

## **100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

# State of Illinois

# 2017 and 2018

#### HB3064

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/20-1

from Ch. 46, par. 20-1

Amends the Election Code. In provisions concerning voting by absent electors in military or naval service, provides that American Samoa is considered within the territorial limits of the United States. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning elections.

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

Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
20-1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/20-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-1)

Sec. 20-1. The following words and phrases contained in
this Article shall be construed as follows:

9 1. "Territorial limits of the United States" means each of 10 the several States of the United States and includes the 11 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam 12 <u>American Samoa</u>, and the Virgin Islands; but does not include 13 <del>American Samoa</del>, the Canal Zone, the Trust Territory of the 14 Pacific Islands or any other territory or possession of the 15 United States.

2. "Member of the United States Service" means (a) members of the Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying them, (b) members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them and (c) United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

23 3. "Citizens of the United States temporarily residing

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1 outside the territorial limits of the United States" means 2 civilian citizens of the United States and their spouses and 3 dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying 4 them, who maintain a precinct residence in a county in this 5 State and whose intent to return may be ascertained.

"Non-Resident Civilian Citizens" 6 4. means civilian 7 citizens of the United States (a) who reside outside the territorial limits of the United States, (b) who had maintained 8 9 a precinct residence in a county in this State immediately 10 prior to their departure from the United States, (c) who do not 11 maintain a residence and are not registered to vote in any 12 other State, and (d) whose intent to return to this State may 13 be uncertain.

5. "Official postcard" means the postcard application for registration to vote or for a vote by mail ballot in the form provided in Section 204(c) of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 17 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1973cc-14(c)).

18 6. "Federal office" means the offices of President and
19 Vice-President of the United States, United States Senator,
20 Representative in Congress, delegates and alternate delegates
21 to the national nominating conventions and candidates for the
22 Presidential Preference Primary.

7. "Federal election" means any general, primary or special
election at which candidates are nominated or elected to
Federal office.

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8. "Dependent", for purposes of this Article, shall mean a

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9. "Electronic transmission" includes, but is not limited
 to, transmission by electronic mail or the Internet.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon6 becoming law.