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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1540

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1540 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

7 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
9 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
10 for change of address during the period from the close of
11 registration for a primary or election and until the 7th day
12 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
13 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
14 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
15 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
16 registration location specifically designated for this purpose

1 by the election authority. The election authority shall
2 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
3 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
4 Article for registration and change of address. To provide
5 nursing home residents an equal opportunity to exercise their
6 right to vote, each nursing home shall be designated a grace
7 period registration site solely for purposes of registering and
8 completing address changes for residents of that nursing home.
9 A deputy registrar employed by each nursing home shall be
10 designated to conduct all grace period registrations and
11 address changes for that nursing home in the absence of an
12 employee of the election authority. Upon completion of a grace
13 period registration or address change, the deputy registrar
14 shall deliver to the election authority within 24 hours all
15 completed forms, and the election authority receiving the forms
16 shall add the names of residents who have completed the forms
17 to the list of residents entitled to vote during the regular
18 nursing home voting period.

19 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
20 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
21 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
22 period voting, either in person in the office of the election
23 authority or at a location specifically designated for this
24 purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the
25 discretion of the election authority. Grace period voting shall
26 be in a manner substantially similar to voting under Article

1 19. Nursing home residents who register or change their address
2 during the grace period shall be permitted to vote during the
3 regular nursing home voting period and shall not be required to
4 have submitted an absentee ballot request in advance.

5 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
6 the election authority shall transmit the voter's name, street
7 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as
8 the case may be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall
9 maintain those names and that information in an electronic
10 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to
11 State and local political committees. The name of each person
12 issued a grace period ballot shall also be placed on the
13 appropriate precinct list of persons to whom absentee and early
14 ballots have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9
15 and 18-5.

16 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
17 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
18 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
19 who register or change address during the grace period must be
20 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
21 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
22 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
23 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
24 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
25 the ballots were opened.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

2 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
4 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
5 for change of address during the period from the close of
6 registration for a primary or election and until the 7th day
7 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
8 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
9 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
10 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
11 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
12 by the election authority. The election authority shall
13 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
14 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
15 Article for registration and change of address. To permit
16 nursing home residents equitable access to grace period
17 registration, nursing homes shall be designated grace period
18 registration sites for nursing home residents. A deputy
19 registrar employed by each nursing home shall be designated to
20 conduct all grace period registrations and address changes for
21 that nursing home in the absence of an employee of the election
22 authority. Upon completion of a grace period registration or
23 address change, the deputy registrar shall deliver to the
24 election authority within 24 hours all completed forms, and the
25 election authority receiving the forms shall add the names of

1 residents who have completed the forms to the list of residents
2 entitled to vote during the regular nursing home voting period.

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4 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
5 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
6 period voting, either in person in the office of the election
7 authority or at a location specifically designated for this
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9 discretion of the election authority. Grace period voting shall
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7 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
8 the ballots were opened.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

11 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
13 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
14 for change of address during the period from the close of
15 registration for a primary or election and until the 7th day
16 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an
17 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
18 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
19 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
20 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
21 by the election authority. The election authority shall
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17 the ballots were opened.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."