



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2017, by Sen. Andy Manar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8

Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections, beginning no later than September 1, 2017, to utilize data provided as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide voter registration database against databases of relevant personal information kept by designated government agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's license information, at least 6 times each calendar year, and requires the Board to share findings with election authorities. Provides that if a voter has a registered change of address under certain provisions but claims to live at the prior address and the election authority is unable to immediately confirm registration at the prior address, the voter shall be permitted to register to vote a regular ballot, provided that he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day registration. Provides that if the election authority is unable to confirm the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a provisional ballot. Provides that no voter shall be disqualified for voting due to an error relating to an update of registration. 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 Section
5 1A-16.8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

7 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based
8 upon information from the National Change of Address database.
9 The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the
10 statewide voter registration database against the United
11 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database
12 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in
13 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in even-numbered
14 years, and shall share the findings with the election
15 authorities. In addition, beginning no later than September 1,
16 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided
17 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration
18 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide
19 voter registration database against databases of relevant
20 personal information kept by designated government agencies,
21 including, but not limited to, driver's license information
22 kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6 times each calendar
23 year and shall share the findings with election authorities. An

1 election authority shall automatically register any voter who
2 has moved into its jurisdiction from another jurisdiction in
3 Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction provided that:

4 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes
5 the new registration address provides the voter an
6 opportunity to reject the change in registration address
7 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new
8 registration address, and

9 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction
10 includes the previous registration address is a different
11 election authority, then that election authority provides
12 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by forwardable
13 mail, to the previous registration address.

14 This change in registration shall trigger the same
15 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if
16 the voter completed a new registration card, including the
17 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the
18 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another
19 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and
20 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting
21 that the prior registration address is the true current
22 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as
23 having been registered at the prior registration address and
24 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall
25 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration
26 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable

1 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be
2 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that
3 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day
4 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm
5 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements
6 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a
7 provisional ballot. No voter shall be disqualified from voting
8 due to an error relating to an update of registration under
9 this Section.

10 As used in this Section, "designated government agency" has
11 the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1A-16.6 of this Code.

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

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