4 month period.

5 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any  
6 electioneering or the promotion of any cause during the  
7 performance of his or her duties.

8 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
9 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar.  
10 Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of  
11 the county clerk.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.3)

14 Sec. 4-6.3. The county clerk may establish a temporary  
15 place of registration for such times and at such locations  
16 within the county as the county clerk may select. However,  
17 no temporary place of registration may be in operation during  
18 the 27 28 days preceding an election. Notice of the time and  
19 place of registration under this Section shall be published  
20 by the county clerk in a newspaper having a general  
21 circulation in the county not less than 3 nor more than 15  
22 days before the holding of such registration.

23 Temporary places of registration shall be established so  
24 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the  
25 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places  
26 of private business or in public buildings or in mobile  
27 units. Areas which may be designated as temporary places of  
28 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities  
29 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,  
30 Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, shopping centers, business  
31 districts, public buildings and county fairs.

32 Temporary places of registration shall be available to  
33 the public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000



1 population or fraction thereof in the county.

2 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by  
3 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant  
4 to Section 4-6.2.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-820; 86-873; 86-1028.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

7 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
8 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which  
9 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
10 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
11 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
12 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of  
13 suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
14 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit  
15 of registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
16 duplicate.

17 The registration record card shall contain the following  
18 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
19 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
20 registration:

21 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and  
22 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the  
23 initial for such middle name, if any.

24 Sex.

25 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
26 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
27 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
28 lot number, and such additional clear and definite  
29 description as may be necessary to determine the exact  
30 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location  
31 cannot be determined by street and number, then the section,  
32 congressional township and range number may be used, or such  
33 other description as may be necessary, including post-office

1 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
2 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
3 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
4 card.

5 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.  
6 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating  
7 the place or places where he resided and the dates during  
8 which he resided in such place or places during the year next  
9 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

10 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant  
11 was born.

12 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
13 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
14 naturalization.

15 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day,  
16 month and year when applicant presented himself for  
17 registration.

18 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

19 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
20 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

21 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
22 registered.

23 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the  
24 registration and in the presence of a deputy registrar or  
25 other officer of registration shall be required to sign his  
26 or her name in ink to the affidavit on both the original and  
27 duplicate registration record cards.

28 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

29 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may  
30 affix his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer  
31 empowered to give the registration oath shall write a  
32 detailed description of the applicant in the space provided  
33 on the back or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall  
34 ask the following questions and record the answers thereto:

1 Father's first name.

2 Mother's first name.

3 From what address did the applicant last register?

4 Reason for inability to sign name.

5 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit  
6 in substantially the following form:

7 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

8 STATE OF ILLINOIS

9 COUNTY OF .....

10 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
11 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall  
12 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
13 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that  
14 this location shall be my residence; that I am fully  
15 qualified to vote, and that the above statements are true.

16 .....

17 (His or her signature or mark)

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

19 .....

20 Signature of registration officer.

21 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

22 Space shall be provided upon the face of each  
23 registration record card for the notation of the voting  
24 record of the person registered thereon.

25 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
26 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
27 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
28 determine.

29 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
30 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
31 except during the 27 28 days immediately preceding any  
32 election. On written request of any candidate or objector or  
33 any person intending to object to a petition, the election  
34 authority shall extend its hours for inspection of

1 registration cards and other records of the election  
2 authority during the period beginning with the filing of  
3 petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and  
4 continuing through the termination of electoral board  
5 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
6 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
7 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
8 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of  
9 the records but the election authority is not required to  
10 extend its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal  
11 opening for business and ending at midnight. If the business  
12 hours are so extended, the election authority shall post a  
13 public notice of such extended hours. Registration record  
14 cards may also be inspected, upon approval of the officer in  
15 charge of the cards, during the 27 28 days immediately  
16 preceding any election. Registration record cards shall also  
17 be open to inspection by certified judges and poll watchers  
18 and challengers at the polling place on election day, but  
19 only to the extent necessary to determine the question of the  
20 right of a person to vote or to serve as a judge of election.  
21 At no time shall poll watchers or challengers be allowed to  
22 physically handle the registration record cards.

23 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or  
24 other electronic data processing information containing voter  
25 registration information shall be furnished by the county  
26 clerk within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year  
27 and within 10 days after each registration period is closed  
28 to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the  
29 Board. For the purposes of this Section, a registration  
30 period is closed 27 28 days before the date of any regular or  
31 special election. Registration information shall include, but  
32 not be limited to, the following information: name, sex,  
33 residence, telephone number, if any, age, party affiliation,  
34 if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county, and

1 representative, legislative and congressional districts. In  
2 the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is  
3 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this  
4 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by  
5 instituting legal proceedings in the circuit court of the  
6 county in which the election authority maintains the  
7 registration information. The costs of furnishing updated  
8 copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a rate of \$.00034  
9 per name of registered voters in the election jurisdiction,  
10 but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall be paid from  
11 appropriations made to the State Board of Elections for  
12 reimbursement to the election authority for such purpose. The  
13 Board shall furnish copies of such tapes, discs, other  
14 electronic data or compilations thereof to state political  
15 committees registered pursuant to the Illinois Campaign  
16 Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act at their  
17 request and at a reasonable cost. Copies of the tapes, discs  
18 or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county  
19 clerk to local political committees at their request and at a  
20 reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et  
21 cetera for this purpose would be the cost of duplication plus  
22 15% for administration. The individual representing a  
23 political committee requesting copies of such tapes shall  
24 make a sworn affidavit that the information shall be used  
25 only for bona fide political purposes, including by or for  
26 candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such  
27 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under  
28 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals  
29 for purposes of commercial solicitation or other business  
30 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county  
31 residents related to the operations of county government in  
32 addition to registration information, that information shall  
33 not be used under any circumstances for commercial  
34 solicitation or other business purposes. The prohibition in

1 this Section against using the computer tapes or computer  
 2 discs or other electronic data processing information  
 3 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
 4 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
 5 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act  
 6 of 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be  
 7 guilty of a Class 4 felony.

8 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
 9 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
 10 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
 11 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
 12 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for  
 13 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to  
 14 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
 15 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
 16 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
 17 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
 18 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

19 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
 20 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
 21 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
 22 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
 23 following form:

24 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)  
 25 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

26 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
 27 (city) and that my residence was .....  
 28 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize  
 29 you to cancel said registration in your office.

30 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

31 .....  
 32 (Signature of Voter)

33 Attest: ....., County Clerk, .....  
 34 County, Illinois.

1           The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
2 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election  
3 commission as the case may be) where the applicant was  
4 formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be  
5 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.  
6 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-465, eff. 1-1-02.)

7           (10 ILCS 5/4-8.03) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8.03)

8           Sec. 4-8.03. The State Board of Elections shall design a  
9 registration record card which, except as otherwise provided  
10 in this Section, shall be used in triplicate by all election  
11 authorities in the State, except those election authorities  
12 adopting a computer-based voter registration file authorized  
13 under Section 4-33. The Board shall prescribe the form and  
14 specifications, including but not limited to the weight of  
15 paper, color and print of such cards. Such cards shall  
16 contain boxes or spaces for the information required under  
17 Sections 4-8 and 4-21 of this Code; provided, that such cards  
18 shall also contain a box or space for the applicant's social  
19 security number, which shall be required to the extent  
20 allowed by law but in no case shall the applicant provide  
21 fewer than the last 4 digits of the social security number,  
22 and a box for the applicant's telephone number, if available.

23           Except for those election authorities adopting a  
24 computer-based voter registration file authorized under  
25 Section 4-33, the original and duplicate cards shall  
26 respectively constitute the master file and precinct binder  
27 registration records of the voter. A copy shall be given to  
28 the applicant upon completion of his or her registration or  
29 completed transfer of registration.

30           Whenever a voter moves to another precinct within the  
31 same election jurisdiction or to another election  
32 jurisdiction in the State, such voter may transfer his or her  
33 registration by presenting his or her copy to the election

1 authority or a deputy registrar. If such voter is not in  
2 possession of or has lost his or her copy, he or she may  
3 effect a transfer of registration by executing an Affidavit  
4 of Cancellation of Previous Registration.

5 In the case of a transfer of registration to a new  
6 election jurisdiction, the election authority shall transmit  
7 the voter's copy or such affidavit to the election authority  
8 of the voter's former election jurisdiction, which shall  
9 immediately cause the transmission of the voter's previous  
10 registration card to the voter's new election authority. No  
11 transfer of registration to a new election jurisdiction shall  
12 be complete until the voter's old election authority receives  
13 notification.

14 Deputy registrars shall return all copies of registration  
15 record cards or Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous  
16 Registration to the election authority within 7 working days  
17 after the receipt thereof, except that such copies or  
18 Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous Registration received  
19 by the deputy registrars between the 35th and 28th 29th day  
20 preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
21 registrars to the election authority within 48 hours after  
22 receipt. The deputy registrars shall return the copies or  
23 Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous Registration received  
24 by them on the 28th 29th day preceding an election to the  
25 election authority within 24 hours after receipt thereof.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99.)

27 (10 ILCS 5/4-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-10)

28 Sec. 4-10. Except as herein provided, no person shall be  
29 registered, unless he applies in person to a registration  
30 officer, answers such relevant questions as may be asked of  
31 him by the registration officer, and executes the affidavit  
32 of registration. The registration officer shall require the  
33 applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except



1 in the case of a homeless individual, one of which must  
2 include his or her residence address. These forms of  
3 identification shall include, but not be limited to, any of  
4 the following: driver's license, social security card, public  
5 aid identification card, utility bill, employee or student  
6 identification card, credit card, or a civic, union or  
7 professional association membership card. The registration  
8 officer shall require a homeless individual to furnish  
9 evidence of his or her use of the mailing address stated.  
10 This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail addressed to  
11 that individual and received at that address or by a  
12 statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing  
13 address. The registration officer shall require each  
14 applicant for registration to read or have read to him the  
15 affidavit of registration before permitting him to execute  
16 the affidavit.

17 One of the registration officers or a deputy registration  
18 officer, county clerk, or clerk in the office of the county  
19 clerk, shall administer to all persons who shall personally  
20 apply to register the following oath or affirmation:

21 "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully  
22 and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you  
23 touching your name, place of residence, place of birth, your  
24 qualifications as an elector and your right as such to  
25 register and vote under the laws of the State of Illinois."

26 The registration officer shall satisfy himself that each  
27 applicant for registration is qualified to register before  
28 registering him. If the registration officer has reason to  
29 believe that the applicant is a resident of a Soldiers' and  
30 Sailors' Home or any facility which is licensed or certified  
31 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the following question  
32 shall be put, "When you entered the home which is your  
33 present address, was it your bona fide intention to become a  
34 resident thereof?" Any voter of a township, city, village or

1 incorporated town in which such applicant resides, shall be  
2 permitted to be present at the place of any precinct  
3 registration and shall have the right to challenge any  
4 applicant who applies to be registered.

5 In case the officer is not satisfied that the applicant  
6 is qualified he shall forthwith notify such applicant in  
7 writing to appear before the county clerk to complete his  
8 registration. Upon the card of such applicant shall be  
9 written the word "incomplete" and no such applicant shall be  
10 permitted to vote unless such registration is satisfactorily  
11 completed as hereinafter provided. No registration shall be  
12 taken and marked as incomplete if information to complete it  
13 can be furnished on the date of the original application.

14 Any person claiming to be an elector in any election  
15 precinct and whose registration card is marked "Incomplete"  
16 may make and sign an application in writing, under oath, to  
17 the county clerk in substance in the following form:

18 "I do solemnly swear that I, ....., did on (insert date)  
19 make application to the board of registry of the ....  
20 precinct of the township of .... (or to the county clerk of  
21 .... county) and that said board or clerk refused to complete  
22 my registration as a qualified voter in said precinct. That  
23 I reside in said precinct, that I intend to reside in said  
24 precinct, and am a duly qualified voter of said precinct and  
25 am entitled to be registered to vote in said precinct at the  
26 next election.

27 (Signature of applicant) ....."

28 All such applications shall be presented to the county  
29 clerk or to his duly authorized representative by the  
30 applicant, in person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00  
31 p.m. on any day after the days on which the 1969 and 1970  
32 precinct re-registrations are held but not on any day within  
33 27 28 days preceding the ensuing general election and  
34 thereafter for the registration provided in Section 4-7 all

1 such applications shall be presented to the county clerk or  
2 his duly authorized representative by the applicant in person  
3 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day prior  
4 to 27 28 days preceding the ensuing general election. Such  
5 application shall be heard by the county clerk or his duly  
6 authorized representative at the time the application is  
7 presented. If the applicant for registration has registered  
8 with the county clerk, such application may be presented to  
9 and heard by the county clerk or by his duly authorized  
10 representative upon the dates specified above or at any time  
11 prior thereto designated by the county clerk.

12 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his  
13 county of residence either due to business of the United  
14 States or because he is temporarily outside the territorial  
15 limits of the United States may become registered by mailing  
16 an application to the county clerk within the periods of  
17 registration provided for in this Article, or by simultaneous  
18 application for absentee registration and absentee ballot as  
19 provided in Article 20 of this Code.

20 Upon receipt of such application the county clerk shall  
21 immediately mail an affidavit of registration in duplicate,  
22 which affidavit shall contain the following and such other  
23 information as the State Board of Elections may think it  
24 proper to require for the identification of the applicant:

25 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and  
26 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the  
27 initial for such middle name, if any.

28 Sex.

29 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or  
30 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and  
31 definite description as may be necessary to determine the  
32 exact location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the  
33 location cannot be determined by street and number, then the  
34 Section, congressional township and range number may be used,

1 or such other information as may be necessary, including post  
2 office mailing address.

3 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
4 precinct.

5 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant  
6 was born.

7 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
8 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
9 naturalization.

10 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

11 Out of State address of .....

12 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

13 State of .....

14 )ss

15 County of .....

16 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
17 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall  
18 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
19 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I  
20 am not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States,  
21 that I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois  
22 and of the election precinct, that I intend to return to the  
23 State of Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

24 .....

25 (His or her signature or mark)

26 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified  
27 to administer oaths, on (insert date).

28 .....

29 Signature of officer administering oath.

30 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of  
31 Registration, the county clerk shall transfer the information  
32 contained thereon to duplicate Registration Cards provided  
33 for in Section 4-8 of this Article and shall attach thereto a  
34 copy of each of the duplicate affidavit of registration and

1 thereafter such registration card and affidavit shall  
2 constitute the registration of such person the same as if he  
3 had applied for registration in person.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/4-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-16)

6 Sec. 4-16. Any registered voter who changes his residence  
7 from one address to another within the same county wherein  
8 this Article is in effect, may have his registration  
9 transferred to his new address by making and signing an  
10 application for change of residence address upon a form to be  
11 provided by the county clerk. Such application must be made  
12 to the office of the county clerk and may be made either in  
13 person or by mail. In case the person is unable to sign his  
14 name, the county clerk shall require him to execute the  
15 application in the presence of the county clerk or of his  
16 properly authorized representative, by his mark, and if  
17 satisfied of the identity of the person, the county clerk  
18 shall make the transfer.

19 Upon receipt of the application, the county clerk, or one  
20 of his employees deputized to take registrations shall cause  
21 the signature of the voter and the data appearing upon the  
22 application to be compared with the signature and data on the  
23 registration record card, and if it appears that the  
24 applicant is the same person as the person previously  
25 registered under that name the transfer shall be made.

26 No transfers of registration under the provisions of this  
27 Section shall be made during the 27 28 days preceding any  
28 election at which such voter would be entitled to vote. When  
29 a removal of a registered voter takes place from one address  
30 to another within the same precinct within a period during  
31 which a transfer of registration cannot be made before any  
32 election or primary, he shall be entitled to vote upon  
33 presenting the judges of election his affidavit substantially

1 in the form prescribed in Section 17-10 of this Act of a  
2 change of residence address within the precinct on a date  
3 therein specified.

4 The county clerk may obtain information from utility  
5 companies, city, village, incorporated town and township  
6 records, the post office, or from other sources, regarding  
7 the removal of registered voters, and may treat such  
8 information, and information procured from his death and  
9 marriage records on file in his office, as an application to  
10 erase from the register any name concerning which he may so  
11 have information that the voter is no longer qualified to  
12 vote under the name, or from the address from which  
13 registered, and give notice thereof in the manner provided by  
14 Section 4--12 of this Article, and notify voters who have  
15 changed their address that a transfer of registration may be  
16 made in the manner provided in this Section enclosing a form  
17 therefor.

18 If any person be registered by error in a precinct other  
19 than that in which he resides, the county clerk may transfer  
20 his registration to the proper precinct, and if the error is  
21 or may be on the part of the registration officials, and is  
22 disclosed too late before an election or primary to mail the  
23 certificate required by Section 4--15, such certificate may  
24 be personally delivered to the voter and he may vote thereon  
25 as therein provided, but such certificates so issued shall be  
26 specially listed with the reason for the issuance thereof.

27 Where a revision or rearrangement of precincts is made by  
28 the county board, the county clerk shall immediately transfer  
29 to the proper precinct the registration of any voter affected  
30 by such revision or rearrangement of the precinct; make the  
31 proper notations on the registration cards of a voter  
32 affected by the revision or rearrangement and shall issue  
33 revised certificates to each registrant of such change.

34 Any registered voter who changes his or her name by

1 marriage or otherwise shall be required to register anew and  
2 authorize the cancellation of the previous registration; but  
3 if the voter still resides in the same precinct and if the  
4 change of name takes place within a period during which a  
5 transfer of registration cannot be made, preceding any  
6 election or primary, the elector may, if otherwise qualified,  
7 vote upon making an affidavit substantially in the form  
8 prescribed in Section 17-10 of this Act.

9 The precinct election officials shall report to the  
10 county clerk the names and addresses of all persons who have  
11 changed their addresses and voted, which shall be treated as  
12 an application to change address accordingly, and the names  
13 and addresses of all persons otherwise voting by affidavit as  
14 in this Section provided, which shall be treated as an  
15 application to erase under Section 4--12 hereof.

16 (Source: P.A. 83-999.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/5-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-5)

18 Sec. 5-5. For the purpose of registering voters under  
19 this Article 5, in addition to the method provided for  
20 precinct registration under Sections 5-6 and 5-17 of this  
21 Article 5, the office of the county clerk shall be open  
22 between 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on all days except  
23 Saturday, Sunday and holidays, but there shall be no  
24 registration at such office during the 35 days immediately  
25 preceding any election required to be held under the law but  
26 if no precinct registration is being conducted prior to any  
27 election then registration may be taken in the office of the  
28 county clerk up to and including the 28th ~~29th~~ day prior to  
29 an election. On Saturdays, the hours of registration shall be  
30 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. noon. During such 35 or 27 ~~28~~  
31 day period, registration of electors of political  
32 subdivisions wherein a regular, or special election is  
33 required to be held shall cease and shall not be resumed for

1 the registration of electors of such political subdivisions  
2 until the second day following the day of such election. In  
3 any election called for the submission of the revision or  
4 alteration of, or the amendments to the Constitution,  
5 submitted by a Constitutional Convention, the final day for  
6 registration at the office of the election authority charged  
7 with the printing of the ballot of this election shall be the  
8 15th day prior to the date of the election.

9 Each county clerk shall appoint one deputy for the  
10 purpose of accepting the registration of any voter who files  
11 an affidavit that he is physically unable to appear at any  
12 appointed place of registration. The county clerk shall  
13 designate a deputy to visit each disabled person and shall  
14 accept the registration of each such person as if he had  
15 applied for registration at the office of the county clerk.

16 The offices of city, village, incorporated town and town  
17 clerks shall also be open for the purpose of registering  
18 voters residing in the territory in which this Article is in  
19 effect, and also, in the case of city, village and  
20 incorporated town clerks, for the purpose of registering  
21 voters residing in a portion of the city, village or  
22 incorporated town not located within the county, on all days  
23 on which the office of the county clerk is open for the  
24 registration of voters of such cities, villages, incorporated  
25 towns and townships.

26 (Source: P.A. 84-762.)

27 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

28 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
29 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which  
30 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
31 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
32 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
33 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of



1 suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
2 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit  
3 of registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
4 duplicate.

5 The registration record card shall contain the following  
6 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
7 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
8 registration:

9 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and  
10 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the  
11 initial for such middle name, if any.

12 Sex.

13 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
14 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
15 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
16 lot number, and such additional clear and definite  
17 description as may be necessary to determine the exact  
18 location of the dwelling of the applicant, including  
19 post-office mailing address. In the case of a homeless  
20 individual, the individual's voting residence that is his or  
21 her mailing address shall be included on his or her  
22 registration record card.

23 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
24 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant  
25 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of  
26 30 days in the precinct.

27 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant  
28 was born.

29 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
30 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
31 naturalization.

32 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day,  
33 month and year when applicant presented himself for  
34 registration.

1 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

2 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
3 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

4 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
5 registered.

6 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the  
7 registration and in the presence of a deputy registrar or  
8 other officer of registration shall be required to sign his  
9 or her name in ink to the affidavit on the original and  
10 duplicate registration record card.

11 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

12 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may  
13 affix his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer  
14 empowered to give the registration oath shall write a  
15 detailed description of the applicant in the space provided  
16 at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the  
17 following questions and record the answers thereto:

18 Father's first name .....

19 Mother's first name .....

20 From what address did you last register?

21 Reason for inability to sign name.

22 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit  
23 in substantially the following form:

24 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

25 State of Illinois)

26 )ss

27 County of )

28 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
29 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall  
30 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
31 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified  
32 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my  
33 residence and that the above statements are true.

34 .....

1 (His or her signature or mark)  
 2 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).  
 3 .....  
 4 Signature of Registration Officer.  
 5 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

6 Space shall be provided upon the face of each  
 7 registration record card for the notation of the voting  
 8 record of the person registered thereon.

9 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
 10 to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the  
 11 case may be, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
 12 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
 13 determine.

14 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
 15 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
 16 except during the 27 28 days immediately preceding any  
 17 election. On written request of any candidate or objector or  
 18 any person intending to object to a petition, the election  
 19 authority shall extend its hours for inspection of  
 20 registration cards and other records of the election  
 21 authority during the period beginning with the filing of  
 22 petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and  
 23 continuing through the termination of electoral board  
 24 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
 25 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
 26 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
 27 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of  
 28 the records but the election authority is not required to  
 29 extend its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal  
 30 opening for business and ending at midnight. If the business  
 31 hours are so extended, the election authority shall post a  
 32 public notice of such extended hours. Registration record  
 33 cards may also be inspected, upon approval of the officer in  
 34 charge of the cards, during the 27 28 days immediately

1 preceding any election. Registration record cards shall also  
2 be open to inspection by certified judges and poll watchers  
3 and challengers at the polling place on election day, but  
4 only to the extent necessary to determine the question of the  
5 right of a person to vote or to serve as a judge of election.  
6 At no time shall poll watchers or challengers be allowed to  
7 physically handle the registration record cards.

8 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or  
9 other electronic data processing information containing voter  
10 registration information shall be furnished by the county  
11 clerk within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year  
12 and within 10 days after each registration period is closed  
13 to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the  
14 Board. For the purposes of this Section, a registration  
15 period is closed 27 28 days before the date of any regular or  
16 special election. Registration information shall include, but  
17 not be limited to, the following information: name, sex,  
18 residence, telephone number, if any, age, party affiliation,  
19 if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county, and  
20 representative, legislative and congressional districts. In  
21 the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is  
22 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this  
23 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by  
24 instituting legal proceedings in the circuit court of the  
25 county in which the election authority maintains the  
26 registration information. The costs of furnishing updated  
27 copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a rate of \$.00034  
28 per name of registered voters in the election jurisdiction,  
29 but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall be paid from  
30 appropriations made to the State Board of Elections for  
31 reimbursement to the election authority for such purpose. The  
32 Board shall furnish copies of such tapes, discs, other  
33 electronic data or compilations thereof to state political  
34 committees registered pursuant to the Illinois Campaign

1 Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act at their  
2 request and at a reasonable cost. Copies of the tapes, discs  
3 or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county  
4 clerk to local political committees at their request and at a  
5 reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et  
6 cetera for this purpose would be the cost of duplication plus  
7 15% for administration. The individual representing a  
8 political committee requesting copies of such tapes shall  
9 make a sworn affidavit that the information shall be used  
10 only for bona fide political purposes, including by or for  
11 candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such  
12 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under  
13 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals  
14 for purposes of commercial solicitation or other business  
15 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county  
16 residents related to the operations of county government in  
17 addition to registration information, that information shall  
18 not be used under any circumstances for commercial  
19 solicitation or other business purposes. The prohibition in  
20 this Section against using the computer tapes or computer  
21 discs or other electronic data processing information  
22 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
23 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
24 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act  
25 of 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be  
26 guilty of a Class 4 felony.

27 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
28 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
29 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
30 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
31 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for  
32 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to  
33 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
34 electronic data processing of voter registration information.

1 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
2 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
3 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

4 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
5 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
6 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
7 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
8 following form:

9 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois. To the Election  
10 Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

11 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
12 (city) and that my residence was .....

13 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby  
14 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

15 Dated at .... Illinois, on (insert date).

16 .....  
17 (Signature of Voter)

18 Attest ....., County Clerk, ..... County, Illinois.

19 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
20 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election  
21 commission as the case may be) where the applicant was  
22 formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be  
23 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.  
24 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-465, eff. 1-1-02.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/5-7.03) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7.03)

26 Sec. 5-7.03. The State Board of Elections shall design a  
27 registration record card which, except as otherwise provided  
28 in this Section, shall be used in triplicate by all election  
29 authorities in the State, except those election authorities  
30 adopting a computer-based voter registration file authorized  
31 under Section 5-43. The Board shall prescribe the form and  
32 specifications, including but not limited to the weight of  
33 paper, color and print of such cards. Such cards shall

1 contain boxes or spaces for the information required under  
2 Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1 of this Code; provided, that such  
3 cards shall also contain a box or space for the applicant's  
4 social security number, which shall be required to the extent  
5 allowed by law but in no case shall the applicant provide  
6 fewer than the last 4 digits of the social security number,  
7 and a box for the applicant's telephone number, if available.

8 Except for those election authorities adopting a  
9 computer-based voter registration file authorized under  
10 Section 5-43, the original and duplicate cards shall  
11 respectively constitute the master file and precinct binder  
12 registration records of the voter. A copy shall be given to  
13 the applicant upon completion of his or her registration or  
14 completed transfer of registration.

15 Whenever a voter moves to another precinct within the  
16 same election jurisdiction or to another election  
17 jurisdiction in the State, such voter may transfer his or her  
18 registration by presenting his or her copy to the election  
19 authority or a deputy registrar. If such voter is not in  
20 possession of or has lost his or her copy, he or she may  
21 effect a transfer of registration by executing an Affidavit  
22 of Cancellation of Previous Registration. In the case of a  
23 transfer of registration to a new election jurisdiction, the  
24 election authority shall transmit the voter's copy or such  
25 affidavit to the election authority of the voter's former  
26 election jurisdiction, which shall immediately cause the  
27 transmission of the voter's previous registration card to the  
28 voter's new election authority. No transfer of registration  
29 to a new election jurisdiction shall be complete until the  
30 voter's old election authority receives notification.

31 Deputy registrars shall return all copies of registration  
32 record cards or Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous  
33 Registration to the election authority within 7 working days  
34 after the receipt thereof, except that such copies or

1 Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous Registration received  
2 by the deputy registrars between the 35th and 28th 29th day  
3 preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
4 registrars to the election authority within 48 hours after  
5 receipt. The deputy registrars shall return the copies or  
6 Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous Registration received  
7 by them on the 28th 29th day preceding an election to the  
8 election authority within 24 hours after receipt thereof.  
9 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99.)

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

11 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
12 municipal and township clerks or their duly authorized  
13 deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the registration  
14 of all qualified residents of their respective counties. A  
15 deputy registrar serving as such by virtue of his status as a  
16 municipal clerk, or a duly authorized deputy of a municipal  
17 clerk, of a municipality the territory of which lies in more  
18 than one county may accept the registration of any qualified  
19 resident of any county in which the municipality is located,  
20 regardless of which county the resident, municipal clerk or  
21 the duly authorized deputy of the municipal clerk lives in.

22 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
23 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
24 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the  
25 county, except during the 27 28 days preceding an election.

26 The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars  
27 a reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
28 located at driver's license examination stations and  
29 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of  
30 State who may accept the registration of any qualified  
31 residents of the county at any such driver's license  
32 examination stations. The appointment of employees of the  
33 Secretary of State as deputy registrars shall be made in the



1 manner provided in Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
2 Code.

3 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following  
4 named persons as deputy registrars upon the written request  
5 of such persons:

6 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
7 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
8 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
9 the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
10 county, at such library.

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

23 3. The president, or a qualified person designated  
24 by the president, of any university, college, community  
25 college, academy or other institution of learning  
26 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
27 the registrations of any resident of the county, at such  
28 university, college, community college, academy or  
29 institution.

30 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona  
31 fide labor organization, or a reasonable number of  
32 qualified members designated by such official, who may  
33 accept the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
34 county.

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

26           6. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
27 Public Aid, or a reasonable number of employees  
28 designated by the Director and located at public aid  
29 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
30 resident of the county at any such public aid office.

31           7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
32 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
33 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
34 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified

1 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

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

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

13 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
14 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
15 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
16 the convenience of the public is served, giving due  
17 consideration to both population concentration and area.  
18 Some of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so  
19 that there are an equal number from each of the 2 major  
20 political parties in the election jurisdiction. The county  
21 clerk, in appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall  
22 make the appointment from a list of applicants submitted by  
23 the Chairman of the County Central Committee of the  
24 applicant's political party. A Chairman of a County Central  
25 Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the county  
26 clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may  
27 require a Chairman of a County Central Committee to furnish a  
28 supplemental list of applicants.

29 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
30 other than the 27 28 day period preceding an election. All  
31 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered  
32 voters within the county and shall take and subscribe to the  
33 following oath or affirmation:

34 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that

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

7 .....  
 8 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

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

13 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
 14 except precinct committeemen, shall be for 2-year terms,  
 15 commencing on December 1 following the general election of  
 16 each even-numbered year, except that the terms of the initial  
 17 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next  
 18 general election. Appointments of precinct committeemen  
 19 shall be for 2-year terms commencing on the date of the  
 20 county convention following the general primary at which they  
 21 were elected. The county clerk shall issue a certificate of  
 22 appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in  
 23 his office for public inspection a list of the names of all  
 24 appointees.

25 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training  
 26 all deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a),  
 27 at times and locations reasonably convenient for both the  
 28 county clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
 29 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
 30 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
 31 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
 32 removal for cause.

33 (c) Completed registration materials under the control  
 34 of deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a),

1 shall be returned to the proper election authority within 7  
2 days, except that completed registration materials received  
3 by the deputy registrars during the period between the 35th  
4 and ~~28th~~ 29th day preceding an election shall be returned by  
5 the deputy registrars to the proper election authority within  
6 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed registration  
7 materials received by the deputy registrars on the ~~28th~~ 29th  
8 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
9 registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof. Unused  
10 materials shall be returned by deputy registrars appointed  
11 pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later than the  
12 next working day following the close of registration.

13 (d) The county clerk shall not be required to provide  
14 additional forms to any deputy registrar having more than 200  
15 registration forms unaccounted for during the preceding 12  
16 month period.

17 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any  
18 electioneering or the promotion of any cause during the  
19 performance of his or her duties.

20 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
21 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar.  
22 Such deputy registers shall not be deemed to be employees of  
23 the county clerk.

24 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.3)

26 Sec. 5-16.3. The county clerk may establish temporary  
27 places of registration for such times and at such locations  
28 within the county as the county clerk may select. However,  
29 no temporary place of registration may be in operation during  
30 the 27 28 days preceding an election. Notice of time and  
31 place of registration at any such temporary place of  
32 registration under this Section shall be published by the  
33 county clerk in a newspaper having a general circulation in

1 the county not less than 3 nor more than 15 days before the  
2 holding of such registration.

3 Temporary places of registration shall be established so  
4 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the  
5 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places  
6 of private business or in public buildings or in mobile  
7 units. Areas which may be designated as temporary places of  
8 registration include, but are not limited to, facilities  
9 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,  
10 Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, shopping centers, business  
11 districts, public buildings and county fairs.

12 Temporary places of registration shall be available to  
13 the public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000  
14 population or fraction thereof in the county.

15 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by  
16 deputy county clerks or deputy registrars appointed pursuant  
17 to Section 5-16.2.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 86-1028.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/6-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-29)

20 Sec. 6-29. For the purpose of registering voters under  
21 this Article, the office of the Board of Election  
22 Commissioners shall be open during ordinary business hours of  
23 each week day, from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on the last  
24 four Saturdays immediately preceding the end of the period of  
25 registration preceding each election, and such other days and  
26 such other times as the board may direct. During the 27 28  
27 days immediately preceding any election there shall be no  
28 registration of voters at the office of the Board of Election  
29 Commissioners in cities, villages and incorporated towns of  
30 fewer than 200,000 inhabitants. In cities, villages and  
31 incorporated towns of 200,000 or more inhabitants, there  
32 shall be no registration of voters at the office of the Board  
33 of Election Commissioners during the 35 days immediately

1 preceding any election; provided, however, where no precinct  
2 registration is being conducted prior to any election then  
3 registration may be taken in the office of the Board up to  
4 and including the 28th 29th day prior to such election. The  
5 Board of Election Commissioners may set up and establish as  
6 many branch offices for the purpose of taking registrations  
7 as it may deem necessary, and the branch offices may be open  
8 on any or all dates and hours during which registrations may  
9 be taken in the main office. All officers and employees of  
10 the Board of Election Commissioners who are authorized by  
11 such board to take registrations under this Article shall be  
12 considered officers of the circuit court, and shall be  
13 subject to the same control as is provided by Section 14-5 of  
14 this Act with respect to judges of election.

15 In any election called for the submission of the revision  
16 or alteration of, or the amendments to the Constitution,  
17 submitted by a Constitutional Convention, the final day for  
18 registration at the office of the election authority charged  
19 with the printing of the ballot of this election shall be the  
20 15th day prior to the date of election.

21 The Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint one or  
22 more registration teams, consisting of 2 of its employees for  
23 each team, for the purpose of accepting the registration of  
24 any voter who files an affidavit, within the period for  
25 taking registrations provided for in this article, that he is  
26 physically unable to appear at the office of the Board or at  
27 any appointed place of registration. On the day or days when  
28 a precinct registration is being conducted such teams shall  
29 consist of one member from each of the 2 leading political  
30 parties who are serving on the Precinct Registration Board.  
31 Each team so designated shall visit each disabled person and  
32 shall accept the registration of such person the same as if  
33 he had applied for registration in person.

34 Any otherwise qualified person who is absent from his

1 county of residence due to business of the United States, or  
 2 who is temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of  
 3 the United States, may make application to become registered  
 4 by mail to the Board of Election Commissioners within the  
 5 periods for registration provided for in this Article or by  
 6 simultaneous application for absentee registration and  
 7 absentee ballot as provided in Article 20 of this Code.

8 Upon receipt of such application the Board of Election  
 9 Commissioners shall immediately mail an affidavit of  
 10 registration in duplicate, which affidavit shall contain the  
 11 following and such other information as the State Board of  
 12 Elections may think it proper to require for the  
 13 identification of the applicant:

14 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and  
 15 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the  
 16 initial for such middle name, if any.

17 Sex.

18 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue or  
 19 other location of the dwelling, and such additional clear and  
 20 definite description as may be necessary to determine the  
 21 exact location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the  
 22 location cannot be determined by street and number, then the  
 23 section, congressional township and range number may be used,  
 24 or such other information as may be necessary, including post  
 25 office mailing address.

26 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
 27 precinct.

28 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant  
 29 was born.

30 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
 31 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
 32 naturalization.

33 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

34 Out of State address of .....



1 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

2 State of .....)

3 ) ss.

4 County of .....)

5 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
6 United States; that on the day of the next election I shall  
7 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
8 precinct 30 days; that I am fully qualified to vote, that I  
9 am not registered to vote anywhere else in the United States,  
10 that I intend to remain a resident of the State of Illinois,  
11 and of the election precinct, that I intend to return to the  
12 State of Illinois, and that the above statements are true.

13 .....

14 (His or her signature or mark)

15 Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer qualified  
16 to administer oaths, on (insert date).

17 .....

18 Signature of officer administering oath.

19 Upon receipt of the executed duplicate affidavit of  
20 Registration, the Board of Election Commissioners shall  
21 transfer the information contained thereon to duplicate  
22 Registration Cards provided for in Section 6-35 of this  
23 Article and shall attach thereto a copy of each of the  
24 duplicate affidavit of registration and thereafter such  
25 registration card and affidavit shall constitute the  
26 registration of such person the same as if he had applied for  
27 registration in person.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

29 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

30 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall  
31 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the  
32 registration of electors which shall be known as registration  
33 record cards and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or

1 cards, of suitable size to contain in plain writing and  
2 figures the data hereinafter required thereon or shall  
3 consist of computer cards of suitable nature to contain the  
4 data required thereon. The registration record cards, which  
5 shall include an affidavit of registration as hereinafter  
6 provided, shall be executed in duplicate. The duplicate of  
7 which may be a carbon copy of the original or a copy of the  
8 original made by the use of other method or material used for  
9 making simultaneous true copies or duplications.

10 The registration record card shall contain the following  
11 and such other information as the Board of Election  
12 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the  
13 identification of the applicant for registration:

14 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and  
15 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the  
16 initial for such middle name, if any.

17 Sex.

18 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
19 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
20 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
21 lot number, and such additional clear and definite  
22 description as may be necessary to determine the exact  
23 location of the dwelling of the applicant, including  
24 post-office mailing address. In the case of a homeless  
25 individual, the individual's voting residence that is his or  
26 her mailing address shall be included on his or her  
27 registration record card.

28 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
29 precinct.

30 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant  
31 was born.

32 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
33 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
34 naturalization.

1 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day,  
2 month and year when the applicant presented himself for  
3 registration.

4 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

5 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
6 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

7 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
8 registered.

9 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration  
10 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
11 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
12 to the affidavit on both the original and the duplicate  
13 registration record card.

14 Signature of deputy registrar.

15 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may  
16 affix his mark to the affidavit. In such case the  
17 registration officer shall write a detailed description of  
18 the applicant in the space provided at the bottom of the card  
19 or sheet; and shall ask the following questions and record  
20 the answers thereto:

21 Father's first name .....

22 Mother's first name .....

23 From what address did you last register? ....

24 Reason for inability to sign name .....

25 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit  
26 in substantially the following form:

27 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

28 State of Illinois )

29 )ss

30 County of ..... )

31 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
32 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall  
33 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
34 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my

1 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the  
2 above statements are true.

3 .....

4 (His or her signature or mark)

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

6 .....

7 Signature of registration officer

8 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

9 Space shall be provided upon the face of each  
10 registration record card for the notation of the voting  
11 record of the person registered thereon.

12 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
13 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be  
14 serially or otherwise marked for identification in such  
15 manner as the Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

16 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
17 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
18 except during the 27 28 days immediately preceding any  
19 election. On written request of any candidate or objector or  
20 any person intending to object to a petition, the election  
21 authority shall extend its hours for inspection of  
22 registration cards and other records of the election  
23 authority during the period beginning with the filing of  
24 petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and  
25 continuing through the termination of electoral board  
26 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
27 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
28 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
29 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of  
30 the records but the election authority is not required to  
31 extend its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal  
32 opening for business and ending at midnight. If the business  
33 hours are so extended, the election authority shall post a  
34 public notice of such extended hours. Registration record

1 cards may also be inspected, upon approval of the officer in  
2 charge of the cards, during the 27 28 days immediately  
3 preceding any election. Registration record cards shall also  
4 be open to inspection by certified judges and poll watchers  
5 and challengers at the polling place on election day, but  
6 only to the extent necessary to determine the question of the  
7 right of a person to vote or to serve as a judge of  
8 election. At no time shall poll watchers or challengers be  
9 allowed to physically handle the registration record cards.

10 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or  
11 other electronic data processing information containing voter  
12 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of  
13 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and  
14 May 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration  
15 period is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form  
16 prescribed by the State Board. For the purposes of this  
17 Section, a registration period is closed 27 28 days before  
18 the date of any regular or special election. Registration  
19 information shall include, but not be limited to, the  
20 following information: name, sex, residence, telephone  
21 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,  
22 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,  
23 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of  
24 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to  
25 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty  
26 of the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in  
27 the circuit court of the county in which the election  
28 authority maintains the registration information. The costs  
29 of furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid  
30 at a rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the  
31 election jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc  
32 and shall be paid from appropriations made to the State Board  
33 of Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for  
34 such purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such

1 tapes, discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof  
2 to state political committees registered pursuant to the  
3 Illinois Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election  
4 Campaign Act at their request and at a reasonable cost.  
5 Copies of the tapes, discs or other electronic data shall be  
6 furnished by the Board of Election Commissioners to local  
7 political committees at their request and at a reasonable  
8 cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for  
9 this purpose would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for  
10 administration. The individual representing a political  
11 committee requesting copies of such tapes shall make a sworn  
12 affidavit that the information shall be used only for bona  
13 fide political purposes, including by or for candidates for  
14 office or incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or  
15 other electronic data shall not be used under any  
16 circumstances by any political committee or individuals for  
17 purposes of commercial solicitation or other business  
18 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county  
19 residents related to the operations of county government in  
20 addition to registration information, that information shall  
21 not be used under any circumstances for commercial  
22 solicitation or other business purposes. The prohibition in  
23 this Section against using the computer tapes or computer  
24 discs or other electronic data processing information  
25 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
26 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
27 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act  
28 of 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be  
29 guilty of a Class 4 felony.

30 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
31 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
32 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
33 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
34 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for

1 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to  
 2 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
 3 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
 4 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
 5 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
 6 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

7 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
 8 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
 9 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
 10 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
 11 following form:

12 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois.

13 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

14 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
 15 (city) and that my residence was ..... Having moved out of  
 16 your (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that  
 17 registration in your office.

18 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

19 .....  
 20 (Signature of Voter)

21 Attest ....., Clerk, Election Commission of the City  
 22 of....., Illinois.

23 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
 24 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,  
 25 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the  
 26 applicant was formerly registered. Receipt of such  
 27 certificate shall be full authority for cancellation of any  
 28 previous registration.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-465, eff. 1-1-02.)

30 (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35.03)

31 Sec. 6-35.03. The State Board of Elections shall design  
 32 a registration record card which, except as otherwise  
 33 provided in this Section, shall be used in triplicate by all

1 election authorities in the State, except those election  
2 authorities adopting a computer-based voter registration file  
3 authorized under Section 6-79. The Board shall prescribe the  
4 form and specifications, including but not limited to the  
5 weight of paper, color and print of such cards. Such cards  
6 shall contain boxes or spaces for the information required  
7 under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35 of this Code; provided, that  
8 such cards shall also contain a box or space for the  
9 applicant's social security number, which shall be required  
10 to the extent allowed by law but in no case shall the  
11 applicant provide fewer than the last 4 digits of the social  
12 security number, and a box for the applicant's telephone  
13 number, if available.

14 Except for those election authorities adopting a  
15 computer-based voter registration file authorized under  
16 Section 6-79, the original and duplicate cards shall  
17 respectively constitute the master file and precinct binder  
18 registration records of the voter. A copy shall be given to  
19 the applicant upon completion of his or her registration or  
20 completed transfer of registration.

21 Whenever a voter moves to another precinct within the  
22 same election jurisdiction or to another election  
23 jurisdiction in the State, such voter may transfer his or her  
24 registration by presenting his or her copy to the election  
25 authority or a deputy registrar. If such voter is not in  
26 possession of or has lost his or her copy, he or she may  
27 effect a transfer of registration by executing an Affidavit  
28 of Cancellation of Previous Registration.

29 In the case of a transfer of registration to a new  
30 election jurisdiction, the election authority shall transmit  
31 the voter's copy or such affidavit to the election authority  
32 of the voter's former election jurisdiction, which shall  
33 immediately cause the transmission of the voter's previous  
34 registration card to the voter's new election authority. No



1 transfer of registration to a new election jurisdiction shall  
2 be complete until the voter's old election authority receives  
3 notification.

4 Deputy registrars shall return all copies of registration  
5 record cards or Affidavits of Cancellation of Previous  
6 Registration to the election authority within 7 working days  
7 after the receipt thereof. Such copies or Affidavits of  
8 Cancellation of Previous Registration received by the deputy  
9 registrars between the 35th and 28th 29th day preceding an  
10 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 48  
11 hours after receipt thereof. Such copies or Affidavits of  
12 Cancellation of Previous Registration received by the deputy  
13 registrars on the 28th 29th day preceding an election shall  
14 be returned by the deputy registrars to the election  
15 authority within 24 hours after receipt thereof.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99; 91-533, eff. 8-13-99.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/6-43) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-43)

18 Sec. 6-43. Immediately after the completion of the  
19 revision by the Board of Election Commissioners, the board  
20 shall cause copies to be made of all names upon the  
21 registration record cards not marked or erased, with the  
22 address, and shall have the same arranged according to the  
23 streets, avenues, courts, or alleys, commencing with the  
24 lowest number, and arranging the same in order according to  
25 the street numbers, and shall then cause such precinct  
26 register, upon such arrangement, to be printed in plain,  
27 large type in sufficient numbers to meet all demands, and  
28 upon application a copy of the same shall be given to any  
29 person applying therefor. Provided, however, that in  
30 municipalities having a population of more than 500,000 and  
31 having a Board of Election Commissioners, as to all  
32 elections, excepting any elections held for the purpose of  
33 electing judges of the circuit courts, registrations for

1 which are made solely before the Board of Election  
2 Commissioners, and where no general precinct registrations  
3 were provided for or held within 27 28 days before the  
4 election, the Board of Election Commissioners shall cause,  
5 within 10 days after the last day of registration before such  
6 board, copies to be made of all names of qualified electors  
7 appearing upon each registration record card in like manner  
8 as hereinabove provided, and upon application a copy of the  
9 same shall be given to any person applying therefor:  
10 Provided, further, that whenever an election is held within  
11 90 days after a preceding election, or when any elections are  
12 held for the purpose of electing judges of the circuit  
13 courts, the printed list and the supplement thereto provided  
14 for the last preceding election shall constitute the Printed  
15 Precinct Register for the ensuing election, subject to such  
16 changes as shall be made, if any, as herein provided, which  
17 changes, if any, and the contents of any supplemental list,  
18 insofar as the latter have not been changed pursuant to this  
19 Act, shall be printed in a new supplemental list which shall  
20 supplant the prior supplemental list and shall be delivered  
21 to the judges of the respective precincts, with the printed  
22 register and the certification, in the manner and at the time  
23 provided in Sections 6-48 and 6-60 of this Article. Such list  
24 shall have printed on the bottom thereof the facsimile  
25 signatures of the members of the Board of Election  
26 Commissioners certifying that the names on the list are the  
27 names of all voters entitled to vote in the precinct  
28 indicated on the top thereof. Such list shall be termed the  
29 "Printed Precinct Register" and shall be prima facie evidence  
30 that the electors whose names appear thereon are entitled to  
31 vote. Provided that if, on order of the Board of Election  
32 Commissioners a corrected or revised precinct register of  
33 voters in a precinct or precincts is printed, such list or  
34 lists shall have printed thereon the day and month of such

1 revision and shall be designated "Revised Precinct Register  
2 of Voters."

3 Any elector whose name does not appear as a registered  
4 voter on such printed precinct register, supplemental list or  
5 any list provided for in this Article and whose name has not  
6 been erased or withdrawn shall be entitled to vote as  
7 hereinafter in this Article provided if his registration card  
8 is in the master file. Such elector shall within 7 days after  
9 the publication of such printed precinct register, file with  
10 the Board of Election Commissioners an application stating  
11 that he is a duly registered voter and that his registration  
12 card is in the master file. The Board shall hold a hearing  
13 upon such application within 2 days after the filing thereof  
14 and shall announce its decision thereon within 3 days after  
15 the hearing. If the name of such applicant appears upon the  
16 registration card in the master file, the board shall issue  
17 to such elector a certificate setting forth that his name  
18 does so appear and certifying that he has the right to vote  
19 at the next succeeding election. Such certificate shall be  
20 issued in duplicate, one to be retained in the files of the  
21 board, and the other to be issued to the elector.

22 The Board of Election Commissioners upon the issuance of  
23 such certificate shall see that the name of such elector  
24 appears upon the precinct registry list in the precinct.

25 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 3481.)

26 (10 ILCS 5/6-50) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50)

27 Sec. 6-50. The office of the board of election  
28 commissioners shall be open during ordinary business hours of  
29 each week day, from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on the last  
30 four Saturdays immediately preceding the end of the period of  
31 registration preceding each election, and such other days and  
32 such other times as the board may direct. There shall be no  
33 registration at the office of the board of election

1 commissioners in cities, villages and incorporated towns of  
2 fewer than 200,000 inhabitants during the 27 28 days  
3 preceding any primary, regular or special election at which  
4 the cards provided for in this article are used, or until the  
5 second day following such primary, regular or special  
6 election. In cities, villages and incorporated towns of  
7 200,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be no registration  
8 of voters at the office of the board of election  
9 commissioners during the 35 days immediately preceding any  
10 election; provided, however, where no precinct registration  
11 is being conducted prior to any election then registration  
12 may be taken in the office of the board up to and including  
13 the 28th 29th day prior to such election. In any election  
14 called for the submission of the revision or alteration of,  
15 or the amendments to the Constitution, submitted by a  
16 Constitutional Convention, the final day for registration at  
17 the office of the election authority charged with the  
18 printing of the ballot of this election shall be the 15th day  
19 prior to the date of election.

20 The Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint one or  
21 more registration teams, each consisting of one member from  
22 each of the 2 leading political parties, for the purpose of  
23 accepting the registration of any voter who files an  
24 affidavit, within the period for taking registrations  
25 provided for in this Article, that he is physically unable to  
26 appear at the office of the Board or at any appointed place  
27 of registration. On the day or days when a precinct  
28 registration is being conducted such teams shall consist of  
29 one member from each of the 2 leading political parties who  
30 are serving on the precinct registration board. Each team so  
31 designated shall visit each disabled person and shall accept  
32 the registration of such person the same as if he had applied  
33 for registration in person.

34 The office of the board of election commissioners may be

1 designated as a place of registration under Section 6-51 of  
2 this Article and, if so designated, may also be open for  
3 purposes of registration on such day or days as may be  
4 specified by the board of election commissioners under the  
5 provisions of that Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 79-1134.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

8 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners  
9 shall appoint all precinct committee persons in the election  
10 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the  
11 registration of any qualified resident of the election  
12 jurisdiction, except during the 27 28 days preceding an  
13 election.

14 The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars  
15 a reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
16 located at driver's license examination stations and  
17 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of  
18 State who may accept the registration of any qualified  
19 residents of the county at any such driver's license  
20 examination stations. The appointment of employees of the  
21 Secretary of State as deputy registrars shall be made in the  
22 manner provided in Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
23 Code.

24 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of  
25 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the  
26 written request of such persons:

27 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
28 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
29 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
30 the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
31 election jurisdiction, at such library.

32 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated  
33 by the principal, of any high school, elementary school,

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

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

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

23 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona  
24 fide State civic organization, as defined and determined  
25 by rule of the State Board of Elections, or qualified  
26 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
27 registration of any qualified resident of the election  
28 jurisdiction. In determining the number of deputy  
29 registrars that shall be appointed, the board of election  
30 commissioners shall consider the population of the  
31 jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
32 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
33 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
34 jurisdiction and their location, the registration

1 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
2 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
3 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
4 event shall a board of election commissioners fix an  
5 arbitrary number applicable to every civic organization  
6 requesting appointment of its members as deputy  
7 registrars. The State Board of Elections shall by rule  
8 provide for certification of bona fide State civic  
9 organizations. Such appointments shall be made for a  
10 period not to exceed 2 years, terminating on the first  
11 business day of the month following the month of the  
12 general election, and shall be valid for all periods of  
13 voter registration as provided by this Code during the  
14 terms of such appointments.

15 6. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
16 Public Aid, or a reasonable number of employees  
17 designated by the Director and located at public aid  
18 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
19 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such public  
20 aid office.

21 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
22 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
23 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
24 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
25 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such  
26 unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as  
27 deputy registrar is denied, the board of election  
28 commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the  
29 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
30 organization with written notice setting forth the  
31 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the  
32 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

33 8. The president of any corporation, as defined by  
34 the Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable

1 number of employees designated by such president, who may  
2 accept the registrations of any qualified resident of the  
3 election jurisdiction.

4 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many  
5 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The  
6 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional  
7 deputy registrars in such manner that the convenience of the  
8 public is served, giving due consideration to both population  
9 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy  
10 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal  
11 number from each of the 2 major political parties in the  
12 election jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners,  
13 in appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
14 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the  
15 Chairman of the County Central Committee of the applicant's  
16 political party. A Chairman of a County Central Committee  
17 shall submit a list of applicants to the board by November 30  
18 of each year. The board may require a Chairman of a County  
19 Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of  
20 applicants.

21 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
22 other than the 27 28 day period preceding an election. All  
23 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered  
24 voters within the election jurisdiction and shall take and  
25 subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

26 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that  
27 I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
28 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
29 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of registration  
30 officer to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
31 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon  
32 his personal application before me.

33 .....  
34 (Signature of Registration Officer)"



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

11          Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
12          except precinct committeemen, shall be for 2-year terms,  
13          commencing on December 1 following the general election of  
14          each even-numbered year, except that the terms of the initial  
15          appointments shall be until December 1st following the next  
16          general election. Appointments of precinct committeemen shall  
17          be for 2-year terms commencing on the date of the county  
18          convention following the general primary at which they were  
19          elected. The county clerk shall issue a certificate of  
20          appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in  
21          his office for public inspection a list of the names of all  
22          appointees.

23          (b) The board of election commissioners shall be  
24          responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed  
25          pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably  
26          convenient for both the board of election commissioners and  
27          such appointees. The board of election commissioners shall  
28          be responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
29          registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
30          registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
31          removal for cause.

32          (c) Completed registration materials under the control  
33          of deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a)  
34          shall be returned to the proper election authority within 7

1 days, except that completed registration materials received  
2 by the deputy registrars during the period between the 35th  
3 and 28th 29th day preceding an election shall be returned by  
4 the deputy registrars to the proper election authority within  
5 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed registration  
6 materials received by the deputy registrars on the 28th 29th  
7 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
8 registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof. Unused  
9 materials shall be returned by deputy registrars appointed  
10 pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later than the  
11 next working day following the close of registration.

12 (d) The board of election commissioners shall not be  
13 required to provide additional forms to any deputy registrar  
14 having more than 200 registration forms unaccounted for  
15 during the preceding 12 month period.

16 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any  
17 electioneering or the promotion of any cause during the  
18 performance of his or her duties.

19 (f) The board of election commissioners shall not be  
20 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any  
21 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed  
22 to be employees of the board of election commissioners.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.3)

25 Sec. 6-50.3. The board of election commissioners may  
26 establish temporary places of registration for such times and  
27 at such locations as the board may select. However, no  
28 temporary place of registration may be in operation during  
29 the 27 28 days preceding an election. Notice of the time and  
30 place of registration at any such temporary place of  
31 registration under this Section shall be published by the  
32 board of election commissioners in a newspaper having a  
33 general circulation in the city, village or incorporated town

1 not less than 3 nor more than 15 days before the holding of  
2 such registration.

3 Temporary places of registration shall be established so  
4 that the areas of concentration of population or use by the  
5 public are served, whether by facilities provided in places  
6 of private business or in public buildings or in mobile  
7 units. Areas which may be designated as temporary places of  
8 registration include, but are not limited to facilities  
9 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,  
10 Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, shopping centers, business  
11 districts, public buildings and county fairs.

12 Temporary places of registration shall be available to  
13 the public not less than 2 hours per year for each 1,000  
14 population or fraction thereof in the county.

15 All temporary places of registration shall be manned by  
16 employees of the board of election commissioners or deputy  
17 registrars appointed pursuant to Section 6-50.2.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-820; 86-873; 86-1028.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.