

1 she must cast his or her votes in person, whether or not
2 the person is voting by absentee ballot, the first time
3 the person votes following his or her registration by
4 mail.

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

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

8 (a) On the second Monday next succeeding the primary at
9 which committeemen are elected, the county central committee
10 of each political party shall meet at the county seat of the
11 proper county and proceed to organize by electing from its
12 own number a chairman and either from its own number, or
13 otherwise, such other officers as such committee may deem
14 necessary or expedient. After the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, in counties
16 containing a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants,
17 whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of chairman or at the
18 end of the term of office of chairman, the county central
19 committee of each political party that has selected
20 Alternative A under subsection (a) of Section 7-8 shall elect
21 a chairman who shall not be required to be a member of the
22 county central committee. Such meeting of the county central
23 committee shall be known as the county convention.

24 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10
25 days after the organization, forward to the State Board of
26 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the
27 officers, precinct committeemen and representative
28 committeemen elected by his political party.

29 The county convention of each political party shall
30 choose delegates to the State convention of its party; but in
31 any county having within its limits any city having a
32 population of 200,000, or over the delegates from such city
33 shall be chosen by wards, the ward committeemen from the

1 respective wards choosing the number of delegates to which
2 such ward is entitled on the basis prescribed in paragraph
3 (e) of this Section such delegates to be members of the
4 delegation to the State convention from such county. In all
5 counties containing a population of 2,000,000 or more outside
6 of cities having a population of 200,000 or more, the
7 delegates from each of the townships or parts of townships as
8 the case may be shall be chosen by townships or parts of
9 townships as the case may be, the township committeemen from
10 the respective townships or parts of townships as the case
11 may be choosing the number of delegates to which such
12 townships or parts of townships as the case may be are
13 entitled, on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this
14 Section such delegates to be members of the delegation to the
15 State convention from such county.

16 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political
17 party which elects its members by Alternative B under
18 paragraph (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State
19 Convention, ex officio.

20 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political
21 party which elects its members by Alternative B under
22 paragraph (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the
23 State Convention who must be residents of the member's
24 Congressional District.

25 (b) State conventions shall be held within 180 days after
26 the general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years
27 thereafter. In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter,
28 the chairman of a State central committee may issue a call
29 for a State convention within 180 days after the general
30 primary.

31 The State convention of each political party has power to
32 make nominations of candidates of its political party for the
33 electors of President and Vice President of the United
34 States, and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent

1 determined by the State central committee as provided in
2 Section 7-14, to choose and select delegates and alternate
3 delegates at large to national nominating conventions. The
4 State Central Committee may adopt rules to provide for and
5 govern the procedures of the State convention.

6 (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention
7 shall, within 2 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board
8 of Elections of this State a certificate setting forth the
9 names and addresses of all persons nominated by such State
10 convention for electors of President and Vice President of
11 the United States, and of any persons selected by the State
12 convention for delegates and alternate delegates at large to
13 national nominating conventions; and the names of such
14 candidates so chosen by such State convention for electors of
15 President and Vice President of the United States, shall be
16 caused by the State Board of Elections to be printed upon the
17 official ballot at the general election, in the manner
18 required by law, and shall be certified to the various county
19 clerks of the proper counties in the manner as provided in
20 Section 7-60 of this Article 7 for the certifying of the
21 names of persons nominated by any party for State offices. If
22 and as long as this Act prescribes that the names of such
23 electors be not printed on the ballot, then the names of such
24 electors shall be certified in such manner as may be
25 prescribed by the parts of this Act applicable thereto.

26 (d) Each convention may perform all other functions
27 inherent to such political organization and not inconsistent
28 with this Article.

29 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State
30 convention, the chairman of the State central committee of
31 each political party shall file in the principal office of
32 the State Board of Elections a call for the State convention.
33 Such call shall state, among other things, the time and place
34 (designating the building or hall) for holding the State

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

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

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

26 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be
27 called by the chairman, or by not less than 25% of the
28 members of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members
29 of such committee in writing designating the time and place
30 at which such special meeting is to be held and the business
31 which it is proposed to present at such special meeting.

32 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a
33 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeman because
34 no one was elected to that office or because the precinct

1 committeeman ceases to reside in the precinct or for any
2 other reason, the chairman of the county central committee of
3 the appropriate political party may fill the vacancy in such
4 office by appointment of a qualified resident of the county
5 and the appointed precinct committeeman shall serve as though
6 elected; however, no such appointment may be made between the
7 general primary election and the 14th day after the general
8 primary election.

9 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the
10 State of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment
11 of Congressional Districts following a federal decennial
12 census, the State Central Committeemen and Committeewomen of
13 a political party which elects its State Central Committee by
14 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a)
15 of Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to
16 serve as if no reapportionment had occurred until the
17 expiration of their terms.

18 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 90-627, eff. 7-10-98.)

19 Section 10. The Secretary of State Act is amended by
20 adding Section 14 as follows:

21 (15 ILCS 305/14 new)

22 Sec. 14. Voter registration information. The Secretary
23 of State must post on the World Wide Web site of the Office
24 of the Secretary of State the following information:

25 (1) A full description of the National Voter
26 Registration Act of 1993, including a description of how
27 the Act is implemented in Illinois.

28 (2) A comprehensive list of the names, addresses,
29 phone numbers, and websites, if applicable, of all county
30 clerks, election officials, and boards of election
31 commissioners in Illinois.

32 (3) A downloadable, printable voter registration

1 form, in English and in Spanish, that a citizen may
2 complete and mail to the appropriate county clerk,
3 election official, or board of election commissioners.
4 Any forms provided under this paragraph (3) must
5 prominently inform the person using the form that he or
6 she must cast his or her votes in person, whether or not
7 the person is voting by absentee ballot, the first time
8 the person votes following his or her registration by
9 mail.

10 The required information may be obtained from the State
11 Board of Elections.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law."