



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2974

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/20-2	from Ch. 46, par. 20-2
10 ILCS 5/20-2.3	from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3
10 ILCS 5/20-13 rep.	
10 ILCS 5/20-13.1 rep.	

Amends the Election Code. Provides that members of the United States Service, United States Armed Forces, or their spouses or dependents may request ballots not less than 5 (rather than 10) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed or less than one day prior to the date of the election if the ballot is to be sent electronically. Repeals provisions concerning certain special applications for votes by mail and special voter applications. Effective immediately.

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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 20-2 and 20-2.3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

7 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
8 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
9 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
10 day of holding any election may make application for a vote by
11 mail ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over
12 his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form
13 furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section
14 20-3 of this Article not less than 5 ~~10~~ days before the
15 election if the ballot is to be mailed or less than one day
16 prior to the date of such election if the ballot is to be sent
17 electronically. A request pursuant to this Section shall
18 entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every
19 election in one calendar year. The original application for
20 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
21 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
22 each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified
23 copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election

1 with the vote by mail ballot to the election authority's
2 central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the
3 original application for ballot. No registration shall be
4 required in order to vote pursuant to this Section.

5 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
6 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
7 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
8 must be returned postmarked no later than election day and
9 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
10 of the election authority during the period for counting
11 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
12 following election day.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

15 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
16 and dependents. Any member of the United States Armed Forces
17 while on active duty, and his or her spouse and dependents,
18 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
19 or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she
20 resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any
21 other method of making application for vote by mail ballot
22 under this Article, may make application for a vote by mail
23 ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his
24 or her precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or
25 electronic transmission not less than 5 ~~10~~ days before the

1 election if the ballot is to be mailed or less than one day
2 prior to the date of such election if the ballot is to be sent
3 electronically.

4 Ballots under this Section shall be delivered by the
5 election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of
6 this Article in person, by mail, or, if requested by the
7 applicant and the election authority has the capability, by
8 facsimile transmission or by electronic transmission. Ballots
9 voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later
10 than election day and received for counting at the central
11 ballot counting location of the election authority during the
12 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
13 is the 14th day following election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/20-13 rep.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-13.1 rep.)

17 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing
18 Sections 20-13 and 20-13.1.

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