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State of Illinois

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HB3408

by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-10

from Ch. 46, par. 19-10

Amends the Election Code. Requires the election authority to maintain a list of vote by mail ballots that are challenged and the names of those voters. Provides that after the period for counting provisional ballots cast at that election has closed, the election authority shall provide the list of voters whose vote by mail ballots were challenged, upon request.

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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
19-10 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-10)

7 Sec. 19-10. Pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early 8 voting procedures and view all reasonably requested records 9 relating to the conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is not impinged, at the office of the election 10 authority as well as at municipal, township or road district 11 clerks' offices where such early voting is conducted. Such 12 13 pollwatchers shall qualify and be appointed in the same manner 14 as provided in Sections 7-34 and 17-23, except each candidate, political party or organization of citizens may appoint only 15 16 one pollwatcher for each location where early voting is 17 conducted. Pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois and possess valid pollwatcher credentials. 18

Where certain vote by mail voters' ballots are counted on the day of the election in the office of the election authority as provided in Section 19-8 of this Act, each political party, candidate and qualified civic organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher for each panel of election judges therein assigned. Such pollwatchers shall be subject to the same provisions as are provided for pollwatchers in Sections 7-34 and 17-23 of this Code, and shall be permitted to observe the election judges making the signature comparison between that which is on the ballot envelope and that which is on the permanent voter registration record card taken from the master file.

8 <u>The election authority shall maintain a list of vote by</u> 9 <u>mail ballots that are challenged and the names of those voters.</u> 10 <u>After the period for counting provisional ballots cast at that</u> 11 <u>election has closed, the election authority shall provide the</u> 12 <u>list of voters whose vote by mail ballots were challenged, upon</u> 13 <u>request.</u>

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