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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1832

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1832, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Article 5.

6 Section 5-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
7 Section 10-6 as follows:

8 (10 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-6)

9 Sec. 10-6. Time and manner of filing. Except as otherwise  
10 provided in this Code, certificates of nomination and  
11 nomination papers for the nomination of candidates for offices  
12 to be filled by electors of the entire State, or any district  
13 not entirely within a county, or for congressional, state  
14 legislative or judicial offices, shall be presented to the  
15 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more than

1 169 nor less than 162 days previous to the day of election for  
2 which the candidates are nominated. The State Board of  
3 Elections shall endorse the certificates of nomination or  
4 nomination papers, as the case may be, and the date and hour of  
5 presentment to it. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
6 all other certificates for the nomination of candidates shall  
7 be filed with the county clerk of the respective counties not  
8 more than 169 but at least 162 days previous to the day of such  
9 election. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for  
10 the nomination of candidates for school district offices to be  
11 filled at consolidated elections shall be filed with the  
12 county clerk or county board of election commissioners of the  
13 county in which the principal office of the school district is  
14 located not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
15 consolidated election. Except as otherwise provided in this  
16 Code, certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the  
17 nomination of candidates for the other offices of political  
18 subdivisions to be filled at regular elections other than the  
19 general election shall be filed with the local election  
20 official of such subdivision:

21 (1) (blank);

22 (2) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to  
23 the consolidated election; or

24 (3) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to  
25 the general primary in the case of municipal offices to be  
26 filled at the general primary election; or

1           (4) not more than 127 nor less than 120 days before the  
2 consolidated primary in the case of municipal offices to  
3 be elected on a nonpartisan basis pursuant to law  
4 (including, without limitation, those municipal offices  
5 subject to Articles 4 and 5 of the Municipal Code); or

6           (5) not more than 141 nor less than 134 days before the  
7 municipal primary in even numbered years for such  
8 nonpartisan municipal offices where annual elections are  
9 provided; or

10           (6) in the case of petitions for the office of  
11 multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed  
12 with the election authority not more than 141 ~~113~~ nor less  
13 than 134 days before the consolidated election.

14           However, where a political subdivision's boundaries are  
15 co-extensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
16 municipal board of election commissioners, the certificates of  
17 nomination and nomination papers for candidates for such  
18 political subdivision offices shall be filed in the office of  
19 such Board.

20           (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

21           Section 5-10. The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act  
22 is amended by changing Section 3c-2 as follows:

23           (70 ILCS 805/3c-2)

24           Sec. 3c-2. Continuous effect of provisions; validation.

1 The General Assembly declares that the changes made to  
2 Sections 3c and 3c-1 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd  
3 General Assembly shall be deemed to have been in continuous  
4 effect since November 15, 2021 (the effective date of Public  
5 Act 102-668 ~~102-688~~) and shall continue to be in effect until  
6 they are lawfully repealed. All actions that were taken on or  
7 after 2021 and before the effective date of this amendatory  
8 Act of the 103rd General Assembly by a downstate forest  
9 preserve district or any other person and that are consistent  
10 with or in reliance on the changes made to Sections 3c and 3c-1  
11 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are  
12 hereby validated.

13 (Source: P.A. 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

14 Article 10.

15 Section 10-5. The School Code is amended by changing  
16 Sections 23-7 and 34-4.1 as follows:

17 (105 ILCS 5/23-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 23-7)

18 Sec. 23-7. Compensation and expenses.

19 No school board member shall receive any compensation for  
20 service rendered to any such association, whether as an  
21 officer or otherwise, but shall be entitled to reimbursement  
22 for expenses actually incurred in the work of such  
23 association. Consistent with Section 10-15 of the State

1 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a school board association  
2 may offer and provide scholarships or other reimbursements to  
3 school board members, and a school board member may receive  
4 scholarships or other reimbursements from an association for  
5 reasonable travel and lodging expenses to attend meetings or  
6 other events hosted by the association which are reasonably  
7 related to the school board member's duties and will  
8 contribute to the professional development of the school board  
9 member.

10 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-4.1)

12 Sec. 34-4.1. Nomination petitions. In addition to the  
13 requirements of the general election law, the form of  
14 petitions under Section 34-4 of this Code shall be  
15 substantially as follows:

16 NOMINATING PETITIONS

17 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

18 To the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of  
19 Chicago:

20 We the undersigned, being (.... or more) of the voters  
21 residing within said district, hereby petition that .... who  
22 resides at .... in the City of Chicago shall be a candidate for  
23 the office of .... of the Chicago Board of Education (full  
24 term) (vacancy) to be voted for at the election to be held on  
25 (insert date).

1 Name: ..... Address: .....

2 In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition  
3 for nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial  
4 or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly  
5 known, or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the  
6 candidate's surname. If a candidate has changed his or her  
7 name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in  
8 Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the  
9 last day for filing the petition, then (i) the candidate's  
10 name on the petition must be followed by "formerly known as  
11 (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name  
12 changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the  
13 petition must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit  
14 stating the candidate's previous names during the period  
15 specified in clause (i) and the date or dates each of those  
16 names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be  
17 grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for  
18 the ballot, but these requirements do not apply to name  
19 changes to conform a candidate's name to the candidate's  
20 identity or name changes resulting from adoption to assume an  
21 adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage or civil union  
22 to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or  
23 civil union or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume  
24 a former surname. No other designation, such as a political  
25 slogan, as defined by Section 7-17 of the Election Code, title  
26 or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a

1 title, degree or professional status, or similar information  
2 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

3 All petitions for the nomination of members of the Chicago  
4 Board of Education shall be filed with the board of election  
5 commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the principal  
6 office of the school district is located and ~~within the time~~  
7 ~~provided for by Article 7 of the Election Code, except that~~  
8 ~~petitions for the nomination of members of the Chicago Board~~  
9 ~~of Education for the 2024 general election~~ shall be prepared,  
10 filed, and certified as outlined in Article 10 of the Election  
11 Code. The board of election commissioners shall receive and  
12 file only those petitions that include a statement of  
13 candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the  
14 notarized signature of the petition circulator, and a receipt  
15 from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed a  
16 statement of economic interest on or before the last day to  
17 file as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The  
18 board of election commissioners may have petition forms  
19 available for issuance to potential candidates and may give  
20 notice of the petition filing period by publication in a  
21 newspaper of general circulation within the school district  
22 not less than 10 days prior to the first day of filing. The  
23 board of election commissioners shall make certification to  
24 the proper election authorities in accordance with the general  
25 election law.

26 The board of election commissioners of the jurisdiction in

1 which the principal office of the school district is located  
2 shall notify the candidates for whom a petition for nomination  
3 is filed or the appropriate committee of the obligations under  
4 the Campaign Financing Act as provided in the general election  
5 law. Such notice shall be given on a form prescribed by the  
6 State Board of Elections and in accordance with the  
7 requirements of the general election law. The board of  
8 election commissioners shall within 7 days of filing or on the  
9 last day for filing, whichever is earlier, acknowledge to the  
10 petitioner in writing the office's acceptance of the petition.

11 A candidate for membership on the Chicago Board of  
12 Education who has petitioned for nomination to fill a full  
13 term and to fill a vacant term to be voted upon at the same  
14 election must withdraw his or her petition for nomination from  
15 either the full term or the vacant term by written  
16 declaration.

17 Nomination petitions are not valid unless the candidate  
18 named therein files with the board of election commissioners a  
19 receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has  
20 filed a statement of economic interests as required by the  
21 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such receipt shall be so  
22 filed either previously during the calendar year in which his  
23 or her nomination papers were filed or within the period for  
24 the filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general  
25 election law.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-177, eff. 6-1-22; 102-691, eff. 12-17-21;

1 103-467, eff. 8-4-23; 103-584, eff. 3-18-24.)

2 Article 15.

3 Section 15-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
4 Section 19A-15 as follows:

5 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

6 Sec. 19A-15. Period for early voting; hours.

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period  
8 for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day  
9 preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,  
10 consolidated, or general election and extends through the end  
11 of the day before election day.

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a  
13 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open  
14 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of  
15 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to  
16 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that  
17 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling  
18 place for early voting must remain open during the hours of  
19 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00  
20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to  
21 4 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours  
22 required by this subsection, a permanent polling place  
23 designated by an election authority under subsections (c),

1 (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of  
2 at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period  
3 and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during  
4 the early voting period.

5 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority  
6 may close an early voting polling place if the building in  
7 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State  
8 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather  
9 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall  
10 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall  
11 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an  
12 alternative location for early voting.

13 (d) (Blank).

14 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, an election  
15 authority shall allow any voter who is in line to vote at the  
16 time an early voting polling place closes to cast a ballot.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

18 Article 20.

19 Section 20-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
20 Section 7-19 as follows:

21 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

22 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for  
23 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in

1 the manner following:

2 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
3 printed in large capital letters, words designating the  
4 ballot, if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall  
5 be: "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
6 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and  
7 in like manner for each political party.

8 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning  
9 not less than one inch below designating words, the name of  
10 each office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters.  
11 Such names may be printed on the ballot either in a single  
12 column or in 2 or more columns and in the following order,  
13 to-wit:

14 President of the United States, State offices,  
15 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be  
16 elected from the State at large to National nominating  
17 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected  
18 from congressional districts to National nominating  
19 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,  
20 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial  
21 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town  
22 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be  
23 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, township or ward  
24 committeepersons. If two or more columns are used, the  
25 foregoing offices to and including member of the State central  
26 committee shall be listed in the left-hand column and

1 Senatorial offices, as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the  
2 first offices listed in the second column.

3 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
4 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for  
5 not more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no  
6 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or  
7 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that  
8 office, then below the title of that office the election  
9 authority instead shall print "No Candidate".

10 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or  
11 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
12 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
13 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or  
14 (b) no official designation, depending upon the action taken  
15 by the State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of  
16 this Act.

17 Below the name of each office shall be printed ~~in capital~~  
18 ~~letters~~ the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in  
19 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as  
20 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.  
21 The lettering of candidate names on a ballot shall be in both  
22 capital and lowercase letters in conformance with standard  
23 English language guidelines, unless compliance is not feasible  
24 due to the election system utilized by the election authority.  
25 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
26 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall

1 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for  
2 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed  
3 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front  
4 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under  
5 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
6 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
7 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
8 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

9 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
10 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
11 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
12 is applicable.

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

14 Article 25.

15 Section 25-5. The School Code is amended by changing  
16 Section 3A-6 as follows:

17 (105 ILCS 5/3A-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-6)

18 Sec. 3A-6. Election of Superintendent for consolidated  
19 region - Bond - Vacancies in any educational service region.

20 (a) The regional superintendent to be elected under  
21 Section 3A-5 shall be elected at the time provided in the  
22 general election law and must possess the qualifications  
23 described in Section 3-1 of this Act.

1           (b) The bond required under Section 3-2 shall be filed in  
2 the office of the county clerk in the county where the regional  
3 office is situated, and a certified copy of that bond shall be  
4 filed in the office of the county clerk in each of the other  
5 counties in the region.

6           (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of regional  
7 superintendent of schools of any educational service region  
8 which is not located in a county which is a home rule unit,  
9 such vacancy shall be filled within 60 days (i) by appointment  
10 of the chairman of the county board, with the advice and  
11 consent of the county board, when such vacancy occurs in a  
12 single county educational service region; or (ii) by  
13 appointment of a committee composed of the chairmen of the  
14 county boards of those counties comprising the affected  
15 educational service region when such vacancy occurs in a  
16 multicounty educational service region, each committeeman to  
17 be entitled to one vote for each vote that was received in the  
18 county represented by such committeeman on the committee by  
19 the regional superintendent of schools whose office is vacant  
20 at the last election at which a regional superintendent was  
21 elected to such office, and the person receiving the highest  
22 number of affirmative votes from the committeemen for such  
23 vacant office to be deemed the person appointed by such  
24 committee to fill the vacancy. The appointee shall be a member  
25 of the same political party as the regional superintendent of  
26 schools the appointee succeeds was at the time such regional

1 superintendent of schools last was elected. The appointee  
2 shall serve for the remainder of the term. However, if more  
3 than 28 months remain in that term and the vacancy occurs at  
4 least 130 days before the next general election, the  
5 appointment shall be until the next general election, at which  
6 time the vacated office shall be filled by election for the  
7 remainder of the term. Nominations shall be made and any  
8 vacancy in nomination shall be filled as follows:

9 (1) If the vacancy in office occurs before the first  
10 date provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for  
11 filing nomination papers for county offices for the  
12 primary in the next even-numbered year following  
13 commencement of the term of office in which the vacancy  
14 occurs, nominations for the election for filling the  
15 vacancy shall be made pursuant to Article 7 of the  
16 Election Code.

17 (2) If the vacancy in office occurs during the time  
18 provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
19 nomination papers for county offices for the primary in  
20 the next even-numbered year following commencement of the  
21 term of office in which the vacancy occurs, the time for  
22 filing nomination papers for the primary shall not be more  
23 than 120 ~~91~~ days nor less than 113 ~~85~~ days prior to the  
24 date of the primary.

25 (3) If the vacancy in office occurs after the last day  
26 provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing

1 nomination papers for county offices for the primary in  
2 the next even-numbered year following commencement of the  
3 term of office in which the vacancy occurs, a vacancy in  
4 nomination shall be deemed to have occurred and the county  
5 central committee of each established political party (if  
6 the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service  
7 region) or the multi-county educational service region  
8 committee of each established political party (if the  
9 vacancy occurs in a multi-county educational service  
10 region) shall nominate, by resolution, a candidate to fill  
11 the vacancy in nomination for election to the office at  
12 the general election. In the nomination proceedings to  
13 fill the vacancy in nomination, each member of the county  
14 central committee or the multi-county educational service  
15 region committee, whichever applies, shall have the voting  
16 strength as set forth in Section 7-8 or 7-8.02 of the  
17 Election Code, respectively. The name of the candidate so  
18 nominated shall not appear on the ballot at the general  
19 primary election. The vacancy in nomination shall be  
20 filled prior to the date of certification of candidates  
21 for the general election.

22 (4) The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be duly  
23 acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
24 acknowledgments of deeds and shall include, upon its face,  
25 the following information: (A) the name of the original  
26 nominee and the office vacated; (B) the date on which the

1 vacancy occurred; and (C) the name and address of the  
2 nominee selected to fill the vacancy and the date of  
3 selection. The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be  
4 accompanied by a statement of candidacy, as prescribed in  
5 Section 7-10 of the Election Code, completed by the  
6 selected nominee, a certificate from the State Board of  
7 Education, as prescribed in Section 3-1 of this Code, and  
8 a receipt indicating that the nominee has filed a  
9 statement of economic interests as required by the  
10 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

11 The provisions of Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the  
12 Election Code relating to objections to nomination papers,  
13 hearings on objections, and judicial review shall also apply  
14 to and govern objections to nomination papers and resolutions  
15 for filling vacancies in nomination filed pursuant to this  
16 Section. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the  
17 nomination and election provided for in this Section is  
18 governed by the general election law.

19 Except as otherwise provided by applicable county  
20 ordinance or by law, if a vacancy occurs in the office of  
21 regional superintendent of schools of an educational service  
22 region that is located in a county that is a home rule unit and  
23 that has a population of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, that  
24 vacancy shall be filled by the county board of such home rule  
25 county.

26 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of

1 regional superintendent of schools of any educational service  
2 region must possess the qualifications required to be elected  
3 to the position of regional superintendent of schools, and  
4 shall obtain a certificate of eligibility from the State  
5 Superintendent of Education and file same with the county  
6 clerk of the county in which the regional superintendent's  
7 office is located.

8 If the regional superintendent of schools is called into  
9 the active military service of the United States, his office  
10 shall not be deemed to be vacant, but a temporary appointment  
11 shall be made as in the case of a vacancy. The appointee shall  
12 perform all the duties of the regional superintendent of  
13 schools during the time the regional superintendent of schools  
14 is in the active military service of the United States, and  
15 shall be paid the same compensation apportioned as to the time  
16 of service, and such appointment and all authority thereunder  
17 shall cease upon the discharge of the regional superintendent  
18 of schools from such active military service. The appointee  
19 shall give the same bond as is required of a regularly elected  
20 regional superintendent of schools.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

22 Article 30.

23 Section 30-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
24 Section 10-8 and by adding Section 10-8.5 as follows:

1 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

2 Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
3 certificates of nomination and nomination papers, and  
4 petitions to submit public questions to a referendum, being  
5 filed as required by this Code, and being in apparent  
6 conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to  
7 be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in writing  
8 within 5 business days after the last day for filing the  
9 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition for  
10 a public question, with the following exceptions:

11 A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
12 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
13 period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
14 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

15 B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
16 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
17 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
18 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
19 objections can be filed.

20 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
21 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
22 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
23 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory  
24 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
25 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or

1 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's  
2 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
3 office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
4 Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
5 election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
6 nomination papers or petitions are on file. Objection  
7 petitions that do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be  
8 accepted. In the case of nomination papers or certificates of  
9 nomination, the State Board of Elections, election authority  
10 or local election official shall note the day and hour upon  
11 which such objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later  
12 than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the  
13 petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal  
14 delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, the  
15 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
16 original objector's petition to the chair of the proper  
17 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his  
18 authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail  
19 or receipted personal delivery, or by electronic delivery  
20 under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's petition, to the  
21 candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers  
22 are objected to, addressed to the place of residence  
23 designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination  
24 papers. In the case of objections to a petition for a proposed  
25 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or for an advisory  
26 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire

1 State, the State Board of Elections shall note the day and hour  
2 upon which such objector's petition is filed and shall  
3 transmit a copy of the objector's petition by registered mail  
4 or receipted personal delivery, or by electronic delivery  
5 under Section 10-8.5, to the person designated on a  
6 certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
7 proponent of such proposed amendment or public question, or as  
8 the proponents' attorney, for the purpose of receiving notice  
9 of objections. In the case of objections to a petition for a  
10 public question, to be submitted to the voters of a political  
11 subdivision, or district thereof, the election authority or  
12 local election official with whom such petition is filed shall  
13 note the day and hour upon which such objector's petition was  
14 filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the second  
15 business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by  
16 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
17 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, the petition for the  
18 public question and the original objector's petition to the  
19 chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9  
20 hereof, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by  
21 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by  
22 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's  
23 petition to the person designated on a certificate attached to  
24 the petition as the principal proponent of the public  
25 question, or as the proponent's attorney, for the purposes of  
26 receiving notice of objections.

1           The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
2           residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
3           objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination  
4           papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest  
5           of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
6           electoral board.

7           The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10  
8           and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to  
9           petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,  
10          except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
11          which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
12          for the submission of public questions under Article 28.

13          (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

14           (10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new)

15          Sec. 10-8.5. Electronic service of objections. Election  
16          authorities may authorize service of objections to candidate  
17          nominations through electronic mail in lieu of personal  
18          service if the election authority responsible for convening  
19          the electoral board: (1) requires candidates to provide an  
20          electronic mail address where notices of objections and  
21          electoral board proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu  
22          of personal service; (2) requires objectors to provide an  
23          electronic mail address where notices and electoral board  
24          proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal  
25          service; and (3) publishes notice of its decision to use this

1 Section on its website within 5 business days of the effective  
2 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

3 Article 35.

4 Section 35-5. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 7.5 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

7 Sec. 7.5. Statutory exemptions. To the extent provided for  
8 by the statutes referenced below, the following shall be  
9 exempt from inspection and copying:

10 (a) All information determined to be confidential  
11 under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and  
12 Development Act.

13 (b) Library circulation and order records identifying  
14 library users with specific materials under the Library  
15 Records Confidentiality Act.

16 (c) Applications, related documents, and medical  
17 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
18 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other  
19 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
20 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
21 has received.

22 (d) Information and records held by the Department of  
23 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating

1 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted  
2 infection or any information the disclosure of which is  
3 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted  
4 Infection Control Act.

5 (e) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
6 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

7 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
8 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
9 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

10 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
11 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
12 Tuition Act.

13 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
14 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and  
15 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector  
16 general's office that would be exempt if created or  
17 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under  
18 that Act.

19 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy  
20 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a  
21 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted  
22 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

23 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution  
24 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers  
25 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

26 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information

1 or driver identification information compiled by a law  
2 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation  
3 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

4 (l) Records and information provided to a residential  
5 health care facility resident sexual assault and death  
6 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse  
7 Prevention Review Team Act.

8 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending  
9 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential  
10 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent  
11 authorized under that Article.

12 (n) Defense budgets and petitions for certification of  
13 compensation and expenses for court appointed trial  
14 counsel as provided under Sections 10 and 15 of the  
15 Capital Crimes Litigation Act (repealed). This subsection  
16 (n) shall apply until the conclusion of the trial of the  
17 case, even if the prosecution chooses not to pursue the  
18 death penalty prior to trial or sentencing.

19 (o) Information that is prohibited from being  
20 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and  
21 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

22 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
23 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
24 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
25 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and  
26 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the

1 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional  
2 Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the  
3 Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair  
4 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
5 Act (repealed).

6 (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
7 Personnel Record Review Act.

8 (r) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
9 Illinois School Student Records Act.

10 (s) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
11 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

12 (t) (Blank).

13 (u) Records and information provided to an independent  
14 team of experts under the Developmental Disability and  
15 Mental Health Safety Act (also known as Brian's Law).

16 (v) Names and information of people who have applied  
17 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under  
18 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for  
19 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm  
20 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the  
21 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the  
22 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed  
23 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed  
24 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the  
25 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

26 (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification

1 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under  
2 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

3 (w) Personally identifiable information which is  
4 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section  
5 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

6 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
7 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section  
8 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

9 (y) Confidential information under the Adult  
10 Protective Services Act and its predecessor enabling  
11 statute, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, including  
12 information about the identity and administrative finding  
13 against any caregiver of a verified and substantiated  
14 decision of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of  
15 an eligible adult maintained in the Registry established  
16 under Section 7.5 of the Adult Protective Services Act.

17 (z) Records and information provided to a fatality  
18 review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory  
19 Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services  
20 Act.

21 (aa) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
22 under Section 2.37 of the Wildlife Code.

23 (bb) Information which is or was prohibited from  
24 disclosure by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

25 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement  
26 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent

1 authorized under that Act.

2 (dd) Information that is prohibited from being  
3 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common  
4 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

5 (ee) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
6 under Section 30.1 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

7 (ff) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
8 under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

9 (gg) Information that is prohibited from being  
10 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle  
11 Code.

12 (hh) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
13 Section 1A-16.7 of the Election Code.

14 (ii) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
15 under Section 2505-800 of the Department of Revenue Law of  
16 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

17 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be  
18 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day  
19 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from  
20 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day  
21 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

22 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the  
23 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

24 (ll) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
25 and exempted under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public  
26 Aid Code.

1 (mm) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
2 Section 4.2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

3 (nn) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
4 Section 70 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

5 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports  
6 arising out of a peer support counseling session  
7 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders  
8 Suicide Prevention Act.

9 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to  
10 an employee of an emergency services provider or law  
11 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide  
12 Prevention Act.

13 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of  
14 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected  
15 under the Reproductive Health Act.

16 (rr) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
17 the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

18 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of  
19 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois  
20 Human Rights Act.

21 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy  
22 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that  
23 Act.

24 (uu) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
25 Section 50 of the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.

26 (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under

1 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois  
2 Public Aid Code.

3 (ww) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
4 Section 16.8 of the State Treasurer Act.

5 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or  
6 information that shall not be made public under the  
7 Illinois Insurance Code.

8 (yy) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
9 the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

10 (zz) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
11 the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

12 (aaa) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
13 under Section 1-167 of the Illinois Pension Code.

14 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure  
15 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State  
16 Police Act.

17 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section  
18 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil  
19 Administrative Code of Illinois.

20 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
21 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for  
22 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
23 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

24 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
25 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic  
26 Violence Fatality Review Act.

1           (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera  
2 Act. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after  
3 July 1, 2025.

4           (ggg) Information prohibited from disclosure under  
5 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 14 of the Nurse  
6 Agency Licensing Act.

7           (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State  
8 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault  
9 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,  
10 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge  
11 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
12 Act.

13           (iii) Data exempt from disclosure under Section 50 of  
14 the School Safety Drill Act.

15           (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
16 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

17           (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited  
18 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship  
19 Act.

20           (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section  
21 2-3.196 of the School Code.

22           (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
23 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois  
24 Power Agency Act.

25           (nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce  
26 and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the

1 Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

2 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section  
3 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

4 (ppp) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
5 Section 28-11 of the Lawful Health Care Activity Act.

6 (qqq) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
7 Section 7-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

8 (rrr) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
9 under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money Transmission  
10 Modernization Act.

11 (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section  
12 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

13 (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the  
14 Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized  
15 under that Section.

16 (uuu) Nomination petitions exempt from disclosure  
17 under subsection (13) of Section 7-12 of the Election  
18 Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;  
20 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21; 102-559, eff.  
21 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff. 7-1-22;  
22 102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23; 103-8, eff.  
23 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23; 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372,  
24 eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff. 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23;  
25 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff.  
26 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24; 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786,

1 eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff. 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24;  
2 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081, eff. 3-21-25.)

3 Section 35-10. The State Officials and Employees Ethics  
4 Act is amended by changing Section 5-40 as follows:

5 (5 ILCS 430/5-40)

6 Sec. 5-40. Fundraising during session. Except as provided  
7 in this Section, any executive branch constitutional officer,  
8 any candidate for an executive branch constitutional office,  
9 any member of the General Assembly, any candidate for the  
10 General Assembly, any political caucus of the General  
11 Assembly, or any political committee on behalf of any of the  
12 foregoing may not hold a political fundraising function on any  
13 day the legislature is in session or the day immediately prior  
14 to such day. This Section does not apply to a political  
15 fundraising function scheduled at least 14 days in advance of  
16 a day the legislature is in special session or the day  
17 immediately prior to such day. This Section does not apply to a  
18 constitutional officer of the executive branch or a member of  
19 the General Assembly, who is a candidate for federal office,  
20 if the federal political fundraising function is held outside  
21 of Sangamon County. For purposes of this Section, the  
22 legislature is not considered to be in session on a day that is  
23 solely a perfunctory session day or on a day when only a  
24 committee is meeting.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

2 Section 35-15. The Election Code is amended by changing  
3 Sections 1-9.1, 1-12, 1A-8, 7-12, 9-1.9, 10-8, 10-10, 17-13.5,  
4 19-3, 19-8, and 20-8 and by adding Sections 11-8.5 and 11-9 as  
5 follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1)

7 Sec. 1-9.1. Office and candidate information; ballot  
8 ~~Ballet~~ counting information dissemination.

9 (a) Each election authority shall maintain ~~maintaining~~ a  
10 website and shall ~~must~~ provide 24-hour notice on its website  
11 of the date, time, and location of the analysis, processing,  
12 and counting of all ballot forms. Each election authority  
13 shall ~~must~~ notify any political party or pollwatcher of the  
14 same information 24 hours before the count begins if such  
15 political party or pollwatcher has requested to be notified.  
16 Notification may be by electronic mail at the address provided  
17 by the requester.

18 (b) Each election authority shall post election results on  
19 its website, including district data for every electoral  
20 district under the election authority's jurisdiction, even if  
21 the election authority only has jurisdiction over part of the  
22 electoral district. Each election authority shall update the  
23 election results on its website each time a new batch of votes  
24 is tabulated or every 12 hours, whichever is less. Each

1 election authority shall also update on its website, every 12  
2 hours, the number of vote by mail ballots, by precinct, that  
3 have been: (i) requested but not received by the election  
4 authority; (ii) received but have not been tabulated by the  
5 election authority; and (iii) rejected by the election  
6 authority.

7 (c) The State Board of Elections, each election authority,  
8 and each local election official shall post the following  
9 information on its website, as applicable:

10 (1) no later than 30 days after the proclamation of  
11 the results of any canvas declaring persons elected, the  
12 name, political party, if any, and the office of each  
13 person elected at the general election or consolidated  
14 election;

15 (2) no later than 90 days before the first day that  
16 nominating petitions may be circulated, the offices that  
17 will appear on the ballot at the next regular election;  
18 and

19 (3) no later than 30 days after the close of a petition  
20 filing period, the name, political party affiliation, if  
21 any, and office sought by each person who has filed  
22 petitions for nomination to appear on the ballot at the  
23 next regular election.

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

1           Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

2           (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition  
3 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required  
4 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, ~~and~~  
5 grace period voting, and election day voting at the student  
6 union on the campus of a public university within the election  
7 authority's jurisdiction. The voting required by this  
8 subsection (a) to be conducted on campus must be conducted  
9 from the 6th day before a general primary or general election  
10 through until and including the 4th day before a general  
11 primary or general election. For early voting and grace period  
12 voting, the location shall be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 ~~5~~  
13 p.m. and standard hours on a general primary or general  
14 election day and as otherwise required by Article 19A of this  
15 Code, except that the voting required by this subsection (a)  
16 need not be conducted during a consolidated primary or  
17 consolidated election. ~~The If an election authority has voting~~  
18 ~~equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required~~  
19 ~~in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election~~  
20 authority shall extend early voting and grace period  
21 registration and voting under this Section to any registered  
22 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. ~~However, if~~  
23 ~~the election authority does not have voting equipment that can~~  
24 ~~accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election~~  
25 ~~authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may~~  
26 ~~limit early voting and grace period registration and voting~~

1 ~~under this Section to voters in precincts where the public~~  
2 ~~university is located and precincts bordering the university.~~

3 Each public university shall make the space available at the  
4 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the  
5 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this  
6 subsection (a).

7 (b) (Blank).

8 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"  
9 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,  
10 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern  
11 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern  
12 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and  
13 Northeastern Illinois University.

14 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union"  
15 means the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of  
16 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the  
17 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building  
18 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student  
19 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the  
20 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at  
21 Urbana-Champaign; the SIUC Student Center at the Southern  
22 Illinois University at Carbondale campus; the Morris  
23 University Center at the Southern Illinois University at  
24 Edwardsville campus; the University Union at the Western  
25 Illinois University at the Macomb campus; the Holmes Student  
26 Center at the Northern Illinois University campus; the

1 University Union at the Eastern Illinois University campus;  
2 NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois University  
3 campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois State  
4 University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the  
5 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in  
6 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;  
8 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/1A-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 1A-8)

10 Sec. 1A-8. The State Board of Elections shall exercise the  
11 following powers and perform the following duties in addition  
12 to any powers or duties otherwise provided for by law:

13 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the  
14 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as  
15 heretofore provided in this Code;

16 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with  
17 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections  
18 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State  
19 and the laws of the United States;

20 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each  
21 primary and general election and any other election it  
22 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions  
23 consistent with the provisions of this Code which shall be  
24 used by election authorities in the preparation of the  
25 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of

1 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,  
2 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the  
3 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board  
4 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions  
5 applicable to different election jurisdictions which  
6 administer elections under different options provided by  
7 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular  
8 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any  
9 official manual of instructions published by election  
10 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any  
11 election authority shall be identical with the manual of  
12 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be  
13 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special  
14 or unusual local election problems, provided that all  
15 manuals published by election authorities must be  
16 consistent with the provisions of this Code in all  
17 respects and must receive the approval of the State Board  
18 of Elections prior to publication; provided further that  
19 if the State Board does not approve or disapprove of a  
20 proposed manual within 60 days of its submission, the  
21 manual shall be deemed approved;

22 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform  
23 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with  
24 the provisions of this Code as it shall deem advisable  
25 which shall be used by election authorities in the conduct  
26 of elections and registrations;

1           (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any  
2 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
3 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the  
4 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so  
5 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local  
6 government of the State;

7           (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the  
8 conduct of elections and registration from election  
9 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

10           (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating  
11 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed  
12 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to  
13 the appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

14           (8) Recommend to the General Assembly legislation to  
15 improve the administration of elections and registration;

16           (9) Adopt, amend or rescind rules and regulations in  
17 the performance of its duties provided that all such rules  
18 and regulations must be consistent with the provisions of  
19 this Article 1A or issued pursuant to authority otherwise  
20 provided by law;

21           (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of  
22 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the  
23 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

24           (11) Maintain in its principal office a research  
25 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of  
26 votes by precinct for general primary elections and

1 general elections, current precinct maps, and current  
2 precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions within  
3 the State. The research library shall be open to the  
4 public during regular business hours. Such abstracts,  
5 maps, and lists shall be preserved as permanent records  
6 and shall be available for examination and copying at a  
7 reasonable cost;

8 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration  
9 and election laws throughout the State;

10 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management  
11 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of  
12 Central Management Services Law, such use of electronic  
13 data processing equipment as may be required to perform  
14 the duties of the State Board of Elections and to provide  
15 election-related information to candidates, public and  
16 party officials, interested civic organizations, and the  
17 general public in a timely and efficient manner;

18 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or  
19 required to give effect to directions of the national  
20 committee or State central committee of an established  
21 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or  
22 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to  
23 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an  
24 established political party's national nominating  
25 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate  
26 certification schedule contained within this Code, the

1 certification of the Presidential and Vice Presidential  
2 candidate selected by the established political party's  
3 national nominating convention;

4 (15) To post all early voting sites separated by  
5 election authority and hours of operation on its website  
6 at least 5 business days before the period for early  
7 voting begins;

8 (16) To post on its website the statewide totals, and  
9 totals separated by each election authority, for each of  
10 the counts received pursuant to Section 1-9.2; ~~and~~

11 (17) To post on its website, in a downloadable format,  
12 the information received from each election authority  
13 under Section 1-17; ~~and~~.

14 (18) To revoke or suspend raffle licenses for  
15 political committees that violate Section 8.1 of the  
16 Raffles and Poker Runs Act.

17 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or  
18 functions under this Article, except that final determinations  
19 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the  
20 Board.

21 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
22 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
23 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and  
24 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
25 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
26 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

3 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by  
4 mail or in person as follows:

5 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, where  
6 the nomination is to be made for a State, congressional,  
7 or judicial office, or for any office a nomination for  
8 which is made for a territorial division or district which  
9 comprises more than one county or is partly in one county  
10 and partly in another county or counties (including the  
11 Fox Metro Water Reclamation District), then, except as  
12 otherwise provided in this Section, such petition for  
13 nomination shall be filed in the principal office of the  
14 State Board of Elections not more than 141 and not less  
15 than 134 days prior to the date of the primary, but, in the  
16 case of petitions for nomination to fill a vacancy by  
17 special election in the office of representative in  
18 Congress from this State, such petition for nomination  
19 shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board  
20 of Elections not more than 85 days and not less than 82  
21 days prior to the date of the primary.

22 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,  
23 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period  
24 preceding the 134th day before a general primary election,  
25 petitions for nomination for the office in which the

1           vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal  
2           office of the State Board of Elections not more than 120  
3           nor less than 113 days prior to the date of the general  
4           primary election.

5           Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or  
6           alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,  
7           then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the  
8           principal office of the State Board of Elections not more  
9           than 141 and not less than 134 days prior to the date of  
10          the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or  
11          policies of a national political party conflict with such  
12          requirements for filing petitions for nomination for  
13          delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating  
14          convention, the chair of the State central committee of  
15          such national political party shall notify the Board in  
16          writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the  
17          national political party in conflict, and in such case the  
18          Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in  
19          accordance with the delegate selection plan adopted by the  
20          state central committee of such national political party.

21          (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county  
22          office or trustee of a sanitary district then such  
23          petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk  
24          not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the date  
25          of the primary.

26          (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal

1 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be  
2 filed in the office of the local election official, not  
3 more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the date of  
4 the primary; provided, where a municipality's or  
5 township's boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely  
6 within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election  
7 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office  
8 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office  
9 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the  
10 election authority.

11 (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
12 committeeperson shall be filed in the principal office of  
13 the State Board of Elections not more than 141 nor less  
14 than 134 days prior to the date of the primary.

15 (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or  
16 ward committeepersons shall be filed in the office of the  
17 county clerk not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior  
18 to the date of the primary.

19 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various  
20 election authorities and local election officials with  
21 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall  
22 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon  
23 receipt shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which  
24 each petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons  
25 waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for  
26 filing, or as of the normal opening hour of the office

1 involved on such day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m.  
2 or the normal opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions  
3 filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day  
4 for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that  
5 day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or  
6 as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may  
7 be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as  
8 filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more  
9 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing  
10 deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or  
11 more petitions are received simultaneously, the State  
12 Board of Elections or the various election authorities or  
13 local election officials with whom such petitions are  
14 filed shall break ties and determine the order of filing,  
15 by means of a lottery or other fair and impartial method of  
16 random selection approved by the State Board of Elections.  
17 Such lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following  
18 the last day for petition filing and shall be open to the  
19 public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of  
20 conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
21 State Board of Elections to the chair of the State central  
22 committee of each established political party, and by each  
23 election authority or local election official, to the  
24 County Chair of each established political party, and to  
25 each organization of citizens within the election  
26 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at

1 the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present  
2 on the day of election. The State Board of Elections,  
3 election authority or local election official shall post  
4 in a conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance  
5 of the office, notice of the time and place of such  
6 lottery. The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules  
7 and regulations governing the procedures for the conduct  
8 of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified in the  
9 order in which their petitions have been filed. Where  
10 candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be  
11 certified in the order determined by lot and prior to  
12 candidates who filed for the same office at a later time.

13 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate  
14 election authority or local election official with whom  
15 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the  
16 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed  
17 of the obligation to file statements of organization,  
18 reports of campaign contributions, and quarterly reports  
19 of campaign contributions and expenditures under Article 9  
20 of this Code. Such notice shall be given in the manner  
21 prescribed by paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

22 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
23 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a  
24 statement of economic interests as required by the  
25 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his  
26 candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the

1 period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has  
2 filed a statement of economic interests in relation to the  
3 same governmental unit with that officer within a year  
4 preceding the date on which such nomination papers were  
5 filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the  
6 statement of economic interests of that candidate are not  
7 required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate  
8 must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers  
9 are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the  
10 statement of economic interests is filed showing the date  
11 on which such statement was filed. Such receipt shall be  
12 so filed not later than the last day on which nomination  
13 papers may be filed.

14 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
15 person for whom a petition for nomination, or for  
16 committeeperson or for delegate or alternate delegate to a  
17 national nominating convention has been filed may cause  
18 his name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by  
19 him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to  
20 take acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal  
21 or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections  
22 or with the appropriate election authority or local  
23 election official, not later than the date of  
24 certification of candidates for the consolidated primary  
25 or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be  
26 certified or printed on the primary ballot. If petitions

1 for nomination have been filed for the same person with  
2 respect to more than one political party, his name shall  
3 not be certified nor printed on the primary ballot of any  
4 party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the  
5 same person for 2 or more offices which are incompatible  
6 so that the same person could not serve in more than one of  
7 such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a  
8 candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5  
9 business days following the last day for petition filing.  
10 A candidate in a judicial election may file petitions for  
11 nomination for only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only  
12 one vacancy in a circuit in any one filing period, and if  
13 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same  
14 person for 2 or more vacancies in the same circuit or  
15 subcircuit in the same filing period, his or her name  
16 shall be certified only for the first vacancy for which  
17 the petitions for nomination were filed. If he fails to  
18 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices  
19 within such time his name shall not be certified, nor  
20 printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the  
21 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a  
22 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

23 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
24 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
25 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
26 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every

1 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
2 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a  
3 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
4 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted  
5 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward  
6 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
7 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
8 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
9 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
10 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
11 Article, the nomination of an established political party  
12 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
13 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons  
14 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
15 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
16 office.

17 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
18 statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
19 established political party for any special primary  
20 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in  
21 the office of representative in the United States Congress  
22 where the nomination of such political party for said  
23 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,  
24 the nomination of an established political party of a  
25 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to  
26 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons

1 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
2 seeking the nomination of such established party for  
3 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
4 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
5 scheduled election day.

6 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
7 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
8 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends  
9 to become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
10 nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
11 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
12 intent with the local election official where the  
13 candidate is seeking to appear on the ballot, a primary  
14 ballot shall be prepared and a primary shall be held for  
15 that office. Such statement or notice shall be filed on or  
16 before the date established in this Article for certifying  
17 candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement or  
18 notice shall contain (i) the name and address of the  
19 person intending to become a write-in candidate, (ii) a  
20 statement that the person is a qualified primary elector  
21 of the political party from whom the nomination is sought,  
22 (iii) a statement that the person intends to become a  
23 write-in candidate for the party's nomination, and (iv)  
24 the office the person is seeking as a write-in candidate.  
25 An election authority shall have no duty to conduct a  
26 primary and prepare a primary ballot for any office for

1           which the nomination is uncontested unless a statement or  
2           notice meeting the requirements of this Section is filed  
3           in a timely manner.

4           (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed  
5           for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of  
6           Elections, appropriate election authority or local  
7           election official where the petitions are filed shall  
8           within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her  
9           multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3  
10          business days after receipt of the notice to notify the  
11          State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority  
12          or local election official that he or she may cancel prior  
13          sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State  
14          Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or  
15          local election official, the last set of petitions filed  
16          shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the  
17          State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
18          election official. If the candidate fails to notify the  
19          State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
20          election official then only the first set of petitions  
21          filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be  
22          void.

23          (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for  
24          public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of  
25          not less than 6 months. Nominating petitions shall not be  
26          subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

1           (13) Upon request, the State Board of Elections or an  
2           election authority, as appropriate, shall promptly provide  
3           a requester with any requesting nominating petition filed  
4           with the appropriate election authority within the  
5           preceding 6 months.

6           (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;  
7           103-586, eff. 5-3-24; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

8           (10 ILCS 5/9-1.9) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.9)

9           Sec. 9-1.9. Election cycle. "Election cycle" means any of  
10          the following:

11          (1) For a candidate political committee organized to  
12          support a candidate to be elected at a general primary  
13          election or general election, (i) the period beginning January  
14          1 following the general election for the office to which a  
15          candidate seeks nomination or election and ending on the day  
16          of the general primary election for that office or (ii) the  
17          period beginning the day after a general primary election for  
18          the office to which the candidate seeks nomination or election  
19          and through December 31 following the general election.

20          (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for a candidate  
21          political committee organized to support a candidate for the  
22          General Assembly, (i) the period beginning January 1 following  
23          a general election and ending on the day of the next general  
24          primary election or (ii) the period beginning the day after  
25          the general primary election and ending on December 31

1 following a general election. For the purposes of this  
2 Article, a candidate for the General Assembly that was elected  
3 and serving a 4-year term shall be deemed to have been  
4 nominated at the next general primary election, regardless of  
5 whether the candidate's name appeared on the general primary  
6 election ballot. This amendatory Act of the 104th General  
7 Assembly is declarative of existing law.

8 (3) For a candidate political committee organized to  
9 support a candidate for a retention election, (i) the period  
10 beginning January 1 following the general election at which  
11 the candidate was elected through the day the candidate files  
12 a declaration of intent to seek retention or (ii) the period  
13 beginning the day after the candidate files a declaration of  
14 intent to seek retention through December 31 following the  
15 retention election.

16 (4) For a candidate political committee organized to  
17 support a candidate to be elected at a consolidated primary  
18 election or consolidated election, (i) the period beginning  
19 July 1 following a consolidated election and ending on the day  
20 of the consolidated primary election or (ii) the period  
21 beginning the day after the consolidated primary election and  
22 ending on June 30 following a consolidated election.

23 (5) For a political party committee, political action  
24 committee, ballot initiative committee, or independent  
25 expenditure committee, the period beginning on January 1 and  
26 ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-832, eff. 1-1-11; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

3 Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,  
4 certificates of nomination and nomination papers, declarations  
5 of intent to be a write-in candidate, and petitions to submit  
6 public questions to a referendum, being filed as required by  
7 this Code, and being in apparent conformity with the  
8 provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be valid unless  
9 objection thereto is duly made in writing within 5 business  
10 days after the last day for filing the certificate of  
11 nomination or nomination papers or petition for a public  
12 question, with the following exceptions:

13 A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the  
14 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a  
15 period of 35 business days after the last day for the  
16 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

17 B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of  
18 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
19 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after  
20 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which  
21 objections can be filed.

22 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district  
23 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or  
24 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed  
25 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory

1 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
2 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or  
3 nomination papers, ~~or~~ petitions, or declarations of intent to  
4 be a write-in candidate filed, shall file an objector's  
5 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal  
6 office or the permanent branch office of the State Board of  
7 Elections, or in the office of the election authority or local  
8 election official with whom the certificate of nomination,  
9 nomination papers, ~~or~~ petition, or declaration of intent to  
10 be a write-in candidate are on file. Objection petitions that  
11 do not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the  
12 case of nomination papers, ~~or~~ certificates of nomination, or  
13 declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the State  
14 Board of Elections, election authority or local election  
15 official shall note the day and hour upon which such  
16 objector's petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00  
17 noon on the second business day after receipt of the petition,  
18 transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the  
19 certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
20 original objector's petition to the chair of the proper  
21 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his  
22 authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail  
23 or receipted personal delivery of the objector's petition, to  
24 the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination  
25 papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence  
26 designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination

1 papers. In the case of objections to a petition for a proposed  
2 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or for an advisory  
3 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire  
4 State, the State Board of Elections shall note the day and hour  
5 upon which such objector's petition is filed and shall  
6 transmit a copy of the objector's petition by registered mail  
7 or receipted personal delivery to the person designated on a  
8 certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
9 proponent of such proposed amendment or public question, or as  
10 the proponents' attorney, for the purpose of receiving notice  
11 of objections. In the case of objections to a petition for a  
12 public question, to be submitted to the voters of a political  
13 subdivision, or district thereof, the election authority or  
14 local election official with whom such petition is filed shall  
15 note the day and hour upon which such objector's petition was  
16 filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the second  
17 business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by  
18 registered mail or receipted personal delivery the petition  
19 for the public question and the original objector's petition  
20 to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in  
21 Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized agent, and shall  
22 transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal  
23 delivery, of the objector's petition to the person designated  
24 on a certificate attached to the petition as the principal  
25 proponent of the public question, or as the proponent's  
26 attorney, for the purposes of receiving notice of objections.

1           The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and  
2 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the  
3 objections to the certificate of nomination, declaration of  
4 intent to be a write-in candidate, or nomination papers or  
5 petitions in question, and shall state the interest of the  
6 objector and shall state what relief is requested of the  
7 electoral board.

8           The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10  
9 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to  
10 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,  
11 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to  
12 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions  
13 for the submission of public questions under Article 28. For  
14 purposes of this Section and Section 10-10, objections to  
15 declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be  
16 filed in the same manner and subject to the same jurisdiction  
17 as objections to nomination papers for the same office.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

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

20           Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the  
21 certificate of nomination or nomination papers, declaration of  
22 intent to be a write-in candidate, or proposed question of  
23 public policy, as the case may be, and the objector's  
24 petition, the chair of the electoral board other than the  
25 State Board of Elections shall send a call by registered or

1 certified mail: to each of the members of the electoral board;  
2 to the objector who filed the objector's petition; either to  
3 the candidate whose certificate of nomination, ~~or~~ nomination  
4 papers, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
5 are objected to or to the principal proponent or attorney for  
6 proponents of a question of public policy, as the case may be,  
7 whose petitions are objected to; to the election authority to  
8 whom the ballot is certified; and to the appropriate county  
9 clerk. The chair of the electoral board other than the State  
10 Board of Elections shall also cause the sheriff of the county  
11 or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve  
12 a copy of such call upon each of such officers and persons,  
13 which call shall set out the fact that the electoral board is  
14 required to meet to hear and pass upon the objections to  
15 nominations made for the office, designating it, and shall  
16 state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board  
17 shall meet for the purpose, which place shall be in the county  
18 court house in the county in the case of the County Officers  
19 Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the  
20 Township Officers Electoral Board or the Education Officers  
21 Electoral Board, except that the Municipal Officers Electoral  
22 Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the  
23 Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location  
24 where the governing body of the municipality, township, or  
25 community college district, respectively, holds its regularly  
26 scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided

1 that voter records may be removed from the offices of an  
2 election authority only at the discretion and under the  
3 supervision of the election authority. In those cases where  
4 the State Board of Elections is the electoral board designated  
5 under Section 10-9, the chair of the State Board of Elections  
6 shall, within 24 hours after the receipt of the certificate of  
7 nomination or nomination papers or petitions for a proposed  
8 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or proposed  
9 statewide question of public policy, send a call by registered  
10 or certified mail to the objector who files the objector's  
11 petition, and either to the candidate whose certificate of  
12 nomination or nomination papers are objected to or to the  
13 principal proponent or attorney for proponents of the proposed  
14 Constitutional amendment or statewide question of public  
15 policy and shall state the day, hour, and place at which the  
16 electoral board shall meet for the purpose, which place may be  
17 in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent  
18 branch office of the State Board. The day of the meeting shall  
19 not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after the receipt of  
20 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the  
21 objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board.

22 The electoral board shall have the power to administer  
23 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the  
24 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of  
25 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas  
26 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces

1 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records  
2 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry  
3 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses  
4 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

5 Service of such subpoenas shall be made by any sheriff or  
6 other person in the same manner as in cases in such court and  
7 the fees of such sheriff shall be the same as is provided by  
8 law, and shall be paid by the objector or candidate who causes  
9 the issuance of the subpoena. In case any person so served  
10 shall knowingly neglect or refuse to obey any such subpoena,  
11 or to testify, the electoral board shall at once file a  
12 petition in the circuit court of the county in which such  
13 hearing is to be heard, or has been attempted to be heard,  
14 setting forth the facts, of such knowing refusal or neglect,  
15 and accompanying the petition with a copy of the citation and  
16 the answer, if one has been filed, together with a copy of the  
17 subpoena and the return of service thereon, and shall apply  
18 for an order of court requiring such person to attend and  
19 testify, and forthwith produce books and papers, before the  
20 electoral board. Any circuit court of the state, excluding the  
21 judge who is sitting on the electoral board, upon such showing  
22 shall order such person to appear and testify, and to  
23 forthwith produce such books and papers, before the electoral  
24 board at a place to be fixed by the court. If such person shall  
25 knowingly fail or refuse to obey such order of the court  
26 without lawful excuse, the court shall punish him or her by

1 fine and imprisonment, as the nature of the case may require  
2 and may be lawful in cases of contempt of court.

3 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall  
4 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and  
5 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,  
6 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the  
7 objection or by other interested persons.

8 In the event of a State Electoral Board hearing on  
9 objections to a petition for an amendment to Article IV of the  
10 Constitution pursuant to Section 3 of Article XIV of the  
11 Constitution, or to a petition for a question of public policy  
12 to be submitted to the voters of the entire State, the  
13 certificates of the county clerks and boards of election  
14 commissioners showing the results of the random sample of  
15 signatures on the petition shall be prima facie valid and  
16 accurate, and shall be presumed to establish the number of  
17 valid and invalid signatures on the petition sheets reviewed  
18 in the random sample, as prescribed in Section 28-11 and 28-12  
19 of this Code. Either party, however, may introduce evidence at  
20 such hearing to dispute the findings as to particular  
21 signatures. In addition to the foregoing, in the absence of  
22 competent evidence presented at such hearing by a party  
23 substantially challenging the results of a random sample, or  
24 showing a different result obtained by an additional sample,  
25 this certificate of a county clerk or board of election  
26 commissioners shall be presumed to establish the ratio of

1 valid to invalid signatures within the particular election  
2 jurisdiction.

3 The electoral board shall take up the question as to  
4 whether or not the certificate of nomination ~~, or~~ nomination  
5 papers, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or  
6 petitions are in proper form, and whether or not they were  
7 filed within the time and under the conditions required by  
8 law, and whether or not they are the genuine certificate of  
9 nomination or nomination papers or petitions which they  
10 purport to be, and whether or not in the case of the  
11 certificate of nomination in question it represents accurately  
12 the decision of the caucus or convention issuing it, and in  
13 general shall decide whether or not the certificate of  
14 nomination, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate  
15 or nominating papers or petitions on file are valid or whether  
16 the objections thereto should be sustained and the decision of  
17 a majority of the electoral board shall be final subject to  
18 judicial review as provided in Section 10-10.1. The electoral  
19 board must state its findings in writing and must state in  
20 writing which objections, if any, it has sustained. A copy of  
21 the decision shall be served upon the parties to the  
22 proceedings in open proceedings before the electoral board. If  
23 a party does not appear for receipt of the decision, the  
24 decision shall be deemed to have been served on the absent  
25 party on the date when a copy of the decision is personally  
26 delivered or on the date when a copy of the decision is

1 deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope or  
2 package, with postage prepaid, addressed to each party  
3 affected by the decision or to such party's attorney of  
4 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the  
5 files of the electoral board.

6 Upon the expiration of the period within which a  
7 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section  
8 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for  
9 judicial review has been commenced within such period,  
10 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of  
11 its ruling, together with the original certificate of  
12 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original  
13 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the  
14 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,  
15 as objected to, were on file and to the election authority to  
16 whom the ballot is certified and the appropriate county clerk,  
17 and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the  
18 ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/11-8.5 new)

21 Sec. 11-8.5. Universal vote centers pilot program.

22 (a) In addition to the vote centers required in subsection  
23 (a) of Section 11-8, a county election authority may establish  
24 vote centers for the period of early voting and on election day  
25 where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote,

1 regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and  
2 that location shall provide curbside voting. An election  
3 authority establishing vote centers under this Section shall  
4 certify to the State Board of Elections no later than June 1,  
5 2026, and shall make the locations public no later than the  
6 60th day preceding an election.

7 (b) For the elections held between January 1, 2027 through  
8 December 31, 2029, a county election authority may establish  
9 additional vote centers as described under subsection (a). In  
10 establishing these vote centers, the election authority shall  
11 do so in accordance with the following:

12 (1) For each general primary election and general  
13 election, an election authority shall designate a minimum  
14 number of vote centers, as follows:

15 (A) For counties with at least 50,000 registered  
16 voters on the day of election, at least one vote center  
17 for each 12,500 registered voters.

18 (B) For counties with fewer than 50,000 registered  
19 voters, at least one vote center for each 10,000  
20 registered voters.

21 For the purposes of this paragraph, the number of  
22 registered in a county is the number of voters registered  
23 in the county on the date of the preceding presidential  
24 election or on the date of the preceding general election,  
25 whichever is greater.

26 (2) A county election authority may designate a

1 greater number of vote centers than the minimum required  
2 by this subsection.

3 (3) In selecting the location for vote centers  
4 required under paragraph (1), each county election  
5 authority shall consider:

6 (A) proximity to the population centers of the  
7 county, including the population centers within the  
8 largest municipality or municipalities in a county;

9 (B) proximity to public transportation lines and  
10 availability of parking;

11 (C) equitable distribution across the county so as  
12 to afford maximally convenient options for voters;

13 (D) geographic features that affect access and  
14 convenience;

15 (E) access for persons with disabilities;

16 (F) use of existing voting locations that  
17 typically serve a significant number of voters;

18 (G) proximity to historically under-represented  
19 communities; and

20 (H) the need to locate vote centers in population  
21 centers that had lower voter turnout in previous  
22 elections.

23 (4) A county election authority must establish these  
24 vote centers no later than June 1, 2027.

25 (c) If a county election authority certifies voter centers  
26 will be available as provided in this Section, a county

1 election authority may increase the maximum number of  
2 registered voters per precinct to 1,600 registered voters,  
3 effective after January 1, 2027. The county shall divide its  
4 election precincts in accordance with Section 11-2 after  
5 January 1, 2027 and no later than June 1, 2027, and must  
6 maintain the election precincts until December 30, 2030 or  
7 later.

8 (d) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2030.

9 (10 ILCS 5/11-9 new)

10 Sec. 11-9. Name standardization.

11 (a) The State Board of Elections shall develop and  
12 implement standard terminology for the naming of election  
13 districts, precincts, and polling places to streamline the  
14 reporting of election results and voter file data for the 2026  
15 General Primary Election. As part of implementing the use of  
16 standard terminology and to ensure the prompt availability of  
17 voter file data, no less than 180 days before the 2026 General  
18 Primary Election, the State Board of Elections shall adopt  
19 guidelines, via an order of the Board, for election  
20 authorities to follow when naming election districts,  
21 precincts, and polling places. The guidelines shall require  
22 each election district, precinct, and polling place to have a  
23 standard identification and a human-readable name. The State  
24 Board of Elections shall publish a first draft of the  
25 guidelines at least 10 days before adopting the guidelines

1 through an order of the Board.

2 (b) Every election authority shall use the guidelines  
3 adopted under subsection (a) to name election districts,  
4 precincts, and polling places. Every election authority shall  
5 submit the names to the State Board of Elections no less than  
6 120 days before the 2026 General Primary Election.

7 (c) The State Board of Elections shall amend the names of  
8 any election district, precinct, or polling place that does  
9 not conform to the guidelines adopted under subsection (a).  
10 The State Board of Elections shall send those amended names to  
11 the election authority as soon as practicable.

12 (d) No less than 75 days before the 2026 General Primary  
13 Election, all election districts, election precincts, and  
14 polling places shall be named in accordance with the  
15 guidelines adopted under subsection (a).

16 (e) No later than the 2026 General Primary Election, the  
17 State Board of Elections shall adopt administrative rules for  
18 name standardization for all elections subsequent to the 2026  
19 General Primary Election. For every election subsequent to the  
20 2026 General Primary Election, every election authority and  
21 the State Board of Elections shall name election districts,  
22 precincts, and polling places in a manner similar to the  
23 process described in subsections (b) and (c).

24 (f) If the requirements of this Section conflict with any  
25 specific provision of this Code, the requirements of this  
26 Section prevail.

1 (10 ILCS 5/17-13.5)

2 Sec. 17-13.5. Curbside voting.

3 (a) Election authorities may establish curbside voting for  
4 individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on  
5 election day. An election authority's curbside voting program  
6 shall designate at least 2 election judges from opposite  
7 parties per vehicle, and the individual shall have the  
8 opportunity to mark the ballot without interference from the  
9 election judges.

10 (b) Election authorities shall establish curbside voting  
11 for individuals with disabilities to cast a ballot during  
12 early voting and on election day at no less than one voting  
13 location within the election authority's jurisdiction. An  
14 election authority's curbside voting program shall designate  
15 at least 2 election judges from opposite parties per vehicle,  
16 and the individual shall have the opportunity to mark the  
17 ballot without interference from the election judges. No later  
18 than the 10th day preceding the start of early voting or  
19 election day voting, an election authority shall post on their  
20 publicly accessible website the voting location or locations  
21 where curbside voting is available and the method by which an  
22 individual with a disability may contact a poll worker in  
23 order to vote at the curbside voting location, including, but  
24 not limited to, a posted phone number, a doorbell device, or  
25 the stationing of a poll worker at the curbside voting

1 location.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

4 Sec. 19-3. Application for a vote by mail ballot.

5 (a) The application for a vote by mail ballot for a single  
6 election shall be substantially in the following form:

7 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

8 To be voted at the .... election in the County of .... and  
9 State of Illinois.

10 I state that I am a resident of .... in the municipality of  
11 .... in the county of ....; that I have resided at such address  
12 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at  
13 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
14 by mail.

15 I hereby make application for an official ballot or  
16 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I  
17 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing  
18 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the  
19 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than  
20 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
21 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
22 14th day following election day.

23 I understand that this application is made for an official  
24 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the  
25 election specified in this application and that I must submit

1 a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or  
2 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

3 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section  
4 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
5 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

6 . . . .

7 \*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

8 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

9 .....

10 (a-5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot  
11 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
12 substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail  
13 ballot for a single election and shall include:

14 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print  
15 disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am  
16 making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot  
17 electronically so that I may privately and independently  
18 mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.

19 (b) The application for permanent vote by mail status  
20 shall be substantially in the following form:

21 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

22 I am currently a registered voter and wish to apply for  
23 permanent vote by mail status.

24 I state that I am a resident of . . . . in the municipality of  
25 . . . . in the county of . . . .; that I have resided at such address  
26 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at

1 the .... election to be held on ....; and that I wish to vote  
2 by mail in:

3 ..... all subsequent elections that do not require a party  
4 designation.

5 ..... all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a  
6 ..... Party vote by mail ballot in  
7 elections that require a party designation.

8 I hereby make application for an official ballot or  
9 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I  
10 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing  
11 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the  
12 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than  
13 election day, for counting no later than during the period for  
14 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the  
15 14th day following election day.

16 Under penalties as provided by law under Section 29-10 of  
17 the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the  
18 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

19 .....

20 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:  
21 .....

22 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots  
23 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be  
24 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by  
25 mail status and shall include:

26 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a

1 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this  
2 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail  
3 ballots electronically so that I may privately and  
4 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail  
5 ballots.

6 (c) However, if application is made for a primary election  
7 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to  
8 designate the name of the political party with which the  
9 applicant is affiliated. The election authority shall allow  
10 any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her  
11 party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method  
12 and deadline published and selected by the election authority.

13 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant  
14 shall mark the box associated with the above described  
15 statement included as part of the online application  
16 certifying that the statements set forth in the application  
17 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a  
18 signature is not required.

19 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or  
20 return to an election authority an application under this  
21 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box  
22 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an  
23 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a  
24 valid and current phone number for the individual or  
25 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be  
26 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7

1 days of receipt or, if received within 2 weeks of the election  
2 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of  
3 receipt. Failure to turn over the applications in compliance  
4 with this paragraph shall constitute a violation of this Code  
5 and shall be punishable as a petty offense with a fine of \$100  
6 per application. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise  
7 knowingly making the postmark on the application unreadable by  
8 the election authority shall establish a rebuttable  
9 presumption of a violation of this paragraph. Upon receipt,  
10 the appropriate election authority shall accept and promptly  
11 process any application under this Section submitted in a form  
12 substantially similar to that required by this Section,  
13 including any substantially similar production or reproduction  
14 generated by the applicant.

15 (f) An election authority shall ~~may~~ combine the  
16 applications in subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the  
17 distinction between the applications must be clear and the  
18 form must provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate  
19 whether he or she is applying for a single election vote by  
20 mail ballot or for permanent vote by mail status.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;  
22 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

24 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

25 (a) (Blank.)

1           (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
2 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
3 and received by that election authority before the closing of  
4 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving  
5 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be  
6 processed by the election authority beginning on the day it is  
7 received by the election authority in the central ballot  
8 counting location of the election authority, but the results  
9 of the processing may not be counted until the day of the  
10 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections  
11 (g) and (g-5).

12           (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
13 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,  
14 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
15 close on election day and before the close of the period for  
16 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
17 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
18 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
19 location of the election authority during the period for  
20 counting provisional ballots.

21           Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
22 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
23 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
24 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
25 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
26 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed

1 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
2 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
3 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the  
4 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements  
5 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting  
6 location of the election authority during the period for  
7 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
8 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

9 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
10 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an  
11 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the  
12 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope  
13 was mailed no later than election day.

14 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
15 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by  
16 this Article, and received by the election authority at any  
17 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be  
18 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and  
19 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot  
20 counting location of the election authority during the same  
21 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots  
22 under subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote  
23 by mail voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election  
24 authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that  
25 are received by the election authority after the polls close  
26 on election day and before the closing of the period for

1 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
2 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
3 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
4 location of the election authority during the same periods  
5 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
6 subsection (c).

7 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
8 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
9 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
10 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by  
11 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of  
12 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
13 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
14 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
15 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that  
16 election.

17 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on  
18 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no  
19 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or  
20 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by  
21 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail  
22 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
23 blank ballots required to be counted on election day have been  
24 counted.

25 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
26 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In

1 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is  
2 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for  
3 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official  
4 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification  
5 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the voter's  
6 signature on the application verified in accordance with  
7 Section 19-4 or the signature of the voter on file in the  
8 office of the election authority. If the election judge or  
9 official determines that the 2 signatures match, and that the  
10 vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified to cast a vote by  
11 mail ballot, the election authority shall cast and count the  
12 ballot on election day or the day the ballot is determined to  
13 be valid, whichever is later, adding the results to the  
14 precinct in which the voter is registered. If the election  
15 judge or official determines that the signatures do not match,  
16 or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified to cast a vote  
17 by mail ballot, then without opening the certification  
18 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of  
19 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not  
20 cast or count the ballot.

21 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote  
22 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or  
23 official:

24 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened  
25 and resealed;

26 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace

1 period ballot;

2 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the  
3 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

4 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

5 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
6 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
7 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
8 shall not cast or count the ballot.

9 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election  
10 judge or official for any reason, the election authority  
11 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases  
12 before the close of the period for counting provisional  
13 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot  
14 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason  
15 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the  
16 voter may submit to ~~appear before~~ the election authority, on  
17 or before the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to  
18 why the ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present  
19 evidence to the election authority supporting his or her  
20 contention that the ballot should be counted. Evidence may be  
21 submitted in person, by mail, or electronically by email. If a  
22 ballot is rejected based on the voter's signatures not  
23 matching, an affidavit or statement affirming the voter signed  
24 the certification envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and  
25 the election authority shall not require the affidavit or  
26 statement to be notarized. The election authority shall

1 appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the contested  
2 ballot, application, and certification envelope, as well as  
3 any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than  
4 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same  
5 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall  
6 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested  
7 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be  
8 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

9 A vote by mail ballot subject to this subsection that is  
10 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the  
11 period for counting provisional ballots.

12 If a vote by mail ballot is rejected for any reason, the  
13 election authority shall, within one day after the rejection,  
14 transmit to the State Board of Elections by electronic means  
15 the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct,  
16 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be. If a  
17 rejected vote by mail ballot is determined to be valid, the  
18 election authority shall, within one day after the  
19 determination, remove the name of the voter from the list  
20 transmitted to the State Board of Elections. The State Board  
21 of Elections shall maintain the names and information in an  
22 electronic format on its website accessible to State and local  
23 political committees.

24 Upon request by the State or local political committee,  
25 each election authority shall, within one day after the  
26 request, provide the following information about all rejected

1 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email  
2 address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as  
3 the case may be.

4 (g-10) All vote by mail ballots determined to be valid  
5 shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for which  
6 they were cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

7 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic  
8 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher  
9 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)  
12 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

13 (a) (Blank.)

14 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an  
15 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,  
16 and received by that election authority may be processed by  
17 the election authority beginning on the day it is received by  
18 the election authority in the central ballot counting location  
19 of the election authority, but the results of the processing  
20 may not be counted until the day of the election after 7:00  
21 p.m., except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

22 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
23 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,  
24 but that is received by the election authority after the polls  
25 close on election day and before the close of the period for

1 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
2 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
3 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
4 location of the election authority during the period for  
5 counting provisional ballots.

6 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an  
7 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with  
8 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is  
9 received by the election authority after the polls close on  
10 election day and before the close of the period for counting  
11 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed  
12 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,  
13 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,  
14 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the  
15 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements  
16 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting  
17 location of the election authority during the period for  
18 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the  
19 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

20 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail  
21 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an  
22 election authority absent a postmark may be counted if the  
23 intelligent mail barcode tracking system verifies the envelope  
24 was mailed no later than election day.

25 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots  
26 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by

1 this Article, and received by the election authority at any  
2 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be  
3 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and  
4 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot  
5 counting location of the election authority during the same  
6 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots  
7 under subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote  
8 by mail voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election  
9 authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that  
10 are received by the election authority after the polls close  
11 on election day and before the closing of the period for  
12 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be  
13 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of  
14 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting  
15 location of the election authority during the same periods  
16 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under  
17 subsection (c).

18 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by  
19 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
20 blank ballots received by the election authority after the  
21 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed  
22 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of  
23 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election  
24 authority for the period of time required for the preservation  
25 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being  
26 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that

1 election.

2 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on  
3 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no  
4 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or  
5 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by  
6 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail  
7 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's  
8 blank ballots required to be counted on election day have been  
9 counted.

10 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this  
11 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In  
12 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article  
13 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period  
14 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or  
15 official shall compare the voter's signature on the  
16 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of  
17 the voter on file in the office of the election authority. If  
18 the election judge or official determines that the 2  
19 signatures match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to  
20 cast a ballot under this Article, the election authority shall  
21 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot  
22 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the  
23 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If  
24 the election judge or official determines that the signatures  
25 do not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a  
26 ballot under this Article, then without opening the

1 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark  
2 across the face of the certification envelope the word  
3 "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

4 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a  
5 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election  
6 judge or official:

7 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened  
8 and resealed;

9 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace  
10 period ballot;

11 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the  
12 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

13 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

14 If the election judge or official determines that any of  
15 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across  
16 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and  
17 shall not cast or count the ballot.

18 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by  
19 the election judge or official for any reason, the election  
20 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all  
21 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional  
22 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.  
23 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the  
24 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may submit  
25 to appear before the election authority, on or before the 14th  
26 day after the election, to show cause as to why the ballot

1 should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence to the  
2 election authority supporting his or her contention that the  
3 ballot should be counted. Evidence may be submitted in person,  
4 by mail, or electronically by email. If a ballot is rejected  
5 based on the voter's signatures not matching, an affidavit or  
6 statement affirming the voter signed the certification  
7 envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and the election  
8 authority shall not require the affidavit or statement to be  
9 notarized. The election authority shall appoint a panel of 3  
10 election judges to review the contested ballot, application,  
11 and certification envelope, as well as any evidence submitted  
12 by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2 election judges on  
13 the reviewing panel shall be of the same political party. The  
14 reviewing panel of election judges shall make a final  
15 determination as to the validity of the contested ballot. The  
16 judges' determination shall not be reviewable either  
17 administratively or judicially.

18 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to  
19 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for  
20 counting provisional ballots.

21 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added  
22 to the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast  
23 in the order in which the ballots were opened.

24 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic  
25 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher  
26 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

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

2 Section 35-20. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
3 changing Section 3.1-10-50 as follows:

4 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50)

5 Sec. 3.1-10-50. Events upon which an elective office  
6 becomes vacant in municipality with population under 500,000.

7 (a) Vacancy by resignation. A resignation is not effective  
8 unless it is in writing, signed by the person holding the  
9 elective office, and notarized.

10 (1) Unconditional resignation. An unconditional  
11 resignation by a person holding the elective office may  
12 specify a future date, not later than 60 days after the  
13 date the resignation is received by the officer authorized  
14 to fill the vacancy, at which time it becomes operative,  
15 but the resignation may not be withdrawn after it is  
16 received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy.  
17 The effective date of a resignation that does not specify  
18 a future date at which it becomes operative is the date the  
19 resignation is received by the officer authorized to fill  
20 the vacancy. The effective date of a resignation that has  
21 a specified future effective date is that specified future  
22 date or the date the resignation is received by the  
23 officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
24 occurs later.

1           (2) Conditional resignation. A resignation that does  
2 not become effective unless a specified event occurs can  
3 be withdrawn at any time prior to the occurrence of the  
4 specified event, but if not withdrawn, the effective date  
5 of the resignation is the date of the occurrence of the  
6 specified event or the date the resignation is received by  
7 the officer authorized to fill the vacancy, whichever date  
8 occurs later.

9           (3) Vacancy upon the effective date. For the purpose  
10 of determining the time period that would require an  
11 election to fill the vacancy by resignation or the  
12 commencement of the 60-day time period referred to in  
13 subsection (e), the resignation of an elected officer is  
14 deemed to have created a vacancy as of the effective date  
15 of the resignation.

16           (4) Duty of the clerk. If a resignation is delivered  
17 to the clerk of the municipality, the clerk shall forward  
18 a certified copy of the written resignation to the  
19 official who is authorized to fill the vacancy within 7  
20 business days after receipt of the resignation.

21           (b) Vacancy by death or disability. A vacancy occurs in an  
22 office by reason of the death of the incumbent. The date of the  
23 death may be established by the date shown on the death  
24 certificate. A vacancy occurs in an office by permanent  
25 physical or mental disability rendering the person incapable  
26 of performing the duties of the office. The corporate

1 authorities have the authority to make the determination  
2 whether an officer is incapable of performing the duties of  
3 the office because of a permanent physical or mental  
4 disability. A finding of mental disability shall not be made  
5 prior to the appointment by a court of a guardian ad litem for  
6 the officer or until a duly licensed doctor certifies, in  
7 writing, that the officer is mentally impaired to the extent  
8 that the officer is unable to effectively perform the duties  
9 of the office. If the corporate authorities find that an  
10 officer is incapable of performing the duties of the office  
11 due to permanent physical or mental disability, that person is  
12 removed from the office and the vacancy of the office occurs on  
13 the date of the determination.

14 (c) Vacancy by other causes.

15 (1) Abandonment and other causes. A vacancy occurs in  
16 an office by reason of abandonment of office; removal from  
17 office; or failure to qualify; or more than temporary  
18 removal of residence from the municipality; or in the case  
19 of an alderperson of a ward or councilman or trustee of a  
20 district, more than temporary removal of residence from  
21 the ward or district, as the case may be. The corporate  
22 authorities have the authority to determine whether a  
23 vacancy under this subsection has occurred. If the  
24 corporate authorities determine that a vacancy exists, the  
25 office is deemed vacant as of the date of that  
26 determination for all purposes including the calculation

1 under subsections (e), (f), and (g).

2 (2) Guilty of a criminal offense. An admission of  
3 guilt of a criminal offense that upon conviction would  
4 disqualify the municipal officer from holding the office,  
5 in the form of a written agreement with State or federal  
6 prosecutors to plead guilty to a felony, bribery, perjury,  
7 or other infamous crime under State or federal law,  
8 constitutes a resignation from that office, effective on  
9 the date the plea agreement is made. For purposes of this  
10 Section, a conviction for an offense that disqualifies a  
11 municipal officer from holding that office occurs on the  
12 date of the return of a guilty verdict or, in the case of a  
13 trial by the court, on the entry of a finding of guilt.

14 (3) Election declared void. A vacancy occurs on the  
15 date of the decision of a competent tribunal declaring the  
16 election of the officer void.

17 (4) Owing a debt to the municipality. A vacancy occurs  
18 if a municipal official fails to pay a debt to a  
19 municipality in which the official has been elected or  
20 appointed to an elected position subject to the following:

21 (A) Before a vacancy may occur under this  
22 paragraph (4), the municipal clerk shall deliver, by  
23 personal service, a written notice to the municipal  
24 official that (i) the municipal official is in arrears  
25 of a debt to the municipality, (ii) that municipal  
26 official must either pay or contest the debt within 30

1 days after receipt of the notice or the municipal  
2 official will be disqualified and his or her office  
3 vacated, and (iii) if the municipal official chooses  
4 to contest the debt, the municipal official must  
5 provide written notice to the municipal clerk of the  
6 contesting of the debt. A copy of the notice, and the  
7 notice to contest, shall also be mailed by the  
8 municipal clerk to the appointed municipal attorney by  
9 certified mail. If the municipal clerk is the  
10 municipal official indebted to the municipality, the  
11 mayor or president of the municipality shall assume  
12 the duties of the municipal clerk required under this  
13 paragraph (4).

14 (B) In the event that the municipal official  
15 chooses to contest the debt, a hearing shall be held  
16 within 30 days of the municipal clerk's receipt of the  
17 written notice of contest from the municipal official.  
18 An appointed municipal hearing officer shall preside  
19 over the hearing, and shall hear testimony and accept  
20 evidence relevant to the existence of the debt owed by  
21 the municipal officer to the municipality.

22 (C) Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the  
23 hearing officer shall make a determination on the  
24 basis of the evidence presented as to whether or not  
25 the municipal official is in arrears of a debt to the  
26 municipality. The determination shall be in writing

1 and shall be designated as findings, decision, and  
2 order. The findings, decision, and order shall  
3 include: (i) the hearing officer's findings of fact;  
4 (ii) a decision of whether or not the municipal  
5 official is in arrears of a debt to the municipality  
6 based upon the findings of fact; and (iii) an order  
7 that either directs the municipal official to pay the  
8 debt within 30 days or be disqualified and his or her  
9 office vacated or dismisses the matter if a debt owed  
10 to the municipality is not proved. A copy of the  
11 hearing officer's written determination shall be  
12 served upon the municipal official in open proceedings  
13 before the hearing officer. If the municipal official  
14 does not appear for receipt of the written  
15 determination, the written determination shall be  
16 deemed to have been served on the municipal official  
17 on the date when a copy of the written determination is  
18 personally served on the municipal official or on the  
19 date when a copy of the written determination is  
20 deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid,  
21 addressed to the municipal official at the address on  
22 record with the municipality.

23 (D) A municipal official aggrieved by the  
24 determination of a hearing officer may secure judicial  
25 review of such determination in the circuit court of  
26 the county in which the hearing was held. The

1 municipal official seeking judicial review must file a  
2 petition with the clerk of the court and must serve a  
3 copy of the petition upon the municipality by  
4 registered or certified mail within 5 days after  
5 service of the determination of the hearing officer.  
6 The petition shall contain a brief statement of the  
7 reasons why the determination of the hearing officer  
8 should be reversed. The municipal official shall file  
9 proof of service with the clerk of the court. No answer  
10 to the petition need be filed, but the municipality  
11 shall cause the record of proceedings before the  
12 hearing officer to be filed with the clerk of the court  
13 on or before the date of the hearing on the petition or  
14 as ordered by the court. The court shall set the matter  
15 for hearing to be held within 30 days after the filing  
16 of the petition and shall make its decision promptly  
17 after such hearing.

18 (E) If a municipal official chooses to pay the  
19 debt, or is ordered to pay the debt after the hearing,  
20 the municipal official must present proof of payment  
21 to the municipal clerk that the debt was paid in full,  
22 and, if applicable, within the required time period as  
23 ordered by a hearing officer or circuit court judge.

24 (F) A municipal official will be disqualified and  
25 his or her office vacated pursuant to this paragraph  
26 (4) on the later of the following times if the

1           municipal official: (i) fails to pay or contest the  
2           debt within 30 days of the municipal official's  
3           receipt of the notice of the debt; (ii) fails to pay  
4           the debt within 30 days after being served with a  
5           written determination under subparagraph (C) ordering  
6           the municipal official to pay the debt; or (iii) fails  
7           to pay the debt within 30 days after being served with  
8           a decision pursuant to subparagraph (D) upholding a  
9           hearing officer's determination that the municipal  
10          officer has failed to pay a debt owed to a  
11          municipality.

12                 (G) For purposes of this paragraph, a "debt" shall  
13          mean an arrearage in a definitely ascertainable and  
14          quantifiable amount after service of written notice  
15          thereof, in the payment of any indebtedness due to the  
16          municipality, which has been adjudicated before a  
17          tribunal with jurisdiction over the matter. A  
18          municipal official is considered in arrears of a debt  
19          to a municipality if a debt is more than 30 days  
20          overdue from the date the debt was due.

21                 (d) Election of an acting mayor or acting president. The  
22          election of an acting mayor or acting president pursuant to  
23          subsection (f) or (g) does not create a vacancy in the original  
24          office of the person on the city council or as a trustee, as  
25          the case may be, unless the person resigns from the original  
26          office following election as acting mayor or acting president.

1 If the person resigns from the original office following  
2 election as acting mayor or acting president, then the  
3 original office must be filled pursuant to the terms of this  
4 Section and the acting mayor or acting president shall  
5 exercise the powers of the mayor or president and shall vote  
6 and have veto power in the manner provided by law for a mayor  
7 or president. If the person does not resign from the original  
8 office following election as acting mayor or acting president,  
9 then the acting mayor or acting president shall exercise the  
10 powers of the mayor or president but shall be entitled to vote  
11 only in the manner provided for as the holder of the original  
12 office and shall not have the power to veto. If the person does  
13 not resign from the original office following election as  
14 acting mayor or acting president, and if that person's  
15 original term of office has not expired when a mayor or  
16 president is elected and has qualified for office, the acting  
17 mayor or acting-president shall return to the original office  
18 for the remainder of the term thereof.

19 (e) Appointment to fill alderperson or trustee vacancy. An  
20 appointment by the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
21 acting president, as the case may be, of a qualified person as  
22 described in Section 3.1-10-5 of this Code to fill a vacancy in  
23 the office of alderperson or trustee must be made within 60  
24 days after the vacancy occurs. Once the appointment of the  
25 qualified person has been forwarded to the corporate  
26 authorities, the corporate authorities shall act upon the

1 appointment within 30 days. If the appointment fails to  
2 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities  
3 within 30 days, the mayor or president or acting mayor or  
4 acting president shall appoint and forward to the corporate  
5 authorities a second qualified person as described in Section  
6 3.1-10-5. Once the appointment of the second qualified person  
7 has been forwarded to the corporate authorities, the corporate  
8 authorities shall act upon the appointment within 30 days. If  
9 the appointment of the second qualified person also fails to  
10 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities,  
11 then the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
12 president, without the advice and consent of the corporate  
13 authorities, may make a temporary appointment from those  
14 persons who were appointed but whose appointments failed to  
15 receive the advice and consent of the corporate authorities.  
16 The person receiving the temporary appointment shall serve  
17 until an appointment has received the advice and consent and  
18 the appointee has qualified or until a person has been elected  
19 and has qualified, whichever first occurs.

20 (f) Election to fill vacancies in municipal offices with  
21 4-year terms. If a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal  
22 office with a 4-year term and there remains an unexpired  
23 portion of the term of at least 28 months, and the vacancy  
24 occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at least 130~~  
25 ~~days before~~ the general municipal election next scheduled  
26 under the general election law, then the vacancy shall be

1 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
2 election. Whenever an election is held for this purpose, the  
3 municipal clerk shall certify the office to be filled and the  
4 candidates for the office to the proper election authorities  
5 as provided in the general election law. If a vacancy occurs  
6 with less than 28 months remaining in the unexpired portion of  
7 the term or after the period to file petitions for ~~less than~~  
8 ~~130 days before~~ the general municipal election, then:

9 (1) Mayor or president. If the vacancy is in the  
10 office of mayor or president, the vacancy must be filled  
11 by the corporate authorities electing one of their members  
12 as acting mayor or acting president. Except as set forth  
13 in subsection (d), the acting mayor or acting president  
14 shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and  
15 powers of the mayor or president until a mayor or  
16 president is elected at the next general municipal  
17 election and has qualified. However, in villages with a  
18 population of less than 5,000, if each of the trustees  
19 either declines the election as acting president or is not  
20 elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently  
21 holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting  
22 president, any other village resident who is qualified to  
23 hold municipal office, and the acting president shall  
24 exercise the powers of the president and shall vote and  
25 have veto power in the manner provided by law for a  
26 president.

1           (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the  
2 office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
3 filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
4 president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
5 subsection (e).

6           (3) Other elective office. If the vacancy is in any  
7 elective municipal office other than mayor or president or  
8 alderperson or trustee, the mayor or president or acting  
9 mayor or acting president, as the case may be, must  
10 appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the  
11 office is filled by election, subject to the advice and  
12 consent of the city council or the board of trustees, as  
13 the case may be.

14           (g) Vacancies in municipal offices with 2-year terms. In  
15 the case of an elective municipal office with a 2-year term, if  
16 the vacancy occurs before the period to file petitions for ~~at~~  
17 ~~least 130 days before~~ the general municipal election next  
18 scheduled under the general election law, the vacancy shall be  
19 filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal  
20 election. If the vacancy occurs after the period to file  
21 petitions for ~~less than 130 days before~~ the general municipal  
22 election, then:

23           (1) Mayor or president. If the vacancy is in the  
24 office of mayor or president, the vacancy must be filled  
25 by the corporate authorities electing one of their members  
26 as acting mayor or acting president. Except as set forth

1 in subsection (d), the acting mayor or acting president  
2 shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and  
3 powers of the mayor or president until a mayor or  
4 president is elected at the next general municipal  
5 election and has qualified. However, in villages with a  
6 population of less than 5,000, if each of the trustees  
7 either declines the election as acting president or is not  
8 elected by a majority vote of the trustees presently  
9 holding office, then the trustees may elect, as acting  
10 president, any other village resident who is qualified to  
11 hold municipal office, and the acting president shall  
12 exercise the powers of the president and shall vote and  
13 have veto power in the manner provided by law for a  
14 president.

15 (2) Alderperson or trustee. If the vacancy is in the  
16 office of alderperson or trustee, the vacancy must be  
17 filled by the mayor or president or acting mayor or acting  
18 president, as the case may be, in accordance with  
19 subsection (e).

20 (3) Other elective office. If the vacancy is in any  
21 elective municipal office other than mayor or president or  
22 alderperson or trustee, the mayor or president or acting  
23 mayor or acting president, as the case may be, must  
24 appoint a qualified person to hold the office until the  
25 office is filled by election, subject to the advice and  
26 consent of the city council or the board of trustees, as

1 the case may be.

2 (h) In cases of vacancies arising by reason of an election  
3 being declared void pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection  
4 (c), persons holding elective office prior thereto shall hold  
5 office until their successors are elected and qualified or  
6 appointed and confirmed by advice and consent, as the case may  
7 be.

8 (i) This Section applies only to municipalities with  
9 populations under 500,000.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)

11 Section 35-25. The Park District Code is amended by  
12 changing Sections 2-10a and 2-12a as follows:

13 (70 ILCS 1205/2-10a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-10a)

14 Sec. 2-10a. Any district may provide by referendum, or by  
15 resolution of the board, that the board shall be comprised of 7  
16 commissioners. Any such referendum shall be initiated and held  
17 in the same manner as is provided by the general election law.

18 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
19 favor of the 7-member board, or if the board adopts a  
20 resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this Section  
21 in order to create a 7-member board, then whichever of the  
22 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be  
23 applied: At the election of commissioners next following by at  
24 least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the proposition to

1 create a 7-member board was approved at referendum or by  
2 resolution, the number of commissioners to be elected shall be  
3 2 more than the number that would otherwise have been elected.  
4 If this results in the election, pursuant to Section 2-12 of  
5 this Act, of 4 commissioners at that election, one of the 4, to  
6 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
7 serve for a term of 4 years or 2 years as the case may be,  
8 instead of 6 years, so that his term will expire in the same  
9 year in which the term of only one of the incumbent  
10 commissioners expires. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
11 elected for 6-year terms as provided in Section 2-12. If the  
12 creation of a 7-member board results in the election of either  
13 3 or 4 commissioners, pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, at  
14 that election, 2 of them, to be determined by lot within 30  
15 days after the election, shall serve for terms of 2 years  
16 instead of 4 years. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be  
17 elected for 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a of this  
18 Act.

19 In any district where a 7-member board has been created  
20 pursuant to this Section whether by referendum or by  
21 resolution, the number of commissioners may later be reduced  
22 to 5, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same  
23 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating a 7-member  
24 board. No proposition to reduce the number of commissioners  
25 shall affect the terms of any commissioners holding office at  
26 the time of the referendum or to be elected within 225 ~~197~~ days

1 after the referendum. If a majority of the votes cast on the  
2 proposition is in favor of reducing a 7-member board to a  
3 5-member board, then, at the election of commissioners next  
4 following by at least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the  
5 proposition was approved at referendum, the number of  
6 commissioners to be elected shall be 2 less than the number  
7 that would otherwise have been elected and whichever of the  
8 following transition schedules are appropriate shall be  
9 applied: (i) if this results in the election of no  
10 commissioners for a 6-year term pursuant to Section 2-12 of  
11 this Act, then at the next election in which 3 commissioners  
12 are scheduled to be elected to 6-year terms as provided in  
13 Section 2-12, one of the 3, to be determined by lot within 30  
14 days after the election, shall serve for a term of 4 years or 2  
15 years, as the case may be, instead of 6 years, so that his or  
16 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of no  
17 incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter, all  
18 commissioners shall be elected for 6-year terms as provided in  
19 Section 2-12; or (ii) if the reduction to a 5-member board  
20 results in the election of one commissioner to a 4-year term,  
21 pursuant to Section 2-12a of this Act, then at the next  
22 election in which 4 commissioners are scheduled to be elected  
23 to 4-year terms as provided in Section 2-12a, one of the 4, to  
24 be determined by lot within 30 days after the election, shall  
25 serve for a term of 2 years, instead of 4 years, so that his or  
26 her term will expire in the same year in which the term of only

1 one incumbent commissioner is scheduled to expire; thereafter,  
2 all commissioners shall be elected for 4-year terms as  
3 provided in Section 2-12a.

4 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

5 (70 ILCS 1205/2-12a) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-12a)

6 Sec. 2-12a. Any district may provide, either by resolution  
7 of the board or by referendum, that the term of commissioners  
8 shall be 4 years rather than 6 years. Any such referendum shall  
9 be initiated and held in the same manner as is provided by the  
10 general election law for public questions authorized by  
11 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

12 If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in  
13 favor of a 4-year term for commissioners, or if the Board  
14 adopts a resolution stating that it is acting pursuant to this  
15 Section to change the term of office from 6 years to 4 years,  
16 commissioners thereafter elected, commencing with the first  
17 regular park district election at least 225 ~~197~~ days after the  
18 date on which the proposition for 4-year terms was approved at  
19 referendum or by resolution, shall be elected for a term of 4  
20 years. In order to provide for the transition from 6-year  
21 terms to 4-year terms:

22 (1) If 2 commissioners on a 5-member board are to be  
23 elected at the first such election and if the term of only  
24 one commissioner is scheduled to expire in the year of the  
25 next election at which commissioners are elected, of the 2

1 commissioners elected, one shall serve a 2-year term and  
2 one a 4-year term, to be determined by lot between the 2  
3 persons elected within 30 days after the election.

4 (2) On a 7-member board under Section 2-10a, if the  
5 terms of only 2 commissioners are scheduled to expire in  
6 the year of the second election at which commissioners are  
7 elected after the first regular park district election at  
8 least 225 ~~197~~ days after the date on which the proposition  
9 for 4-year terms was approved at referendum or by  
10 resolution, then:

11 (A) if 3 commissioners are elected at the first  
12 regular election, 2 of the commissioners elected shall  
13 serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a 4-year term  
14 to be determined by lot between persons elected within  
15 30 days after the first election; or

16 (B) if 2 commissioners are elected at the first  
17 regular election, those 2 commissioners elected shall  
18 serve a 2-year term.

19 In any district where the board has created 4-year terms  
20 pursuant to this Section, whether by referendum or by  
21 resolution, the length of terms may later be increased to 6  
22 years, but only by a referendum initiated and held in the same  
23 manner as prescribed in this Section for creating 4-year  
24 terms. No proposition to increase the terms of commissioners  
25 shall affect any commissioner holding office at the time of  
26 the referendum or to be elected within 225 ~~197~~ days after the

1 referendum.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

3 Article 40.

4 Section 40-5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.2, 1A-16.7, and 1A-16.8 and by adding  
6 Section 1A-16.3 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

8 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of  
9 State.

10 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State  
11 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and  
12 jointly adopted rules, shall establish an automatic voter  
13 registration program that satisfies the requirements of this  
14 Section and other applicable law.

15 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for  
16 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
17 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
18 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant  
19 presents documentation that establishes that the applicant is  
20 a United States citizen, as described in subsection (g), and  
21 is of age to register to vote or if the information provided to  
22 the Office of the Secretary of State under subsection (c)  
23 indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote

1 in Illinois and, upon reviewing the documents and information  
2 submitted by the applicant, the Office of the Secretary of  
3 State determines that the name or residence address  
4 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the  
5 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection  
6 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,  
7 then that application, unless the applicant declines in  
8 accordance with subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7 shall serve  
9 as a dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application  
10 shall:

11 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
12 in Illinois;

13 (2) ~~allow an applicant to change the applicant's his~~  
14 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
15 on the voter registration rolls;

16 (3) in a single affirmation, including the affirmation  
17 required for a driver's license or State identification  
18 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of  
19 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information  
20 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is  
21 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
22 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
23 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
24 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
25 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
26 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or~~

1 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~  
2 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

3 (4) allow the applicant to notify the Office of the  
4 Secretary of State of the applicant's preferred language  
5 ~~unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
6 ~~change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
7 ~~require the applicant to attest, by signature under~~  
8 ~~penalty of perjury as described in subsection (c) of this~~  
9 ~~Section, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
10 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
11 ~~on his or her driver's license or identification card~~  
12 ~~dual-purpose application.~~

13 The Office of the Secretary of State shall record the type  
14 of documents presented by the applicant that establishes the  
15 applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
16 subsection (g) and shall enter United States citizenship in a  
17 designated field. Based on the entry of United States  
18 citizenship in the designated field, the Office of the  
19 Secretary of State shall initiate a dual-purpose application  
20 through an automated process that is not subject to the  
21 discretion of individual employees of the Office of the  
22 Secretary of State.

23 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for  
24 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
25 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
26 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, other than an

1 application or form that pertains to a standard driver's  
2 license or identification card for an applicant who does not  
3 have and is not eligible for ~~and does not list~~ a social  
4 security number, an applicant presents documentation that  
5 neither establishes that the applicant is a United States  
6 citizen nor establishes that the applicant is not a United  
7 States citizen and the information provided to the Office of  
8 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) does not indicate  
9 that the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois  
10 ~~for the applicant, does not meet the requirements of the~~  
11 ~~federal REAL ID Act of 2005, then that application shall serve~~  
12 ~~as a dual-purpose application that, . The dual-purpose~~  
13 ~~application shall: (1) also serve as an application to~~  
14 ~~register to vote in Illinois; (2) allow an applicant to change~~  
15 ~~his or her registered residence address or name as it appears~~  
16 ~~on the voter registration rolls; and (3) if the applicant~~  
17 ~~chooses to register to vote, shall also serve as an~~  
18 application to register to vote in Illinois. If the applicant  
19 chooses to register to vote, the applicant shall be required  
20 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
21 ~~then require the applicant to attest, by a separate signature~~  
22 ~~under penalty of perjury, to meeting the qualifications to~~  
23 ~~register to vote in Illinois at the applicant's his or her~~  
24 ~~residence address as indicated on the his or her~~ dual-purpose  
25 application.

26 The dual-purpose application shall allow the applicant to

1 notify the Office of the Secretary of State of the applicant's  
2 preferred language.

3 (b-8) If an applicant presents to the Secretary of State  
4 documentation that establishes the applicant is not a United  
5 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
6 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

7 (b-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
8 (b) to provide the written affirmation described in that  
9 subsection, the ~~The~~ Office of the Secretary of State shall  
10 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:

11 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;~~;~~

12 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
13 voter registration application, including the

14 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
15 United States citizenship and of the applicant's opportunity

16 not to proceed in order to avoid the penalties; and~~;~~ (iii) that

17 the ~~, unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
18 ~~update his or her voter registration, his or her dual purpose~~

19 application shall also serve as ~~both~~ an application to  
20 register to vote ~~and his or her attestation that he or she~~

21 ~~meets the eligibility requirements for voter registration,~~ and

22 that the ~~his or her~~ application to register to vote or update  
23 voter ~~his or her~~ registration will be transmitted to the State

24 Board of Elections for the purpose of registering the person  
25 to vote at the residence address to be indicated on the

26 applicant's ~~his or her~~ driver's license or identification

1 ~~card, and (iv) that declining to register to vote is~~  
2 ~~confidential and will not affect any services the person may~~  
3 ~~be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The~~  
4 ~~Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional~~  
5 ~~instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b).~~

6 (b-15) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
7 (b-5) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
8 the Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and  
9 conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the  
10 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (ii) of the  
11 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter  
12 registration application, including the immigration-related  
13 consequences of incorrectly claiming United States citizenship  
14 and of the applicant's opportunity to withdraw an application  
15 to avoid the penalties; (iii) that the application shall also  
16 serve as an application to register to vote and that the  
17 application to register to vote or update voter registration  
18 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
19 purpose of registering the person to vote at the residence  
20 address to be indicated on the applicant's driver's license or  
21 identification card, unless the applicant withdraws the  
22 application or declines to register to vote or update the  
23 applicant's voter registration; and (iv) that declining to  
24 register to vote or withdrawing a voter application is  
25 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
26 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The

1 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
2 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b-5).

3 (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review  
4 information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State  
5 by the State Board of Elections to determine whether each  
6 ~~inform each applicant for a driver's license or permit or a~~  
7 ~~State identification card issued by the Office of the~~  
8 ~~Secretary of State, other than an application or form that~~  
9 ~~pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card~~  
10 ~~and does not list a social security number for the applicant,~~  
11 ~~whether the applicant~~ under subsections (b) and (b-5) is  
12 currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if registered,  
13 at what address, and shall inform each applicant described in  
14 subsection (b-5) for a driver's license or permit or State  
15 identification card issued by the Office of the Secretary of  
16 State whether the applicant is currently registered and, if  
17 registered, at what address.

18 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require  
19 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification  
20 card to provide duplicate identification or information in  
21 order to complete an application to register to vote or change  
22 his or her registered residence address or name. Before  
23 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to  
24 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of  
25 State shall review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents  
26 the applicant provided in order to complete the application

1 for a driver's license or State identification card to confirm  
2 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
3 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
4 Illinois at his or her residence address. If the applicant  
5 provides the Office of the Secretary of State with an address  
6 designated by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing  
7 address under Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for  
8 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
9 Trafficking, or Stalking Act or is a judicial officer of peace  
10 officer who provides the Office of the Secretary of State with  
11 a work address instead of a residence address, as authorized  
12 by subsection (a) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois Vehicle  
13 Code, the applicant shall not be offered voter registration by  
14 the Office of the Secretary of State.

15 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's  
16 license or permit or a State identification card issued by the  
17 Office of the Secretary of State that includes the  
18 presentation of documentation that establishes that the  
19 applicant is a United States citizen and is of age to register  
20 to vote or for which the information provided to the Office of  
21 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) indicates that the  
22 applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois, ~~that~~  
23 ~~meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; or~~  
24 (ii) a completed application under subsection (b-5) of this  
25 Section with a separate signature attesting the applicant  
26 meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at

1 his or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
2 application shall constitute a signed application to register  
3 to vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
4 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
5 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
6 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the identification  
7 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application  
8 indicate that the applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the  
9 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the  
10 specified ~~his or her~~ residence address, the application shall  
11 be marked as incomplete.

12 (f) For each completed and signed application that  
13 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or  
14 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence  
15 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
16 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections  
17 personal information needed to complete the person's  
18 registration to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~  
19 residence address, including the applicant's choice language  
20 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
21 collected by the Office of the Secretary of State during the  
22 permitting, licensing, or identification card transaction. The  
23 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
24 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

25 (g) Documentation that establishes that the applicant is a  
26 United States citizen shall include:

1           (1) a valid, unexpired United States passport or  
2           passport card or a United States passport or passport card  
3           that has been expired for no more than 2 years;

4           (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate filed with  
5           the Division of Vital Records or an equivalent agency in  
6           the individual's state of birth;

7           (3) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the  
8           United States Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350,  
9           or FS-545; and

10           (4) a Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United  
11           States Department of Homeland Security, Form N-560 or form  
12           N-561. ~~If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is repealed,~~  
13           ~~abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect,~~  
14           ~~then the State Board of Elections shall establish criteria~~  
15           ~~for determining reliable personal information indicating~~  
16           ~~citizenship status and shall adopt rules as necessary for~~  
17           ~~the Secretary of State to continue processing dual purpose~~  
18           ~~applications under this Section.~~

19           (h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application"  
20           means an application, an application for renewal or, a change  
21           of address ~~form, or a recertification form~~ for driver's  
22           license or permit or a State identification card offered by  
23           the Secretary of State, other than an application or form that  
24           pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card  
25           for an applicant who does not have and is not eligible for, a  
26           social security number and does not list a social security

1 ~~number for the applicant~~, that also serves as an application  
2 to register to vote in Illinois. "Dual-purpose application"  
3 does not mean an application under subsection (c) of Section  
4 6-109 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

5 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
6 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
7 later than January 1, 2027.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-210, eff. 7-1-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

10 Sec. 1A-16.2. Automatic voter registration; designated  
11 automatic voter registration agencies.

12 (a) Each designated automatic voter registration agency  
13 shall, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly adopted  
14 ~~jointly adopted~~ rules with the State Board of Elections, agree  
15 to participate in an automatic voter registration program  
16 established by the State Board of Elections that satisfies the  
17 requirements of this Section and other applicable law. If the  
18 designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
19 applications, applications for renewal, change of address  
20 forms, filing, or recertification forms to individuals for  
21 services offered by another agency, then the State Board of  
22 Elections and the designated automatic voter agency shall  
23 consult with the other agency. The State Board of Elections  
24 shall consider the current technological capabilities of the  
25 designated voter registration agency when drafting interagency

1 contracts and jointly adopted ~~jointly adopted~~ rules. The State  
2 Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter  
3 registration agency shall amend these contracts and rules as  
4 the technological capabilities of the designated voter  
5 registration agencies improve.

6 (b) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when  
7 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
8 ~~that collects or cross references reliable personal~~  
9 ~~information indicating citizenship status may provide that an~~  
10 application or form for a license, permit, program, or service  
11 described in subsection (a) that, as part of the application  
12 or form, the applicant presents documentation that establishes  
13 that the applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
14 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, the application or form  
15 shall serve as a dual-purpose application, unless the  
16 applicant declines in accordance with subsection (g) of  
17 Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose application shall:

18 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
19 in Illinois;

20 (2) ~~allow an applicant to change~~ the applicant's his  
21 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
22 on the voter registration rolls;

23 (3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation  
24 required for the designated automatic voter registration  
25 agency's application, allow the applicant to affirm, under  
26 penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of

1 information submitted in the dual-purpose application that  
2 is necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
3 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
4 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
5 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
6 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
7 ~~or change his or her registered residence address or name~~  
8 ~~by providing a check box on the application form without~~  
9 ~~requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

10 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
11 applicant's preferred language ~~unless the applicant~~  
12 ~~declines to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
13 ~~registered residence address or name, require the~~  
14 ~~applicant to attest, by signature under penalty of~~  
15 ~~perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
16 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
17 ~~on his or her dual purpose application.~~

18 The agency shall record the type of document presented by  
19 the applicant that establishes that the applicant is a United  
20 States citizen as described in subsection (g) of Section  
21 1A-16.1.

22 (c) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when  
23 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
24 ~~that does not collect or cross reference records containing~~  
25 ~~reliable personal information indicating citizenship status~~  
26 ~~may provide that an application or, an application for~~

1 ~~renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification~~ form  
2 for a license, permit, program, or service described in  
3 subsection (a) that, as part of the application of form, the  
4 applicant presents documentation that neither establishes that  
5 the applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that  
6 the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application  
7 or form shall serve as a dual-purpose application if the  
8 applicant chooses to register to vote. The dual-purpose  
9 application shall:

10 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
11 in Illinois;

12 (2) allow an applicant to change his or her registered  
13 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
14 registration rolls; ~~and~~

15 (3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to  
16 change the applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence  
17 address or name, then require the applicant to attest, by  
18 a separate signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting  
19 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his  
20 or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
21 dual-purpose application; ~~and.~~

22 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
23 applicant's preferred language.

24 (c-1) If an applicant presents documentation to the  
25 designated automatic voter registration agency that  
26 establishes that the applicant is not a United States citizen

1 or the applicant attests that the applicant is not a United  
2 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
3 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

4 (c-5) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
5 (b) of this Section to provide the affirmation described in  
6 that subsection, the ~~The~~ designated automatic voter  
7 registration agency shall clearly and conspicuously inform  
8 each applicant in writing: (i) of the qualifications to  
9 register to vote in Illinois; ~~;~~ (ii) of the penalties provided  
10 by law for submission of a false voter registration  
11 application, including the immigration-related consequences of  
12 incorrectly claiming United States citizenship and of the  
13 applicant's opportunity not to proceed in order to avoid the  
14 penalties; (iii) that the application shall serve as an  
15 application to register to vote or change the applicant's  
16 voter registration, and that the application ~~, unless the~~  
17 ~~applicant declines to register to vote or update his or her~~  
18 ~~voter registration, his or her application shall also serve as~~  
19 ~~both an application to register to vote and his or her~~  
20 ~~attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements~~  
21 ~~for voter registration, and that his or her application to~~  
22 ~~register to vote or update his or her registration will be~~  
23 transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of  
24 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be  
25 indicated on the dual-purpose application; ~~;~~ (iv) that  
26 information identifying the agency at which he or she applied

1 to register to vote is confidential;~~;~~ ~~(v) that declining to~~  
2 ~~register to vote is confidential and will not affect any~~  
3 ~~services the person may be seeking from the agency,~~ and (v)  
4 ~~(vi)~~ any additional information needed in order to comply with  
5 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of  
6 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may  
7 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under  
8 subsection (b).

9 (c-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
10 (c) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
11 the designated automatic voter registration agency shall  
12 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
13 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;  
14 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
15 voter registration application, including the  
16 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
17 United States citizenship, and of the applicant's opportunity  
18 to withdraw an application to avoid the penalties; (iii) that  
19 the application shall also serve as an application to register  
20 to vote or update the applicant's voter registration and that  
21 the application to register to vote or update voter  
22 registration will be transmitted to the State Board of  
23 Elections for the purpose of registering the person to vote at  
24 the residence address to be indicated on the dual-purpose  
25 application, unless the applicant withdraws the application or  
26 declines to register to vote or update the applicant's voter

1 registration; (iv) that information identifying the agency at  
2 which the applicant applied to register to vote is  
3 confidential; (v) that withdrawing a voter registration  
4 application or otherwise declining to register to vote is  
5 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
6 be seeking from the agency; and (vi) any additional  
7 information needed in order to comply with Section 7 of the  
8 federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The  
9 designated automatic voter registration agency may provide  
10 additional instructions specific to applicants under  
11 subsection (c).

12 (d) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
13 shall review information provided to the agency by the State  
14 Board of Elections to inform each applicant covered by  
15 subsection (c) whether the applicant is currently registered  
16 to vote in Illinois and, if registered, at what address.

17 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
18 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application  
19 to provide duplicate identification or information in order to  
20 complete an application to register to vote or change the  
21 applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence address or name.  
22 Before transmitting any personal information about an  
23 applicant to the State Board of Elections, the agency shall  
24 review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents the  
25 applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in  
26 order to complete the dual-purpose application, to confirm

1 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
2 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
3 Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address. A  
4 completed and signed dual-purpose application, including a  
5 completed application under subsection (c) of this Section  
6 with a separate signature attesting that the applicant meets  
7 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the ~~his~~  
8 ~~or her~~ residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~  
9 application, shall constitute an application to register to  
10 vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
11 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
12 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
13 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the identification  
14 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application,  
15 or that the agency cross-references, indicate that the  
16 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to  
17 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address,  
18 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the  
19 applicant provides the designated automatic voter registration  
20 agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a  
21 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
22 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual  
23 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, or is a judicial  
24 officer or peace officer who provides the designated automatic  
25 voter registration agency with a work address instead of a  
26 residence address, the applicant shall not be offered voter

1 registration by the designated automatic voter registration  
2 agency.

3 (f) For each completed and signed dual-purpose application  
4 that constitutes an application to register to vote in  
5 Illinois or provides for a change in the applicant's  
6 registered residence address or name, the designated automatic  
7 voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to the  
8 State Board of Elections personal information needed to  
9 complete the person's registration to vote in Illinois at his  
10 or her residence address, including the applicant's language  
11 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
12 collected by the designated automatic voter registration  
13 agency in the course of receiving applications and other forms  
14 regarding licenses, permits, programs, and services offered by  
15 the designated automatic voter registration agency. The  
16 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
17 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

18 (g) As used in this Section:

19 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or  
20 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community  
21 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of  
22 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the  
23 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the  
24 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the  
25 local, tribal, State, or federal government that ~~has been~~  
26 ~~determined by the State Board of Elections to have access~~

1 ~~to reliable personal information and~~ has entered into an  
2 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to  
3 participate in the automatic voter registration program  
4 under this Section.

5 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an  
6 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a  
7 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or  
8 service offered by a designated automatic voter  
9 registration agency that also serves as an application to  
10 register to vote in Illinois.

11 ~~"Reliable personal information" means information~~  
12 ~~about individuals obtained from government sources that~~  
13 ~~may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to~~  
14 ~~register to vote.~~

15 (h) (Blank). ~~This Section shall be implemented no later~~  
16 ~~than July 1, 2019.~~

17 (i) If an agency under this Section receives documentation  
18 that an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
19 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 for more than one person  
20 listed on an application for a license, permit, program, or  
21 service, each person for whom the agency receives the  
22 documentation may be considered an applicant under this  
23 Section and the application may serve as a dual-purpose  
24 application for each person.

25 (j) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
26 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no

1 later than January 1, 2028.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.3 new)

4 Sec. 1A-16.3. Language assistance.

5 (a) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
6 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
7 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
8 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
9 federal Voting Rights Act shall display and make plainly  
10 visible signage informing applicants about the type of  
11 language assistance available. The signage shall be in the  
12 covered languages applicable for the political subdivision.

13 (b) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
14 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
15 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
16 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
17 federal Voting Rights Act shall make available, in the covered  
18 languages, all written materials and verbal communication  
19 regarding voter registration for the purpose of processing the  
20 applicant's dual-purpose application described in Sections  
21 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. Every facility operated by the Driver  
22 Services Department of the Office of the Secretary of State  
23 and all facilities of a designated voter registration agency  
24 shall make available, in the 5 most common non-English  
25 languages in this State, all written materials and verbal

1 communications regarding voter registration for the purpose of  
2 processing an applicant's dual-purpose application described  
3 in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials shall include  
4 the notices described in subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1  
5 and subsection (e) of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
6 Code, the affirmations described in paragraph (3) of  
7 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of  
8 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2, and the attestations  
9 described in subsection (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph  
10 (3) of subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.2.

11 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsections (a)  
12 and (b), the Driver Services Department of the Office of the  
13 Secretary of State, as part of every transaction described in  
14 subsections (b) and (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 completed through  
15 its website, and each designated automatic voter registration  
16 agency, as defined in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.2, as  
17 part of every transaction described in subsections (b) and (c)  
18 of Section 1A-16.2 completed through its website, shall make  
19 available, in the covered languages required in any  
20 jurisdiction in this State by Section 203 of the federal  
21 Voting Rights Act and in the 5 most common non-English  
22 languages in this State, all information and questions  
23 provided to an applicant regarding voter registration for the  
24 purpose of processing the applicant's dual-purpose application  
25 as described in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials  
26 shall include, but not be limited to, the notices described in

1 subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1 and subsection (e) of  
2 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affirmations  
3 described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
4 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
5 1A-16.2, and the attestations described in subsection (b-5) of  
6 Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section  
7 1A-16.2. The Office of the Secretary of the State shall  
8 determine the 5 most common non-English languages in this  
9 State by referring to the best available data from the United  
10 States Census Bureau or other sources that the Office of the  
11 Secretary of the State considers relevant and reliable.

12 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

13 Sec. 1A-16.7. Automatic voter registration.

14 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
15 maintain a portal for automatic government agency voter  
16 registration that permits an eligible person to electronically  
17 apply to register to vote or to update his or her existing  
18 voter registration as provided in Section 1A-16.1 or Section  
19 1A-16.2. The portal shall interface with the online voter  
20 registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this  
21 Code and shall be capable of receiving and processing voter  
22 registration application information, including electronic  
23 signatures, from the Office of the Secretary of State and each  
24 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined in  
25 Section 1A-16.2. The State Board of Elections may

1 cross-reference voter registration information from any  
2 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined  
3 under Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, with information contained  
4 in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under  
5 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State  
6 Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration  
7 system as necessary to implement this Section.

8 (b) Voter registration data received from the Office of  
9 the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter  
10 registration agency through the online registration  
11 application system shall be processed as provided in Section  
12 1A-16.5 of this Code.

13 (c) The State Board of Elections shall establish technical  
14 specifications applicable to each automatic government  
15 registration program, including data format and transmission  
16 specifications. The Office of the Secretary of State and each  
17 designated automatic voter registration agency shall maintain  
18 a data transfer mechanism capable of transmitting voter  
19 registration application information, including electronic  
20 signatures where available, to the online voter registration  
21 system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this Code.

22 (d) The State Board of Elections shall, by rule, establish  
23 criteria and procedures for determining whether an agency of  
24 the State or federal government seeking to become a designated  
25 automatic voter registration agency in the course of receiving  
26 applications and other forms regarding licenses, permits,

1 programs, and services offered by the agency, receives  
2 documentation that an applicant is a United States citizen, as  
3 described in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 ~~has access to~~  
4 ~~reliable personal information, as defined under this~~  
5 ~~subsection (d) and subsection (f) of Section 1A 16.2 of this~~  
6 ~~Code,~~ and otherwise meets the requirements to enter into an  
7 interagency contract and to operate as a designated automatic  
8 voter registration agency. The State Board of Elections shall  
9 approve each interagency contract upon affirmative vote of a  
10 majority of its members.

11 ~~As used in this subsection (d), "reliable personal~~  
12 ~~information" means information about individuals obtained from~~  
13 ~~government sources that may be used to verify whether an~~  
14 ~~individual is eligible to register to vote.~~

15 (e) Whenever an applicant's data is transferred from the  
16 Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic  
17 voter registration agency, the agency must transmit a  
18 signature image if available. If no signature image was  
19 provided by the agency and ~~, or if~~ no signature image is  
20 available in the Office of the Secretary of State's database  
21 or the statewide voter registration database, or other  
22 database available to the State Board of Elections, the  
23 applicant must be notified that voter ~~his or her~~ registration  
24 will remain in a pending status until the applicant: ~~, and the~~  
25 ~~applicant will be required to~~

26 (1) provides ~~provide~~ identification that complies with

1 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature  
2 to the election authority on election day in the polling  
3 place or during early voting;~~;~~

4 (2) provides identification that complies with the  
5 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature with  
6 a mail ballot, or provides a signature in accordance with  
7 the procedures described in subsection (g-5) of Section  
8 19-8; or

9 (3) provides a signature in response to the notice  
10 described in subsection (g) or by other paper or  
11 electronic means determined by the State Board of  
12 Elections.

13 (f) Upon receipt of personal information collected and  
14 transferred by the Office of the Secretary of State or a  
15 designated automatic voter registration agency, the State  
16 Board of Elections shall check the information against the  
17 statewide voter registration database. The State Board of  
18 Elections shall create and electronically transmit to the  
19 appropriate election authority a voter registration  
20 application for any individual who is not registered to vote  
21 in Illinois and is not disqualified as provided in this  
22 Section or whose information reliably indicates a more recent  
23 update to the name or address of a person already included in  
24 the statewide voter database. The election authority shall  
25 process the application accordingly. If the individual  
26 provides the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated

1 automatic voter registration agency with an address designated  
2 by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under  
3 Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
4 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
5 Stalking Act or if the State Board of Elections otherwise  
6 determines that the individual is a program participant under  
7 Section 10 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
8 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
9 Stalking Act, the State Board of Elections shall not create or  
10 electronically transmit to an election authority a voter  
11 registration the application for the individual. The State  
12 Board of Elections may provide alternative voter registration  
13 procedures for the individuals described in this subsection.

14 (g) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
15 any applicant about whom it receives information from the  
16 State Board of Elections under subsection (f) ~~who is~~  
17 ~~registered to vote or whose existing voter registration is~~  
18 ~~updated under this Section~~ is promptly sent written notice of  
19 the change. The notice required by this subsection (g) may be  
20 sent or combined with other notices required or permitted by  
21 law, including, but not limited to, any notices sent pursuant  
22 to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any notice required by this  
23 subsection (g) shall contain, at a minimum: (i) the  
24 applicant's name and residential address as reflected on the  
25 voter registration list; (ii) a ~~statement notifying the~~  
26 ~~applicant to contact the appropriate election authority if his~~

1 ~~or her voter registration has been updated in error; (iii) the~~  
2 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; ~~(iv) a~~  
3 ~~statement notifying the applicant that he or she may opt out of~~  
4 ~~voter registration or request a change to his or her~~  
5 ~~registration information at any time by contacting an election~~  
6 ~~official;~~ and (iii) ~~(v)~~ contact information for the  
7 appropriate election authority, including a phone number,  
8 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

9 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
10 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is not currently  
11 registered to vote in Illinois, the notice shall be sent  
12 within 5 business days after the transmission of the voter  
13 registration application to the election authority and shall  
14 contain:

15 (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
16 to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
17 Facility, or designated automatic voter registration  
18 agency] we started an automatic voter registration process  
19 for you. You will be registered to vote unless you  
20 complete, sign, and return this card by [deadline date].";

21 (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
22 National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

23 (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
24 in subsection (e) and to select a language for election  
25 materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
26 postage.

1       For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
2 or subsections (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently  
3 registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains  
4 a change in the applicant's registered residence address or  
5 name, the notice shall be sent within 5 business days after the  
6 transmission of the voter registration application to the  
7 election authority and shall contain:

8           (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
9 to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
10 Facility or designated automatic voter registration  
11 agency], we started an update to your voter registration.  
12 Your voter registration will be updated unless you  
13 complete, sign and return this card by [deadline date].";

14           (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
15 National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

16           (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
17 in subsection (e), and to select a language for election  
18 materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
19 postage.

20       Any notice required by this subsection shall, at a  
21 minimum, be provided in languages for which there is coverage  
22 for the jurisdiction of the election authority under Section  
23 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as identified by the  
24 United States Census Bureau in the Federal Register. Any  
25 notice required by this subsection must also comply with all  
26 applicable, federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and

1 ordinances that relate to providing language access to  
2 individuals with limited English proficiency. If the State  
3 Board of Elections has received language preference  
4 information regarding the applicant and has transmitted that  
5 information to the appropriate election authority, the  
6 appropriate election authority shall take all practicable  
7 measures to send the notice to the applicant in the  
8 applicant's preferred language.

9 (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
10 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
11 notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered  
12 within 23 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant  
13 shall not be registered to vote and the applicant shall be  
14 deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If an  
15 applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or  
16 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the notice described  
17 in subsection (g) declining or correcting the update within 23  
18 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant's update  
19 shall be declined or corrected in the statewide voter  
20 registration database. If an applicant returns the notice  
21 described in subsection (g) but does not do so within 23 days  
22 after the mailing of the notice, then the applicant shall be  
23 registered to vote under the name and address contained in the  
24 dual-purpose application. If an applicant returns the notice  
25 described in subsection (g) declining to be registered or  
26 declining or correcting the update more than 23 days after the

1 mailing of the notice, then the notice shall be processed as a  
2 request to cancel or update the applicant's registration.  
3 During the 23-day period specified in this subsection, an  
4 applicant's voter registration or updated voter registration  
5 shall be in a pending status.

6 (g-6) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
7 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
8 notice indicating a language preference, the language  
9 preference shall be retained as part of the person's  
10 registration information.

11 (h) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
12 any applicant whose voter registration application is not  
13 accepted or deemed incomplete is promptly sent written notice  
14 of the application's status. The notice required by this  
15 subsection may be sent or combined with other notices required  
16 or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any  
17 notices sent pursuant to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any  
18 notice required by this subsection (h) shall contain, at a  
19 minimum, the reason the application was not accepted or deemed  
20 incomplete and contact information for the appropriate  
21 election authority, including a phone number, address,  
22 electronic mail address, and website address.

23 (i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
24 automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or  
25 if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter  
26 registration application, for a person who does not qualify as

1 an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed  
2 voter registration form, and the person shall not be  
3 considered to have registered to vote.

4 (j) If the registration is processed by any election  
5 authority, then it shall be presumed to have been effected and  
6 officially authorized by the State, and that person shall not  
7 be found on that basis to have made a false claim to  
8 citizenship or to have committed an act of moral turpitude,  
9 nor shall that person be subject to penalty under any relevant  
10 laws, including, but not limited to, Sections 29-10 and 29-19  
11 of this Code. This subsection (j) does not apply to a person  
12 who knows that he or she is not entitled to register to vote  
13 and who willfully votes, registers to vote, or attests under  
14 penalty of perjury that he or she is eligible to register to  
15 vote or willfully attempts to vote or to register to vote.

16 (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the  
17 Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter  
18 registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to  
19 protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is  
20 acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including  
21 policies for the retention and preservation of voter  
22 information. Information designated as confidential under this  
23 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of  
24 Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary  
25 of State, and designated automatic voter registration  
26 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration

1 purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the  
2 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and  
3 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The  
4 following information shall be designated as confidential:

5 (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security  
6 number;

7 (2) any portion of an applicant's driver's license  
8 number or State identification number;

9 (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter  
10 registration;

11 (4) the identity of the person providing information  
12 relating to a specific applicant; ~~and~~

13 (5) the personal residence and contact information of  
14 any applicant for whom notice has been given by an  
15 appropriate legal authority; and ~~and~~

16 (6) the personal residence and contact information  
17 relating to an applicant who returns a notice described  
18 subsection (g) declining to register to vote that was  
19 received by the election authority within 23 days after  
20 mailing the notice or for whom the 23-day period has not  
21 passed.

22 This subsection (k) shall not apply to information the  
23 State Board of Elections is required to share with the  
24 Electronic Registration Information Center.

25 (l) The voter registration procedures implemented under  
26 this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter

1 Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically  
2 require that the State Board of Elections track registration  
3 data received through the online registration system that  
4 originated from a designated automatic voter registration  
5 agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

6 Nothing in this Code shall require designated voter  
7 registration agencies to transmit information that is  
8 confidential client information under State or federal law  
9 without the consent of the applicant.

10 (m) The State Board of Elections, each election authority  
11 that maintains a website, the Office of the Secretary of  
12 State, and each designated automatic voter registration agency  
13 that maintains a website shall provide information on their  
14 websites informing the public about the new registration  
15 procedures described in this Section. The Office of the  
16 Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter  
17 registration agency shall display signage or provide  
18 literature for the public containing information about the new  
19 registration procedures described in this Section.

20 (n) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, the State Board  
22 of Elections shall hold at least one public hearing on  
23 implementing this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly  
24 at which the public may provide input.

25 (o) The State Board of Elections shall submit an annual  
26 public report to the General Assembly and the Governor

1 detailing the progress made to implement this Section. The  
2 report shall include all of the following: the number of  
3 records transferred under this Section by agency, the number  
4 of voters newly added to the statewide voter registration list  
5 because of records transferred under this Section by agency,  
6 the number of updated registrations under this Section by  
7 agency, the number of persons who opted out of voter  
8 registration, and the number of voters who submitted voter  
9 registration forms using the online procedure described in  
10 Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The 2018 and 2019 annual reports  
11 may include less detail if election authorities are not  
12 equipped to provide complete information to the State Board of  
13 Elections. Any report produced under this subsection (o) shall  
14 exclude any information that identifies any individual  
15 personally.

16 (p) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with  
17 election authorities, the Office of the Secretary of State,  
18 designated automatic voter registration agencies, and  
19 community organizations, shall adopt rules as necessary to  
20 implement the provisions of this Section.

21 (q) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
22 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
23 later than January 1, 2028.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

1           Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based  
2 upon information from the National Change of Address database  
3 and designated automatic voter registration agencies.

4           (a) The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the  
5 statewide voter registration database against the United  
6 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database  
7 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in  
8 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in  
9 even-numbered years or with the same frequency as in  
10 subsection (b) of this Section, and shall share the findings  
11 with the election authorities.

12           (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,  
13 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided  
14 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration  
15 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide  
16 voter registration database against databases of relevant  
17 personal information kept by designated automatic voter  
18 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's  
19 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6  
20 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with  
21 election authorities.

22           This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections  
23 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as  
24 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a  
25 determination by the State Board of Elections of full  
26 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,

1 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full  
2 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)  
3 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of  
4 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative  
5 Reference Bureau.

6 (b-5) The State Board of Elections shall not be required  
7 to share any data on any voter attained using the National  
8 Change of Address database under subsection (a) of this  
9 Section if that voter has a more recent government transaction  
10 indicated using the cross-reference under subsection (b) of  
11 this Section. If there is contradictory or unclear data  
12 between data obtained under subsections (a) and (b) of this  
13 Section, then data obtained under subsection (b) of this  
14 Section shall take priority.

15 (c) An election authority shall automatically register any  
16 voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from another  
17 jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction  
18 provided that:

19 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes  
20 the new registration address provides the voter an  
21 opportunity to reject the change in registration address  
22 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the  
23 new registration address, and

24 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction  
25 includes the previous registration address is a different  
26 election authority, then that election authority provides

1 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by  
2 forwardable mail, to the previous registration address.

3 This change in registration shall trigger the same  
4 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if  
5 the voter completed a new registration card, including the  
6 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the  
7 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another  
8 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and  
9 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting  
10 that the prior registration address is the true current  
11 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as  
12 having been registered at the prior registration address and  
13 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall  
14 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration  
15 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable  
16 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be  
17 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that  
18 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day  
19 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm  
20 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements  
21 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a  
22 provisional ballot.

23 (c-5) An agency that does not receive documentation that  
24 an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
25 subsection (q) of Section 1A-16.1, may enter into an agreement  
26 with the State Board of Elections to transmit information that

1 shall serve only to update an applicant's existing voter  
2 registration record. Under the agreement, the agency shall  
3 transmit information on all clients who may be registered to  
4 vote with a clear indication that the information shall be  
5 used only for updates. The State Board of Elections shall  
6 determine which applicants are already registered to vote and,  
7 for any voter whose information provided to the agency differs  
8 from that on the voter registration record, provide that  
9 information to the voter's local election authority who shall  
10 update a registered voter's records in accordance with the  
11 procedures described in Section 1A-16.7. The State Board of  
12 Election and local election authority shall take no action  
13 under this subsection for any applicant not already registered  
14 to vote.

15 This subsection shall be implemented no later than January  
16 1, 2028.

17 (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an  
18 error relating to an update of registration under this  
19 Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

21 Section 40-10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
22 changing Section 2-105 as follows:

23 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

24 Sec. 2-105. Offices of Secretary of State.

1 (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the  
2 State capital and in such other places in the State as he may  
3 deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties  
4 vested in him.

5 (b) The Secretary of State may construct and equip one or  
6 more buildings in the State of Illinois outside of the County  
7 of Sangamon as he deems necessary to properly carry out the  
8 powers and duties vested in him. The Secretary of State may, on  
9 behalf of the State of Illinois, acquire public or private  
10 property needed therefor by lease, purchase or eminent domain.  
11 The care, custody and control of such sites and buildings  
12 constructed thereon shall be vested in the Secretary of State.  
13 Expenditures for the construction and equipping of any of such  
14 buildings upon premises owned by another public entity shall  
15 not be subject to the provisions of any State law requiring  
16 that the State be vested with absolute fee title to the  
17 premises. The exercise of the authority vested in the  
18 Secretary of State by this Section is subject to the  
19 appropriation of the necessary funds.

20 (c) Pursuant to Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.7, and 1A-25 of  
21 the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall make driver  
22 services facilities available for use as places of accepting  
23 applications for voter registration.

24 (d) (Blank).

25 (e) Each applicant ~~person~~ applying at a driver services  
26 facility for a driver's license or permit, a corrected

1 driver's license or permit, an Illinois Identification Card  
2 ~~identification card~~ or a corrected Illinois Identification  
3 Card who has presented documentation establishing United  
4 States citizenship as set forth in subsection (g) of Section  
5 1A-16.1 of the Election Code ~~identification card~~ shall be  
6 notified, under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1  
7 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code, that the applicant's ~~unless~~  
8 ~~he or she affirmatively declines,~~ his or her personal  
9 information shall be transferred to the State Board of  
10 Elections for the purpose of creating an electronic voter  
11 registration application. Each applicant applying at a driver  
12 services facility for a driver's license or permit, a  
13 corrected driver's license or permit or a State identification  
14 card or a corrected Illinois Identification Card who presented  
15 documentation that neither establishes that the applicant is a  
16 United States citizen nor establishes that the applicant is  
17 not a United States citizen, but who affirmatively indicated  
18 they wished to apply to register to vote and attested, in  
19 writing, to United States citizenship, shall be notified,  
20 under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.7  
21 of the Election Code that the applicant's personal information  
22 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
23 purpose of creating an electronic voter registration  
24 application. Such notification may be made in writing or  
25 verbally issued by an employee or the Secretary of State.

26 The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules as may

1 be necessary for the efficient execution of his duties and the  
2 duties of his employees under this Section.

3 (f) Any person applying at a driver services facility for  
4 issuance or renewal of a driver's license or Illinois  
5 Identification Card shall be provided, without charge, with a  
6 brochure warning the person of the dangers of financial  
7 identity theft. The Department of Financial and Professional  
8 Regulation shall prepare these brochures and provide them to  
9 the Secretary of State for distribution. The brochures shall

10 (i) identify signs warning the reader that he or she might be  
11 an intended victim of the crime of financial identity theft,  
12 (ii) instruct the reader in how to proceed if the reader  
13 believes that he or she is the victim of the crime of identity  
14 theft, and (iii) provide the reader with names and telephone  
15 numbers of law enforcement and other governmental agencies  
16 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity  
17 theft.

18 (g) (Blank). ~~The changes made by this amendatory Act of~~  
19 ~~the 100th General Assembly shall be implemented no later than~~  
20 ~~July 1, 2018.~~

21 (h) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
22 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no  
23 later than January 1, 2028.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

1 Section 45-1. This Act may be referred to as the Reverend  
2 Jesse Jackson, Sr. Young Voter Empowerment Law.

3 Section 45-5. The School Code is amended by adding  
4 Sections 10-20.88 and 34-18.88 as follows:

5 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

6 Sec. 10-20.88. High school voter registration. Beginning  
7 with the 2025-2026 school year, a school district maintaining  
8 any of grades 9 through 12 shall provide all eligible students  
9 graduating from high school with the opportunity to register  
10 to vote.

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.88 new)

12 Sec. 34-18.88. High school voter registration. Beginning  
13 with the 2025-2026 school year, the school district shall  
14 provide all eligible students graduating from high school with  
15 the opportunity to register to vote.

16 Article 50.

17 Section 50-5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act  
18 is amended by changing Sections 5-5 and 70-5 as follows:

19 (5 ILCS 430/5-5)

1           Sec. 5-5. Personnel policies.

2           (a) Each of the following shall adopt and implement  
3 personnel policies for all State employees under his, her, or  
4 its jurisdiction and control: (i) each executive branch  
5 constitutional officer, (ii) each legislative leader, (iii)  
6 the Senate Operations Commission, with respect to legislative  
7 employees under Section 4 of the General Assembly Operations  
8 Act, (iv) the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with  
9 respect to legislative employees under Section 5 of the  
10 General Assembly Operations Act, (v) the Joint Committee on  
11 Legislative Support Services, with respect to State employees  
12 of the legislative support services agencies, (vi) members of  
13 the General Assembly, with respect to legislative assistants,  
14 as provided in Section 4 of the General Assembly Compensation  
15 Act, (vii) the Auditor General, (viii) the Board of Higher  
16 Education, with respect to State employees of public  
17 institutions of higher learning except community colleges, and  
18 (ix) the Illinois Community College Board, with respect to  
19 State employees of community colleges. The Governor shall  
20 adopt and implement those policies for all State employees of  
21 the executive branch not under the jurisdiction and control of  
22 any other executive branch constitutional officer.

23           (b) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
24 filed with the appropriate ethics commission established under  
25 this Act or, for the Auditor General, with the Office of the  
26 Auditor General.

1 (c) The policies required under subsection (a) shall  
2 include policies relating to work time requirements,  
3 documentation of time worked, documentation for reimbursement  
4 for travel on official State business, compensation, and the  
5 earning or accrual of State benefits for all State employees  
6 who may be eligible to receive those benefits. No later than 30  
7 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
8 100th General Assembly, the policies shall include, at a  
9 minimum: (i) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (ii) details  
10 on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual  
11 harassment, including options for making a confidential report  
12 to a supervisor, ethics officer, Inspector General, or the  
13 Department of Human Rights; (iii) a prohibition on retaliation  
14 for reporting sexual harassment allegations, including  
15 availability of whistleblower protections under this Act, the  
16 Whistleblower Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv)  
17 the consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
18 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
19 report. The policies shall comply with and be consistent with  
20 all other applicable laws. The policies shall require State  
21 employees to periodically submit time sheets documenting the  
22 time spent each day on official State business to the nearest  
23 quarter hour; contractual State employees may satisfy the time  
24 sheets requirement by complying with the terms of their  
25 contract, which shall provide for a means of compliance with  
26 this requirement. In addition, State employees of public

1 institutions of higher education classified as faculty  
2 (including tenure system and nontenure system), and those not  
3 eligible for overtime pay as defined by the Fair Labor  
4 Standards Act, may satisfy the time sheets requirement by  
5 complying with the terms of their contract or employment  
6 agreement with the public institution of higher education,  
7 which shall provide for a means of compliance with this  
8 requirement. The policies for State employees shall require  
9 those time sheets to be submitted on paper, electronically, or  
10 both and to be maintained in either paper or electronic format  
11 by the applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2  
12 years.

13 (d) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be  
14 adopted by the applicable entity before February 1, 2004 and  
15 shall apply to State employees beginning 30 days after  
16 adoption.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17.)

18 (5 ILCS 430/70-5)

19 Sec. 70-5. Adoption by governmental entities.

20 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act,  
21 each governmental entity other than a community college  
22 district, and each community college district within 6 months  
23 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
24 General Assembly, shall adopt an ordinance or resolution that  
25 regulates, in a manner no less restrictive than Section 5-15

1 and Article 10 of this Act, (i) the political activities of  
2 officers and employees of the governmental entity and (ii) the  
3 soliciting and accepting of gifts by and the offering and  
4 making of gifts to officers and employees of the governmental  
5 entity. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, each  
7 governmental unit shall adopt an ordinance or resolution  
8 establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment. The  
9 policy shall include, at a minimum: (i) a prohibition on  
10 sexual harassment; (ii) details on how an individual can  
11 report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options  
12 for making a confidential report to a supervisor, ethics  
13 officer, Inspector General, or the Department of Human Rights;  
14 (iii) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual  
15 harassment allegations, including availability of  
16 whistleblower protections under this Act, the Whistleblower  
17 Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv) the  
18 consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual  
19 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false  
20 report. Within 6 months after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, each  
22 governmental unit that is not subject to the jurisdiction of a  
23 State or local Inspector General shall adopt an ordinance or  
24 resolution amending its sexual harassment policy to provide  
25 for a mechanism for reporting and independent review of  
26 allegations of sexual harassment made against an elected

1 official of the governmental unit by another elected official  
2 of a governmental unit.

3 (b) Within 3 months after the effective date of this  
4 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Attorney  
5 General shall develop model ordinances and resolutions for the  
6 purpose of this Article. The Attorney General shall advise  
7 governmental entities on their contents and adoption.

8 (c) As used in this Article, (i) an "officer" means an  
9 elected or appointed official; regardless of whether the  
10 official is compensated, and (ii) an "employee" means a  
11 full-time, part-time, or contractual employee.

12 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,  
13 a governmental entity may create an ethics commission to  
14 satisfy the requirements of subsection (a).

15 (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17; 101-221, eff. 8-9-19.)

16 Section 50-10. The Election Code is amended by changing  
17 Sections 13-1, 13-2, and 19-2 as follows:

18 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

19 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization,  
20 the county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July  
21 in each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5  
22 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of  
23 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting  
24 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems

1 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect  
2 to which the board considers such action necessary or  
3 desirable in view of the number of voters, and shall for  
4 general elections for any precinct containing more than 600  
5 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5 judges of  
6 election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts the judges  
7 of election shall preside over the election during the hours  
8 the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the assistance  
9 of the holdover judges designated pursuant to Section 13-6.2,  
10 shall count the vote after the closing of the polls. However,  
11 the County Board of Commissioners may appoint 3 judges of  
12 election to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
13 required by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency  
14 referendum, or in any odd-year regular election or in any  
15 special primary or special election called for the purpose of  
16 filling a vacancy in the office of representative in the  
17 United States Congress or to nominate candidates for such  
18 purpose or (2) if the county board passes an ordinance to  
19 reduce the number of judges of election to 3 for primary  
20 elections. In a county with a population of less than 100,000  
21 persons as of the last federal decennial census, an election  
22 authority may also reduce the number of judges of election in  
23 each precinct to 3 judges of election in lieu of the 5 judges  
24 of election otherwise required by this Section. The tally  
25 judges shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
26 appointed in the same manner and with the same division

1 between political parties as is provided for judges of  
2 election.

3 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of  
4 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,  
5 who shall possess the same qualifications and shall be  
6 appointed in the same manner and with the same division  
7 between political parties as is provided for other judges of  
8 election. The number of such panels of judges required shall  
9 be determined by regulations of the State Board of Elections  
10 which shall base the required numbers of special panels on the  
11 number of registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number  
12 of vote by mail ballots voted at recent elections, or any  
13 combination of such factors.

14 Such appointment shall be confirmed by the court as  
15 provided in Section 13-3 of this Article. No more than 3  
16 persons of the same political party shall be appointed judges  
17 of the same election precinct or election judge panel. The  
18 appointment shall be made in the following manner: The county  
19 board of commissioners shall select and approve 3 persons as  
20 judges of election in each election precinct from a certified  
21 list, furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee  
22 of the first leading political party in such precinct; and the  
23 county board of commissioners shall also select and approve 2  
24 persons as judges of election in each election precinct from a  
25 certified list, furnished by the chair of the County Central  
26 Committee of the second leading political party. However, if

1 only 3 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no  
2 more than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges  
3 of election in the same election precinct; and which political  
4 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
5 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
6 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
7 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
8 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not  
9 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board  
10 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to  
11 precincts. The chair of each county central committee shall,  
12 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the  
13 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,  
14 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside  
15 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the  
16 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit  
17 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each  
18 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit  
19 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each  
20 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county  
21 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each  
22 county chair the names of all persons submitted on such  
23 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.  
24 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,  
25 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for  
26 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners

1 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in  
2 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The  
3 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their  
4 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in  
5 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of  
6 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge  
7 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/13-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-2)

10 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the  
11 county board shall at its meeting in July in each  
12 even-numbered year except in counties containing a population  
13 of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges  
14 are appointed by election commissioners, select in each  
15 election precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet  
16 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the  
17 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. Where  
18 neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric  
19 voting systems are used, the county board may, for any  
20 precinct with respect to which the board considers such action  
21 necessary or desirable in view of the number of voters, and  
22 shall for general elections for any precinct containing more  
23 than 600 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5  
24 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts  
25 the judges of election shall preside over the election during

1 the hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the  
2 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to  
3 Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the  
4 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications  
5 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same  
6 division between political parties as is provided for judges  
7 of election.

8 However, the county board may appoint 3 judges of election  
9 to serve in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise required  
10 by this Section (1) to serve in any emergency referendum, or in  
11 any odd-year regular election or in any special primary or  
12 special election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy  
13 in the office of representative in the United States Congress  
14 or to nominate candidates for such purpose or (2) if the county  
15 board passes an ordinance to reduce the number of judges of  
16 election to 3 for primary elections. In a county with a  
17 population of less than 100,000 persons as of the last federal  
18 decennial census, an election authority may also reduce the  
19 number of judges of election in each precinct to 3 judges of  
20 election in lieu of the 5 judges of election otherwise  
21 required by this Section.

22 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board  
23 shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall  
24 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the  
25 same manner and with the same division between political  
26 parties as is provided for other judges of election. The

1 number of such panels of judges required shall be determined  
2 by regulations of the State Board of Elections, which shall  
3 base the required number of special panels on the number of  
4 registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of  
5 absentee ballots voted at recent elections or any combination  
6 of such factors.

7 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be  
8 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided  
9 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the  
10 various election precincts shall be made in the following  
11 manner: The county board shall select and approve 3 of the  
12 election judges in each precinct from a certified list  
13 furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee of the  
14 first leading political party in such election precinct and  
15 shall also select and approve 2 judges of election in each  
16 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the chair  
17 of the County Central Committee of the second leading  
18 political party in such election precinct. However, if only 3  
19 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no more  
20 than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges of  
21 election in the same election precinct; and which political  
22 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political  
23 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined  
24 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding  
25 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.  
26 The respective County Central Committee chair shall notify the

1 county board by June 1 of each odd-numbered year immediately  
2 preceding the annual meeting of the county board whether or  
3 not such certified list will be filed by such chair. Such list  
4 shall be arranged according to precincts. The chair of each  
5 county central committee shall, insofar as possible, list  
6 persons who reside within the precinct in which they are to  
7 serve as judges. However, he may, in his sole discretion,  
8 submit the names of persons who reside outside the precinct  
9 but within the county embracing the precinct in which they are  
10 to serve. He must, however, submit the names of at least 2  
11 residents of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
12 is to have 3 judges and must submit the name of at least one  
13 resident of the precinct for each precinct in which his party  
14 is to have 2 judges. Such certified list, if filed, shall be  
15 filed with the county clerk not less than 20 days before the  
16 annual meeting of the county board. The county board shall  
17 acknowledge in writing to each county chair the names of all  
18 persons submitted on such certified list and the total number  
19 of persons listed thereon. If no such list is filed or the list  
20 is incomplete (that is, no names or an insufficient number of  
21 names are furnished for certain election precincts), the  
22 county board shall make or complete such list from the names  
23 contained in the supplemental list provided for in Section  
24 13-1.1. Provided, further, that in any case where a township  
25 has been or shall be redistricted, in whole or in part,  
26 subsequent to one general election for Governor, and prior to

1 the next, the judges of election to be selected for all new or  
2 altered precincts shall be selected in that one of the methods  
3 above detailed, which shall be applicable according to the  
4 facts and circumstances of the particular case, but the  
5 majority of such judges for each such precinct shall be  
6 selected from the first leading political party, and the  
7 minority judges from the second leading political party.  
8 Provided, further, that in counties having a population of  
9 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the selection of judges of  
10 election shall be made in the same manner in all respects as in  
11 other counties, except that the provisions relating to tally  
12 judges are inapplicable to such counties and except that the  
13 county board shall meet during the month of January for the  
14 purpose of making such selection, each township  
15 committeeperson shall assume the responsibilities given to the  
16 chair of the county central committee in this Section for the  
17 precincts within his or her township, and the township  
18 committeeperson shall notify the county board by the preceding  
19 October 1 whether or not the certified list will be filed. Such  
20 judges of election shall hold their office for 2 years from  
21 their appointment and until their successors are duly  
22 appointed in the manner provided in this Act. The county board  
23 shall fill all vacancies in the office of judges of elections  
24 at any time in the manner herein provided.

25 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by  
26 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

3 Sec. 19-2. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any  
4 elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or  
5 electronically on the website of the appropriate election  
6 authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior to the  
7 date of such election, or by personal delivery not more than 90  
8 nor less than one day prior to the date of such election, make  
9 application to the county clerk or to the Board of Election  
10 Commissioners for an official ballot for the voter's precinct  
11 to be voted at such election. Such a ballot shall be delivered  
12 to the elector only upon separate application by the elector  
13 for each election. Voters who make an application for  
14 permanent vote by mail ballot status shall follow the  
15 procedures specified in Section 19-3 and may apply year round.  
16 Voters whose application for permanent vote by mail status is  
17 accepted by the election authority shall remain on the  
18 permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to be  
19 removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter provides  
20 notice to the election authority of a change in registration  
21 that affects their registration status, or the election  
22 authority receives confirmation that the voter has  
23 subsequently registered to vote in another election authority  
24 jurisdiction. Each election authority shall establish a  
25 website for eligible voters to request a vote by mail ballot by

1 electronic form and the ~~The~~ URL address at which voters may  
2 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no  
3 later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be  
4 changed until after the election.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;  
6 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

7 Article 55.

8 Section 55-5. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District  
9 Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

10 (70 ILCS 2605/4) (from Ch. 42, par. 323)

11 Sec. 4. The commissioners elected under this Act  
12 constitute a board of commissioners for the district by which  
13 they are elected, which board of commissioners is the  
14 corporate authority of the sanitary district, and, in addition  
15 to all other powers specified in this Act, shall establish the  
16 policies and goals of the sanitary district. The executive  
17 director, in addition to all other powers specified in this  
18 Act, shall manage and control all the affairs and property of  
19 the sanitary district and shall regularly report to the Board  
20 of Commissioners on the activities of the sanitary district in  
21 executing the policies and goals established by the board. At  
22 the regularly scheduled meeting of odd numbered years  
23 following the induction of new commissioners the board of

1 commissioners shall elect from its own number a president and  
2 a vice-president to serve in the absence of the president, and  
3 the chairman of the committee on finance. The board shall  
4 provide by rule when a vacancy occurs in the office of the  
5 president, vice-president, or the chairman of the committee on  
6 finance and the manner of filling such vacancy.

7 The board shall appoint from outside its own number the  
8 executive director and treasurer for the district.

9 The executive director must be a resident of the sanitary  
10 district and a citizen of the United States. He must be  
11 selected solely upon his administrative and technical  
12 qualifications and without regard to his political  
13 affiliations.

14 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
15 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of the  
16 executive director, or treasurer, the board of commissioners  
17 may appoint an acting officer from outside its own number, to  
18 perform the duties and responsibilities of the office during  
19 the term of the absence or vacancy.

20 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
21 board of commissioners, shall appoint the director of  
22 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
23 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
24 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
25 research, and director of information technology. These  
26 constitute the heads of the Department of Engineering,

1 Maintenance and Operations, Human Resources, Procurement and  
2 Materials Management, Finance, Law, Monitoring and Research,  
3 and Information Technology, respectively. No other departments  
4 or heads of departments may be created without subsequent  
5 amendment to this Act. All such department heads are under the  
6 direct supervision of the executive director.

7 The executive director, with the advice and consent of the  
8 board of commissioners, shall appoint a public and  
9 intergovernmental affairs officer and an administrative  
10 services officer. The public and intergovernmental affairs  
11 officer and administrative services officer shall serve under  
12 the direct supervision of the executive director.

13 The director of human resources must be qualified under  
14 Section 4.2a of this Act.

15 The director of procurement and materials management must  
16 be selected in accordance with Section 11.16 of this Act.

17 In the event of illness or other prolonged absence, death  
18 or resignation creating a vacancy in the office of director of  
19 engineering, director of maintenance and operations, director  
20 of human resources, director of procurement and materials  
21 management, clerk, general counsel, director of monitoring and  
22 research, public and intergovernmental affairs officer,  
23 administrative services officer, or director of information  
24 technology, the executive director shall appoint an acting  
25 officer to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
26 office during the term of the absence or vacancy. Any such

1 officers appointed in an acting capacity are under the direct  
2 supervision of the executive director.

3 All appointive officers and acting officers shall give  
4 bond as may be required by the board.

5 The executive director, treasurer, acting executive  
6 director, and acting treasurer hold their offices at the  
7 pleasure of the board of commissioners.

8 The acting director of engineering, acting director of  
9 maintenance and operations, acting director of human  
10 resources, acting director of procurement and materials  
11 management, acting clerk, acting general counsel, acting  
12 director of monitoring and research, acting public and  
13 intergovernmental affairs officer, acting administrative  
14 services officer, and acting director of information  
15 technology hold their offices at the pleasure of the executive  
16 director.

17 The director of engineering, director of maintenance and  
18 operations, director of human resources, director of  
19 procurement and materials management, clerk, general counsel,  
20 director of monitoring and research, public and  
21 intergovernmental affairs officer, administrative services  
22 officer, and director of information technology may be removed  
23 from office for cause by the executive director. Prior to  
24 removal, such officers are entitled to a public hearing before  
25 the executive director at which hearing they may be  
26 represented by counsel. Before the hearing, the executive

1 director shall notify the board of commissioners of the date,  
2 time, place and nature of the hearing.

3 In addition to the general counsel appointed by the  
4 executive director, the board of commissioners may appoint  
5 from outside its own number an attorney, or retain counsel, to  
6 advise the board of commissioners with respect to its powers  
7 and duties and with respect to legal questions and matters of  
8 policy for which the board of commissioners is responsible.

9 The executive director is the chief administrative officer  
10 of the district, has supervision over and is responsible for  
11 all administrative and operational matters of the sanitary  
12 district including the duties of all employees which are not  
13 otherwise designated by law, and is the appointing authority  
14 as specified in Section 4.11 of this Act.

15 The board of commissioners shall appoint from outside its  
16 own number an Inspector General or enter into an  
17 intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local  
18 government for the appointment of an Inspector General. The  
19 board of commissioners shall establish minimum qualifications  
20 and duties for the Inspector General by ordinance or  
21 intergovernmental agreement.

22 The board, through the budget process, shall set the  
23 compensation of all the officers and employees of the sanitary  
24 district. Any incumbent of the office of president may appoint  
25 an administrative aide which appointment remains in force  
26 during his incumbency unless revoked by the president.

1           Effective upon the election in January, 1985 of the  
2 president and vice-president of the board of commissioners and  
3 the chairman of the committee on finance, the annual salary of  
4 the president shall be \$37,500 and shall be increased to  
5 \$39,500 in January, 1987, \$41,500 in January, 1989, \$50,000 in  
6 January, 1991, and \$60,000 in January, 2001; the annual salary  
7 of the vice-president shall be \$35,000 and shall be increased  
8 to \$37,000 in January, 1987, \$39,000 in January, 1989, \$45,000  
9 in January, 1991, and \$55,000 in January, 2001; the annual  
10 salary of the chairman of the committee on finance shall be  
11 \$32,500 and shall be increased to \$34,500 in January, 1987,  
12 \$36,500 in January, 1989, \$45,000 in January, 1991, and  
13 \$55,000 in January, 2001.

14           The annual salaries of the other members of the Board  
15 shall be as follows:

16           For the three members elected in November, 1980,  
17 \$26,500 per annum for the first two years of the term;  
18 \$28,000 per annum for the next two years of the term and  
19 \$30,000 per annum for the last two years.

20           For the three members elected in November, 1982,  
21 \$28,000 per annum for the first two years of the term and  
22 \$30,000 per annum thereafter.

23           For members elected in November, 1984, \$30,000 per  
24 annum.

25           For the three members elected in November, 1986,  
26 \$32,000 for each of the first two years of the term,

1           \$34,000 for each of the next two years and \$36,000 for the  
2           last two years;

3           For three members elected in November, 1988, \$34,000  
4           for each of the first two years of the term and \$36,000 for  
5           each year thereafter.

6           For members elected in November, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
7           1996, or 1998, \$40,000.

8           For members elected in November, 2000 and thereafter,  
9           \$50,000.

10          Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the  
11          board, prior to January 1, 2007 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
12          increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
13          amount for each of the following: the president, the  
14          vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
15          the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
16          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
17          members of the board commence after the increase in  
18          compensation is adopted by the board.

19          Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the  
20          board, prior to January 1, 2026 and with a two-thirds vote, may  
21          increase the annual rate of compensation at a separate flat  
22          amount for each of the following: the president, the  
23          vice-president, the chairman of the committee on finance, and  
24          the other members; the increased annual rate of compensation  
25          shall apply to all such officers and members whose terms as  
26          members of the board commence after the increase in

1 compensation is adopted by the board.

2 After 2034, the annual rate of compensation shall equal  
3 the previous year increased by a percentage equal to the  
4 percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for  
5 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United  
6 States Department of Labor for the previous year. The  
7 increased annual rate of compensation that begins after 2034  
8 shall apply to all officers and members whose terms as members  
9 of the board commence after the increase.

10 The board of commissioners has full power to pass all  
11 necessary ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions and  
12 regulations for the proper management and conduct of the  
13 business of the board of commissioners and the corporation and  
14 for carrying into effect the object for which the sanitary  
15 district is formed. All ordinances, orders, rules, resolutions  
16 and regulations passed by the board of commissioners must,  
17 before they take effect, be approved by the president of the  
18 board of commissioners. If he approves thereof, he shall sign  
19 them, and such as he does not approve he shall return to the  
20 board of commissioners with his objections in writing at the  
21 next regular meeting of the board of commissioners occurring  
22 after the passage thereof. Such veto may extend to any one or  
23 more items or appropriations contained in any ordinance making  
24 an appropriation, or to the entire ordinance. If the veto  
25 extends to a part of such ordinance, the residue takes effect.  
26 If the president of such board of commissioners fails to

1 return any ordinance, order, rule, resolution or regulation  
2 with his objections thereto in the time required, he is deemed  
3 to have approved it, and it takes effect accordingly. Upon the  
4 return of any ordinance, order, rule, resolution, or  
5 regulation by the president, the vote by which it was passed  
6 must be reconsidered by the board of commissioners, and if  
7 upon such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members agree  
8 by yeas and nays to pass it, it takes effect notwithstanding  
9 the president's refusal to approve thereof.

10 It is the policy of this State that all powers granted,  
11 either expressly or by necessary implication, by this Act or  
12 any other Illinois statute to the District may be exercised by  
13 the District notwithstanding effects on competition. It is the  
14 intention of the General Assembly that the "State action  
15 exemption" to the application of federal antitrust statutes be  
16 fully available to the District to the extent its activities  
17 are authorized by law as stated herein.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-808, eff. 5-13-22.)

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