

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 adding
5 Section 1A-20 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-20 new)

7 Sec. 1A-20. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, beginning January 1,
9 2005, an election authority may establish procedures, in
10 accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of
11 Elections, for the registration of voters during the period
12 from the close of registration for a primary or election and
13 until the 14th day before the primary or election. During
14 this grace period, an unregistered qualified elector may
15 register to vote in person in the office or the election
16 authority or at a voter registration location specifically
17 designated for this purpose by the election authority of the
18 jurisdiction in which the applicant resides. A registered
19 voter may submit a change of address form during this period
20 as well. The election authority shall register that
21 individual in the manner provided by law.

22 The State Board of Elections shall adopt necessary rules
23 for election authorities in the development of procedures
24 under this Section.