

1 AN ACT concerning townships.

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

4 Section 5. The Township Code is amended by changing
5 Section 45-50 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/45-50)

7 Sec. 45-50. Caucus procedures.

8 (a) The rules of procedure for conducting a township or
9 multi-township caucus must be approved and may be amended by
10 a majority vote of the qualified participants attending the
11 caucus. No participant shall be able to participate or vote
12 at any township or multi-township caucus if the person is or
13 was at anytime during the 12 months before the caucus any of
14 the following:

15 (1) An elected or appointed public official of
16 another established political party.

17 (2) An elected or appointed officer, director,
18 precinct committeeman or representative of the township
19 committeeman of another established political party.

20 (3) A judge of election under Article 13 or 14 of
21 the Election Code for another statewide established
22 political party.

23 (4) A voter who voted in the primary election of
24 another statewide established political party different
25 from the party holding the caucus.

26 (b) The rules of procedure shall include the following:

27 (1) No caucus shall commence earlier than 6:00 p.m.

28 (2) The caucus shall commence at the place
29 specified in the notice of caucus.

30 (3) Procedures by which qualified caucus
31 participants determine by a majority vote the duties of

1 caucus judges of election. Caucus judges of election
 2 shall be appointed by a majority vote of the township or
 3 multi-township central committee. No judge of the Supreme
 4 Court, appellate court, or circuit court or associate
 5 judge shall serve as a caucus judge of election.

6 (4) Nominations for selection as a candidate shall
 7 be accepted from any qualified participant of the caucus.

8 (5) The method of voting (i.e., written ballot,
 9 voice vote, show of hands, standing vote) for determining
 10 the candidate or candidates selected for nomination.

11 (6) Whether candidates will be selected as a slate
 12 or as individual nominees for each office.

13 (7) Whether written notice of intent to be a caucus
 14 nominee is required.

15 (8) Other rules deemed necessary by the central
 16 committee at the time the rules are promulgated or by the
 17 majority of the qualified caucus participants when the
 18 rules are being considered at their meeting.

19 (c) Individuals participating at an established
 20 political party township or multi-township caucus shall
 21 comply with each of the following:

22 (1) A participant shall be registered under Article
 23 4, 5, or 6 of the Election Code.

24 (2) A participant shall be registered within the
 25 territory for which the nomination is made.

26 (3) A participant shall sign an affidavit that he
 27 or she is a registered voter and affiliated with the
 28 established political party holding the caucus.

29 (4) A participant shall not take part in the
 30 proceedings of more than one established political party
 31 township and multi-township caucus for the same election.
 32 This requirement also applies to the township and
 33 multi-township clerks.

34 (5) A participant shall not sign a petition of

1 nomination for an independent or new political party
2 candidate for the same election.

3 (6) A participant shall not become an independent
4 candidate or a candidate of another established political
5 party or a new political party for the same election.

6 (d) The voters participating at an established political
7 party township or multi-township caucus shall not select for
8 nomination more candidates than there are to be elected for
9 each office.

10 (e) No candidate for nomination at a township or
11 multi-township caucus shall be required to do either of the
12 following:

13 (1) Circulate and file nominating petitions to
14 become a candidate at the caucus.

15 (2) File a fee to become a candidate at the caucus.

16 (Source: P.A. 87-1208; 88-62; incorporates 88-360; 88-670,
17 eff. 12-2-94.)