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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-22

from Ch. 46, par. 4-22

Amends the Election Code. Provides that if judges in charge of precinct registration files find that the signature on the certificate of registered voter and the signature on the registration card do not match for the applicant to vote, the applicant shall provide the judges with a valid State issued drivers license, State issued identification card, or passport (rather than requiring judges to ask an applicant the questions for identification that appear on the registration card if they are unsatisfied that the is the identical person who is registered under the same name; and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of a majority of the judges that he is the identical person registered under the name in question, then the vote of the applicant shall be challenged by a judge and the same procedure followed as provided by law for challenged voters.). Provides that the judges shall find that the signature on the certificate and the signature on the registration card do not match in situations that include, but are not limited to, if one signature is in cursive writing and the other is in printed writing.

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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 4-22 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

7 Sec. 4-22. Except as otherwise provided in this Section
8 upon application to vote each registered elector shall sign his
9 name or make his mark as the case may be, on a certificate
10 substantially as follows:

11 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

12 City of Ward Precinct

13 Election (Date) (Month) (Year)

14 Registration Record

15 Checked by

16 Voter's number

17 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

18 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer
19 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the
20 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present
21 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

22 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address
23 below and am qualified to vote.

1 Signature of voter

2 residence address

3 An individual shall not be required to provide his social
4 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be
5 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely
6 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.
7 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being requested
8 to provide his social security number when the individual
9 applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate contains a
10 space for the individual's social security number, the
11 following notice shall appear on the certificate, immediately
12 above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in type the
13 size of which equals the largest type on the certificate:

14 "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT IS
15 NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HE
16 OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER BALLOT
17 BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO PROVIDE
18 HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

19 The certificates of each State-wide political party at a
20 general primary election shall be separately printed upon paper
21 of uniform quality, texture and size, but the certificates of
22 no 2 State-wide political parties shall be of the same color or
23 tint. However, if the election authority provides computer
24 generated applications with the precinct, ballot style and
25 voter's name and address preprinted on the application, a
26 single application may be used for State-wide political parties

1 if it contains spaces or check-off boxes to indicate the
2 political party. Such application shall not entitle the voter
3 to vote in the primary of more than one political party at the
4 same election.

5 At the consolidated primary, such certificates may contain
6 spaces or checkoff boxes permitting the voter to request a
7 primary ballot of any other political party which is
8 established only within a political subdivision and for which a
9 primary is conducted on the same election day. Such application
10 shall not entitle the voter to vote in both the primary of the
11 State-wide political party and the primary of the local
12 political party with respect to the offices of the same
13 political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in more
14 than one State-wide primary on the same day.

15 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files
16 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the
17 signature on the registration record card as a means of
18 identifying the voter. If judges find that the signature on the
19 certificate and the signature on the registration card do not
20 match, the elector shall provide the judges with a valid State
21 issued drivers license, State issued identification card, or
22 passport. The judges shall find that the signature on the
23 certificate and the signature on the registration card do no
24 match in situations that include, but are not limited to, if
25 one signature is in cursive writing and the other is in printed
26 writing. Unless satisfied by such comparison that the applicant

1 ~~to vote is the identical person who is registered under the~~
2 ~~same name, the judges shall ask such applicant the questions~~
3 ~~for identification which appear on the registration card, and~~
4 ~~if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of a~~
5 ~~majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is the~~
6 ~~identical person registered under the name in question then the~~
7 ~~vote of such applicant shall be challenged by a judge of~~
8 ~~election, and the same procedure followed as provided by law~~
9 ~~for challenged voters.~~

10 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of
11 election shall check the data on the registration card and
12 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in
13 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

14 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate
15 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record
16 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the
17 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter
18 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place
19 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record space
20 on the registration record, to indicate whether or not the
21 applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such certificate
22 back to the applicant in case he is permitted to vote, and such
23 applicant shall hand it to the judge of election in charge of
24 the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall be filed in
25 the order in which they are received and shall constitute an
26 official poll record. The term "poll lists" and "poll books",

1 where used in this Article, shall be construed to apply to such
2 official poll record.

3 After each general primary election the county clerk shall
4 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each
5 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct
6 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant
7 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,
8 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall
9 provide a copy of this coded list to the chair of the county
10 central committee of each established political party or to the
11 chair's duly authorized representative.

12 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
13 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair of the
14 county central committee of each established political party or
15 to the chair's duly authorized representative the list of
16 registered voters in each precinct at the time of the general
17 primary election of 1982 and shall indicate on such list by
18 color code or other means next to the name of a registrant the
19 primary ballot of a political party that the registrant
20 requested at the general primary election of 1982.

21 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual
22 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either
23 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

24 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and
25 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his
26 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry

1 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter
2 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as
3 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the
4 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased
5 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register
6 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or
7 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of the
8 elector's right to vote upon compliance with the provisions
9 hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such event one of the
10 judges of election shall require an affidavit by such person
11 and one voter residing in the precinct before the judges of
12 election, substantially in the form prescribed in Section 17-10
13 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such affidavits, a
14 certificate shall be issued to such elector, and upon the
15 presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he shall be
16 entitled to vote.

17 Provided, however, that applications for ballots made by
18 registered voters under the provisions of Article 19 of this
19 Act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of the
20 "Certificate of Registered Voter" provided for in this Section.

21 When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election
22 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the
23 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the
24 supplemental or consolidated list to the chair of a county
25 central committee of an established political party or to the
26 chair's duly authorized representative.

1 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the
2 election authority charged with the duty of providing
3 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so that
4 a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in which of
5 the elections he desires to vote.

6 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall
7 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by
8 use of the information contained on the voter registration
9 cards or the separate registration lists or other means
10 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and
11 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate
12 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective
13 ballots which the voter is given.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)