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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 10.

6 Section 10-5. The School Code is amended by changing
7 Section 23-7 as follows:

8 (105 ILCS 5/23-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 23-7)

9 Sec. 23-7. Compensation and expenses.

10 No school board member shall receive any compensation for
11 service rendered to any such association, whether as an
12 officer or otherwise, but shall be entitled to reimbursement
13 for expenses actually incurred in the work of such
14 association. Consistent with Section 10-15 of the State
15 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a school board association

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

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

10 Article 15.

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

13 (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

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

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the period
16 for early voting by personal appearance begins the 40th day
17 preceding a general primary, consolidated primary,
18 consolidated, or general election and extends through the end
19 of the day before election day.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Section, a
21 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open
22 beginning the 15th day before an election through the end of
23 the day before election day during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to

1 4:30 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on weekdays, except that
2 beginning 8 days before election day, a permanent polling
3 place for early voting must remain open during the hours of
4 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00
5 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 10:00 a.m. to
6 4 p.m. on Sundays; except that, in addition to the hours
7 required by this subsection, a permanent polling place
8 designated by an election authority under subsections (c),
9 (d), and (e) of Section 19A-10 must remain open for a total of
10 at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period
11 and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during
12 the early voting period.

13 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an election authority
14 may close an early voting polling place if the building in
15 which the polling place is located has been closed by the State
16 or unit of local government in response to a severe weather
17 emergency or other force majeure. The election authority shall
18 notify the State Board of Elections of any closure and shall
19 make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an
20 alternative location for early voting.

21 (d) (Blank).

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

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

1 Article 20.

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

4 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

5 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for
6 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in
7 the manner following:

8 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be
9 printed in large capital letters, words designating the
10 ballot, if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall
11 be: "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the
12 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and
13 in like manner for each political party.

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

20 President of the United States, State offices,
21 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be
22 elected from the State at large to National nominating
23 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected
24 from congressional districts to National nominating

1 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,
2 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial
3 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town
4 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be
5 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, township or ward
6 committeepersons. If two or more columns are used, the
7 foregoing offices to and including member of the State central
8 committee shall be listed in the left-hand column and
9 Senatorial offices, as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the
10 first offices listed in the second column.

11 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small
12 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for
13 not more than two"; "Vote for not more than three". If no
14 candidate or candidates file for an office and if no person or
15 persons file a declaration as a write-in candidate for that
16 office, then below the title of that office the election
17 authority instead shall print "No Candidate".

18 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or
19 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall
20 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for
21 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or
22 (b) no official designation, depending upon the action taken
23 by the State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of
24 this Act.

25 Below the name of each office shall be printed ~~in capital~~
26 ~~letters~~ the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in

1 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as
2 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.
3 The lettering of candidate names on a ballot shall be in both
4 capital and lowercase letters in conformance with standard
5 English language guidelines, unless compliance is not feasible
6 due to the election system utilized by the election authority.

7 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be
8 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall
9 be of uniform size. The names of each team of candidates for
10 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, however, shall be printed
11 within a bracket, and a single square shall be printed in front
12 of the bracket. Spaces between the names of candidates under
13 each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall
14 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names
15 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to
16 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

17 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
18 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as
19 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever
20 is applicable.

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

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 Code Act, shall be
7 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in
8 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing
9 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition
10 for 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 p.m. ~~noon~~ on the second business day after receipt
13 of the petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted
14 personal delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section
15 10-8.5, the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and
16 the original objector's petition to the chair of the proper
17 electoral board designated in Section 10-9 of this Code
18 ~~hereof~~, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by
19 registered mail or receipted personal delivery, or by
20 electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of the objector's
21 petition, to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or
22 nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of
23 residence designated in said certificate of nomination or
24 nomination papers. In the case of objections to a petition for
25 a proposed amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or for
26 an advisory public question to be submitted to the voters of

1 the entire State, the State Board of Elections shall note the
2 day and hour upon which such objector's petition is filed and
3 shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition by registered
4 mail 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 p.m. ~~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 of this Code hereof, or his authorized agent, and shall
21 transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal
22 delivery, or by electronic delivery under Section 10-8.5, of
23 the objector's petition to the person designated on a
24 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 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,
8 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections
9 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article
10 8, 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; revised 6-24-25.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/10-8.5 new)

15 Sec. 10-8.5. Electronic service of objections. The State
16 Board of Elections and election authorities may authorize
17 service of objections to candidate nominations through
18 electronic mail in lieu of personal service or registered mail
19 if the State Board of Elections or election authority
20 responsible for convening the electoral board: (1) provides
21 candidates the opportunity to provide an electronic mail
22 address where notices of objections and electoral board
23 proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal
24 service or registered mail; (2) provides objectors with the
25 opportunity to provide an electronic mail address where

1 notices and electoral board proceedings may be sent
2 electronically in lieu of personal service or registered mail;
3 and (3) publishes notice of its decision to provide service
4 under this Section on its website no later than 5 business days
5 before the first day for petition filing for the election.

6 Article 35.

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

9 (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

10 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-441 and
11 104-457)

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

15 (a) All information determined to be confidential
16 under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and
17 Development Act.

18 (b) Library circulation and order records identifying
19 library users with specific materials under the Library
20 Records Confidentiality Act.

21 (c) Applications, related documents, and medical
22 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation
23 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other

1 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation
2 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it
3 has received.

4 (d) Information and records held by the Department of
5 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating
6 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted
7 infection or any information the disclosure of which is
8 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted
9 Infection Control Act.

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

12 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of
13 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying
14 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

15 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted
16 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid
17 Tuition Act.

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

24 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy
25 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a
26 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted

1 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

2 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution
3 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers
4 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

5 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information
6 or driver identification information compiled by a law
7 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation
8 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

9 (l) Records and information provided to a residential
10 health care facility resident sexual assault and death
11 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse
12 Prevention Review Team Act.

13 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending
14 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential
15 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent
16 authorized under that Article.

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

24 (o) Information that is prohibited from being
25 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and
26 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

1 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,
2 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or
3 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the
4 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and
5 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the
6 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional
7 Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the
8 Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair
9 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety
10 Act (repealed).

11 (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the
12 Personnel Record Review Act.

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

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

17 (t) (Blank).

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

21 (v) Names and information of people who have applied
22 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under
23 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for
24 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm
25 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the
26 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the

1 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed
2 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed
3 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the
4 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

5 (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification
6 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under
7 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

8 (w) Personally identifiable information which is
9 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section
10 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

11 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure
12 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section
13 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

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

22 (z) Records and information provided to a fatality
23 review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory
24 Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services
25 Act.

26 (aa) Information which is exempted from disclosure

1 under Section 2.37 of the Wildlife Code.

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

4 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement
5 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent
6 authorized under that Act.

7 (dd) Information that is prohibited from being
8 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common
9 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

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

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

14 (gg) Information that is prohibited from being
15 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle
16 Code.

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

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

22 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be
23 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day
24 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from
25 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day
26 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

1 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the
2 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

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

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

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

10 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports
11 arising out of a peer support counseling session
12 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders
13 Suicide Prevention Act.

14 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to
15 an employee of an emergency services provider or law
16 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide
17 Prevention Act.

18 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of
19 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected
20 under the Reproductive Health Act.

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

23 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of
24 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois
25 Human Rights Act.

26 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy

1 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that
2 Act.

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

5 (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
6 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois
7 Public Aid Code.

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

10 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or
11 information that shall not be made public under the
12 Illinois Insurance Code.

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

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

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

19 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure
20 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State
21 Police Act.

22 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section
23 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
24 Administrative Code of Illinois.

25 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed
26 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for

1 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human
2 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

3 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed
4 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic
5 Violence Fatality Review Act.

6 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera
7 Act and all automated license plate reader (ALPR)
8 information used and collected by the Illinois State
9 Police. "ALPR information" means information gathered by
10 an ALPR or created from the analysis of data generated by
11 an ALPR. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after
12 July 1, 2028.

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

16 (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State
17 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault
18 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,
19 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge
20 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card
21 Act.

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

24 (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
25 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

26 (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited

1 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship
2 Act.

3 (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section
4 2-3.196 of the School Code.

5 (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed
6 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois
7 Power Agency Act.

8 (nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce
9 and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the
10 Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

11 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section
12 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

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

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

17 (rrr) Information prohibited from being disclosed
18 under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money Transmission
19 Modernization Act.

20 (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
21 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

22 (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the
23 Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized
24 under that Section.

25 (uuu) Information prohibited from being disclosed
26 under Section 30-5 of the Digital Assets Regulation Act.

1 (www) Nomination petitions exempt from disclosure
2 under subsection (13) of Section 7-12 of the Election
3 Code.

4 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23;
5 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372, eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff.
6 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23; 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592,
7 eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24;
8 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786, eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff.
9 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081,
10 eff. 3-21-25; 104-10, eff. 6-16-25; 104-18, eff. 6-30-25;
11 104-417, eff. 8-15-25; 104-428, eff. 8-18-25; revised
12 9-10-25.)

13 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457 but
14 before 104-441)

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16 by the statutes referenced below, the following shall be
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20 Development Act.

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22 library users with specific materials under the Library
23 Records Confidentiality Act.

24 (c) Applications, related documents, and medical
25 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation

1 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other
2 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation
3 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it
4 has received.

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6 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating
7 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted
8 infection or any information the disclosure of which is
9 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted
10 Infection Control Act.

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

13 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of
14 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying
15 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

16 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted
17 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid
18 Tuition Act.

19 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted
20 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and
21 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector
22 general's office that would be exempt if created or
23 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under
24 that Act.

25 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy
26 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a

1 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted
2 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

3 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution
4 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers
5 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

6 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information
7 or driver identification information compiled by a law
8 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation
9 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

10 (l) Records and information provided to a residential
11 health care facility resident sexual assault and death
12 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse
13 Prevention Review Team Act.

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15 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential
16 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent
17 authorized under that Article.

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19 compensation and expenses for court appointed trial
20 counsel as provided under Sections 10 and 15 of the
21 Capital Crimes Litigation Act (repealed). This subsection
22 (n) shall apply until the conclusion of the trial of the
23 case, even if the prosecution chooses not to pursue the
24 death penalty prior to trial or sentencing.

25 (o) Information that is prohibited from being
26 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and

1 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

2 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,
3 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or
4 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the
5 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and
6 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the
7 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Northern
8 Illinois Transit Authority under Section 2.11 of the
9 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, or the St. Clair
10 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety
11 Act (repealed).

12 (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the
13 Personnel Record Review Act.

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

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17 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

18 (t) (Blank).

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

22 (v) Names and information of people who have applied
23 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under
24 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for
25 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm
26 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the

1 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the
2 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed
3 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed
4 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the
5 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

6 (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification
7 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under
8 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

9 (w) Personally identifiable information which is
10 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section
11 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

12 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure
13 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section
14 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

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

23 (z) Records and information provided to a fatality
24 review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory
25 Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services
26 Act.

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

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

5 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement
6 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent
7 authorized under that Act.

8 (dd) Information that is prohibited from being
9 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common
10 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

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

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

15 (gg) Information that is prohibited from being
16 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle
17 Code.

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

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

23 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be
24 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day
25 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from
26 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day

1 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

2 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the
3 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

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

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

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

11 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports
12 arising out of a peer support counseling session
13 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders
14 Suicide Prevention Act.

15 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to
16 an employee of an emergency services provider or law
17 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide
18 Prevention Act.

19 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of
20 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected
21 under the Reproductive Health Act.

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

24 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of
25 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois
26 Human Rights Act.

1 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy
2 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that
3 Act.

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

6 (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
7 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois
8 Public Aid Code.

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

11 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or
12 information that shall not be made public under the
13 Illinois Insurance Code.

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

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

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

20 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure
21 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State
22 Police Act.

23 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section
24 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
25 Administrative Code of Illinois.

26 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed

1 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for
2 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human
3 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

4 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed
5 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic
6 Violence Fatality Review Act.

7 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera
8 Act and all automated license plate reader (ALPR)
9 information used and collected by the Illinois State
10 Police. "ALPR information" means information gathered by
11 an ALPR or created from the analysis of data generated by
12 an ALPR. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after
13 July 1, 2028.

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

17 (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State
18 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault
19 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,
20 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge
21 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card
22 Act.

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

25 (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
26 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

1 (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited
2 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship
3 Act.

4 (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section
5 2-3.196 of the School Code.

6 (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed
7 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois
8 Power Agency Act.

9 (nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce
10 and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the
11 Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

12 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section
13 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

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

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

18 (rrr) Information prohibited from being disclosed
19 under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money Transmission
20 Modernization Act.

21 (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
22 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

23 (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the
24 Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized
25 under that Section.

26 (uuu) Information prohibited from being disclosed

1 under Section 30-5 of the Digital Assets Regulation Act.

2 (www) Nomination petitions exempt from disclosure
3 under subsection (13) of Section 7-12 of the Election
4 Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23;
6 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372, eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff.
7 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23; 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592,
8 eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24;
9 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786, eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff.
10 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081,
11 eff. 3-21-25; 104-10, eff. 6-16-25; 104-18, eff. 6-30-25;
12 104-417, eff. 8-15-25; 104-428, eff. 8-18-25; 104-457, eff.
13 6-1-26; revised 1-7-26.)

14 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-441)

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

18 (a) All information determined to be confidential
19 under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and
20 Development Act.

21 (b) Library circulation and order records identifying
22 library users with specific materials under the Library
23 Records Confidentiality Act.

24 (c) Applications, related documents, and medical
25 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation

1 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other
2 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation
3 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it
4 has received.

5 (d) Information and records held by the Department of
6 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating
7 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted
8 infection or any information the disclosure of which is
9 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted
10 Infection Control Act.

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

13 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of
14 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying
15 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

16 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted
17 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid
18 Tuition Act.

19 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted
20 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and
21 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector
22 general's office that would be exempt if created or
23 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under
24 that Act.

25 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy
26 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a

1 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted
2 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

3 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution
4 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers
5 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

6 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information
7 or driver identification information compiled by a law
8 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation
9 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

10 (l) Records and information provided to a residential
11 health care facility resident sexual assault and death
12 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse
13 Prevention Review Team Act.

14 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending
15 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential
16 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent
17 authorized under that Article.

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

25 (o) Information that is prohibited from being
26 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and

1 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

2 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,
3 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or
4 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the
5 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and
6 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the
7 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Northern
8 Illinois Transit Authority under Section 2.11 of the
9 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, or the St. Clair
10 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety
11 Act (repealed).

12 (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the
13 Personnel Record Review Act.

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

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

18 (t) (Blank).

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

22 (v) Names and information of people who have applied
23 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under
24 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for
25 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm
26 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the

1 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the
2 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed
3 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed
4 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the
5 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

6 (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification
7 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under
8 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

9 (w) Personally identifiable information which is
10 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section
11 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

12 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure
13 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section
14 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

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

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24 review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory
25 Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services
26 Act.

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

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4 disclosure by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

5 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement
6 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent
7 authorized under that Act.

8 (dd) Information that is prohibited from being
9 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common
10 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

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

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

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16 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle
17 Code.

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

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

23 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be
24 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day
25 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from
26 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day

1 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

2 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the
3 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

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

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

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

11 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports
12 arising out of a peer support counseling session
13 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders
14 Suicide Prevention Act.

15 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to
16 an employee of an emergency services provider or law
17 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide
18 Prevention Act.

19 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of
20 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected
21 under the Reproductive Health Act.

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

24 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of
25 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois
26 Human Rights Act.

1 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy
2 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that
3 Act.

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

6 (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
7 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois
8 Public Aid Code.

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

11 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or
12 information that shall not be made public under the
13 Illinois Insurance Code.

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

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

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

20 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure
21 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State
22 Police Act.

23 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section
24 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
25 Administrative Code of Illinois.

26 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed

1 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for
2 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human
3 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

4 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed
5 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic
6 Violence Fatality Review Act.

7 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera
8 Act and all automated license plate reader (ALPR)
9 information used and collected by the Illinois State
10 Police. "ALPR information" means information gathered by
11 an ALPR or created from the analysis of data generated by
12 an ALPR. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after
13 July 1, 2028.

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

17 (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State
18 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault
19 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,
20 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge
21 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card
22 Act.

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

25 (jjj) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
26 30 of the Insurance Data Security Law.

1 (kkk) Confidential business information prohibited
2 from disclosure under Section 45 of the Paint Stewardship
3 Act.

4 (lll) Data exempt from disclosure under Section
5 2-3.196 of the School Code.

6 (mmm) Information prohibited from being disclosed
7 under subsection (e) of Section 1-129 of the Illinois
8 Power Agency Act.

9 (nnn) Materials received by the Department of Commerce
10 and Economic Opportunity that are confidential under the
11 Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act.

12 (ooo) Data or information provided pursuant to Section
13 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and Assessment Act.

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

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

18 (rrr) Information prohibited from being disclosed
19 under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money Transmission
20 Modernization Act.

21 (sss) Information exempt from disclosure under Section
22 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.

23 (ttt) Audio recordings made under Section 30 of the
24 Illinois State Police Act, except to the extent authorized
25 under that Section.

26 (uuu) Information prohibited from being disclosed

1 under Section 30-5 of the Digital Assets Regulation Act.

2 (vvv) ~~(uuu)~~ Information exempt from disclosure under
3 Section 70 of the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill
4 Patients Act.

5 (www) Nomination petitions exempt from disclosure
6 under subsection (13) of Section 7-12 of the Election
7 Code.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23;
9 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372, eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff.
10 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23; 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592,
11 eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24;
12 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786, eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff.
13 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; 103-1081,
14 eff. 3-21-25; 104-10, eff. 6-16-25; 104-18, eff. 6-30-25;
15 104-417, eff. 8-15-25; 104-428, eff. 8-18-25; 104-441, eff.
16 9-12-26; 104-457, eff. 6-1-26; revised 1-7-26.)

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

21 (10 ILCS 5/1-9.1)

22 Sec. 1-9.1. Office and candidate information; ballot
23 ~~Ballot~~ counting information dissemination.

24 (a) Each election authority shall maintain ~~maintaining~~ a

1 website and shall ~~must~~ provide 24-hour notice on its website
2 of the date, time, and location of the analysis, processing,
3 and counting of all ballot forms. Each election authority
4 shall ~~must~~ notify any political party or pollwatcher of the
5 same information 24 hours before the count begins if such
6 political party or pollwatcher has requested to be notified.
7 Notification may be by electronic mail at the address provided
8 by the requester.

9 (b) Each election authority shall post election results on
10 its website, including district data for every electoral
11 district under the election authority's jurisdiction, even if
12 the election authority only has jurisdiction over part of the
13 electoral district. Each election authority shall update the
14 election results on its website each time a new batch of votes
15 is tabulated or every 12 hours, whichever is less. Each
16 election authority shall also update on its website, every 12
17 hours, the number of vote by mail ballots, by precinct, that
18 have been: (i) requested but not received by the election
19 authority; (ii) received but have not been tabulated by the
20 election authority; and (iii) rejected by the election
21 authority.

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

25 (1) no later than 30 days after the proclamation of
26 the results of any canvas declaring persons elected, the

1 name, political party, if any, and the office of each
2 person elected at the general election or consolidated
3 election;

4 (2) no later than 90 days before the first day that
5 nominating petitions may be circulated, the offices that
6 will appear on the ballot at the next regular election;
7 and

8 (3) no later than 5 days after the close of a petition
9 filing period, the name, campaign-affiliated email
10 address, campaign-affiliated phone number, political party
11 affiliation, if any, and office sought by each person who
12 has filed petitions for nomination to appear on the ballot
13 at the next regular election.

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

15 (10 ILCS 5/1-12)

16 Sec. 1-12. Public university voting.

17 (a) Each appropriate election authority shall, in addition
18 to the early voting conducted at locations otherwise required
19 by law, conduct early voting, grace period registration, ~~and~~
20 grace period voting, and election day voting at the student
21 union on the campus of a public university within the election
22 authority's jurisdiction. The voting required by this
23 subsection (a) to be conducted on campus must be conducted
24 from the 6th day before a general primary or general election
25 through ~~until and including the 4th day before~~ a general

1 primary or general election. For early voting and grace period
2 voting, the location shall be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 ~~5~~
3 p.m. and standard hours on a general primary or general
4 election day and as otherwise required by Article 19A of this
5 Code, except that the voting required by this subsection (a)
6 need not be conducted during a consolidated primary or
7 consolidated election. ~~The If an election authority has voting~~
8 ~~equipment that can accommodate a ballot in every form required~~
9 ~~in the election authority's jurisdiction, then the election~~
10 authority shall extend early voting and grace period
11 registration and voting under this Section to any registered
12 voter in the election authority's jurisdiction. ~~However, if~~
13 ~~the election authority does not have voting equipment that can~~
14 ~~accommodate a ballot in every form required in the election~~
15 ~~authority's jurisdiction, then the election authority may~~
16 ~~limit early voting and grace period registration and voting~~
17 ~~under this Section to voters in precincts where the public~~
18 ~~university is located and precincts bordering the university.~~
19 Each public university shall make the space available at the
20 student union for, and cooperate and coordinate with the
21 appropriate election authority in, the implementation of this
22 subsection (a).

23 (b) (Blank).

24 (c) For the purposes of this Section, "public university"
25 means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University,
26 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern

1 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern
2 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and
3 Northeastern Illinois University.

4 (d) For the purposes of this Section, "student union"
5 means the Student Center at 750 S. Halsted on the University of
6 Illinois-Chicago campus; the Public Affairs Center at the
7 University of Illinois at Springfield or a new building
8 completed after the effective date of this Act housing student
9 government at the University of Illinois at Springfield; the
10 Illini Union at the University of Illinois at
11 Urbana-Champaign; the SIUC Student Center at the Southern
12 Illinois University at Carbondale campus; the Morris
13 University Center at the Southern Illinois University at
14 Edwardsville campus; the University Union at the Western
15 Illinois University at the Macomb campus; the Holmes Student
16 Center at the Northern Illinois University campus; the
17 University Union at the Eastern Illinois University campus;
18 NEIU Student Union at the Northeastern Illinois University
19 campus; the Bone Student Center at the Illinois State
20 University campus; the Cordell Reed Student Union at the
21 Chicago State University campus; and the Hall of Governors in
22 Building D at the Governors State University campus.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-691, eff. 7-1-14;
24 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

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

4 (1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the
5 State Electoral Board and the Secretary of State as
6 heretofore provided in this Code;

7 (2) Disseminate information to and consult with
8 election authorities concerning the conduct of elections
9 and registration in accordance with the laws of this State
10 and the laws of the United States;

11 (3) Furnish to each election authority prior to each
12 primary and general election and any other election it
13 deems necessary, a manual of uniform instructions
14 consistent with the provisions of this Code which shall be
15 used by election authorities in the preparation of the
16 official manual of instruction to be used by the judges of
17 election in any such election. In preparing such manual,
18 the State Board shall consult with representatives of the
19 election authorities throughout the State. The State Board
20 may provide separate portions of the uniform instructions
21 applicable to different election jurisdictions which
22 administer elections under different options provided by
23 law. The State Board may by regulation require particular
24 portions of the uniform instructions to be included in any
25 official manual of instructions published by election
26 authorities. Any manual of instructions published by any

1 election authority shall be identical with the manual of
2 uniform instructions issued by the Board, but may be
3 adapted by the election authority to accommodate special
4 or unusual local election problems, provided that all
5 manuals published by election authorities must be
6 consistent with the provisions of this Code in all
7 respects and must receive the approval of the State Board
8 of Elections prior to publication; provided further that
9 if the State Board does not approve or disapprove of a
10 proposed manual within 60 days of its submission, the
11 manual shall be deemed approved;

12 (4) Prescribe and require the use of such uniform
13 forms, notices, and other supplies not inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this Code as it shall deem advisable
15 which shall be used by election authorities in the conduct
16 of elections and registrations;

17 (5) Prepare and certify the form of ballot for any
18 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
19 Illinois, or any referendum to be submitted to the
20 electors throughout the State or, when required to do so
21 by law, to the voters of any area or unit of local
22 government of the State;

23 (6) Require such statistical reports regarding the
24 conduct of elections and registration from election
25 authorities as may be deemed necessary;

26 (7) Review and inspect procedures and records relating

1 to conduct of elections and registration as may be deemed
2 necessary, and to report violations of election laws to
3 the appropriate State's Attorney or the Attorney General;

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

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

11 (10) Determine the validity and sufficiency of
12 petitions filed under Article XIV, Section 3, of the
13 Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

14 (11) Maintain in its principal office a research
15 library that includes, but is not limited to, abstracts of
16 votes by precinct for general primary elections and
17 general elections, current precinct maps, and current
18 precinct poll lists from all election jurisdictions within
19 the State. The research library shall be open to the
20 public during regular business hours. Such abstracts,
21 maps, and lists shall be preserved as permanent records
22 and shall be available for examination and copying at a
23 reasonable cost;

24 (12) Supervise the administration of the registration
25 and election laws throughout the State;

26 (13) Obtain from the Department of Central Management

1 Services, under Section 405-250 of the Department of
2 Central Management Services Law, such use of electronic
3 data processing equipment as may be required to perform
4 the duties of the State Board of Elections and to provide
5 election-related information to candidates, public and
6 party officials, interested civic organizations, and the
7 general public in a timely and efficient manner;

8 (14) To take such action as may be necessary or
9 required to give effect to directions of the national
10 committee or State central committee of an established
11 political party under Sections 7-8, 7-11, and 7-14.1 or
12 such other provisions as may be applicable pertaining to
13 the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to an
14 established political party's national nominating
15 conventions or, notwithstanding any candidate
16 certification schedule contained within this Code, the
17 certification of the Presidential and Vice Presidential
18 candidate selected by the established political party's
19 national nominating convention;

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

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

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

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

7 The Board may by regulation delegate any of its duties or
8 functions under this Article, except that final determinations
9 and orders under this Article shall be issued only by the
10 Board.

11 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
12 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required
13 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and
14 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report
15 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required
16 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

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

21 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, where
22 the nomination is to be made for a State, congressional,
23 or judicial office, or for any office a nomination for
24 which is made for a territorial division or district which
25 comprises more than one county or is partly in one county

1 and partly in another county or counties (including the
2 Fox Metro Water Reclamation District), then, except as
3 otherwise provided in this Section, such petition for
4 nomination shall be filed in the principal office of the
5 State Board of Elections not more than 141 and not less
6 than 134 days prior to the date of the primary, but, in the
7 case of petitions for nomination to fill a vacancy by
8 special election in the office of representative in
9 Congress from this State, such petition for nomination
10 shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board
11 of Elections not more than 85 days and not less than 82
12 days prior to the date of the primary.

13 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme,
14 Appellate or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period
15 preceding the 134th day before a general primary election,
16 petitions for nomination for the office in which the
17 vacancy has occurred shall be filed in the principal
18 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 120
19 nor less than 113 days prior to the date of the general
20 primary election.

21 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or
22 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention,
23 then such petition for nomination shall be filed in the
24 principal office of the State Board of Elections not more
25 than 141 and not less than 134 days prior to the date of
26 the primary; provided, however, that if the rules or

1 policies of a national political party conflict with such
2 requirements for filing petitions for nomination for
3 delegates or alternate delegates to a national nominating
4 convention, the chair of the State central committee of
5 such national political party shall notify the Board in
6 writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of the
7 national political party in conflict, and in such case the
8 Board shall direct such petitions to be filed in
9 accordance with the delegate selection plan adopted by the
10 state central committee of such national political party.

11 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county
12 office or trustee of a sanitary district then such
13 petition shall be filed in the office of the county clerk
14 not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the date
15 of the primary.

16 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal
17 or township office, such petitions for nomination shall be
18 filed in the office of the local election official, not
19 more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the date of
20 the primary; provided, where a municipality's or
21 township's boundaries are coextensive with or are entirely
22 within the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election
23 commissioners, the petitions shall be filed in the office
24 of such board; and provided, that petitions for the office
25 of multi-township assessor shall be filed with the
26 election authority.

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

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

9 (6) The State Board of Elections and the various
10 election authorities and local election officials with
11 whom such petitions for nominations are filed shall
12 specify the place where filings shall be made and upon
13 receipt shall endorse thereon the day and hour on which
14 each petition was filed. All petitions filed by persons
15 waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day for
16 filing, or as of the normal opening hour of the office
17 involved on such day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m.
18 or the normal opening hour, as the case may be. Petitions
19 filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day
20 for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that
21 day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or
22 as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may
23 be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as
24 filed in the order of actual receipt. However, 2 or more
25 petitions filed within the last hour of the filing
26 deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. Where 2 or

1 more petitions are received simultaneously, the State
2 Board of Elections or the various election authorities or
3 local election officials with whom such petitions are
4 filed shall break ties and determine the order of filing,
5 by means of a lottery or other fair and impartial method of
6 random selection approved by the State Board of Elections.
7 Such lottery shall be conducted within 9 days following
8 the last day for petition filing and shall be open to the
9 public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of
10 conducting such random selection shall be given by the
11 State Board of Elections to the chair of the State central
12 committee of each established political party, and by each
13 election authority or local election official, to the
14 County Chair of each established political party, and to
15 each organization of citizens within the election
16 jurisdiction which was entitled, under this Article, at
17 the next preceding election, to have pollwatchers present
18 on the day of election. The State Board of Elections,
19 election authority or local election official shall post
20 in a conspicuous, open and public place, at the entrance
21 of the office, notice of the time and place of such
22 lottery. The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules
23 and regulations governing the procedures for the conduct
24 of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified in the
25 order in which their petitions have been filed. Where
26 candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be

1 certified in the order determined by lot and prior to
2 candidates who filed for the same office at a later time.

3 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate
4 election authority or local election official with whom
5 such a petition for nomination is filed shall notify the
6 person for whom a petition for nomination has been filed
7 of the obligation to file statements of organization,
8 reports of campaign contributions, and quarterly reports
9 of campaign contributions and expenditures under Article 9
10 of this Code. Such notice shall be given in the manner
11 prescribed by paragraph (7) of Section 9-16 of this Code.

12 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not
13 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a
14 statement of economic interests as required by the
15 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his
16 candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the
17 period for the filing of nomination papers unless he has
18 filed a statement of economic interests in relation to the
19 same governmental unit with that officer within a year
20 preceding the date on which such nomination papers were
21 filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the
22 statement of economic interests of that candidate are not
23 required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate
24 must file with the officer with whom the nomination papers
25 are filed a receipt from the officer with whom the
26 statement of economic interests is filed showing the date

1 on which such statement was filed. Such receipt shall be
2 so filed not later than the last day on which nomination
3 papers may be filed.

4 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any
5 person for whom a petition for nomination, or for
6 committeeperson or for delegate or alternate delegate to a
7 national nominating convention has been filed may cause
8 his name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by
9 him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to
10 take acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal
11 or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections
12 or with the appropriate election authority or local
13 election official, not later than the date of
14 certification of candidates for the consolidated primary
15 or general primary ballot. No names so withdrawn shall be
16 certified or printed on the primary ballot. If petitions
17 for nomination have been filed for the same person with
18 respect to more than one political party, his name shall
19 not be certified nor printed on the primary ballot of any
20 party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the
21 same person for 2 or more offices which are incompatible
22 so that the same person could not serve in more than one of
23 such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a
24 candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5
25 business days following the last day for petition filing.
26 A candidate in a judicial election may file petitions for

1 nomination for only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only
2 one vacancy in a circuit in any one filing period, and if
3 petitions for nomination have been filed for the same
4 person for 2 or more vacancies in the same circuit or
5 subcircuit in the same filing period, his or her name
6 shall be certified only for the first vacancy for which
7 the petitions for nomination were filed. If he fails to
8 withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices
9 within such time his name shall not be certified, nor
10 printed on the primary ballot, for any office. For the
11 purpose of the foregoing provisions, an office in a
12 political party is not incompatible with any other office.

13 (10)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
14 statute, no primary shall be held for an established
15 political party in any township, municipality, or ward
16 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every
17 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,
18 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a
19 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested
20 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted
21 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward
22 thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in
23 such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided
24 that the primary ballot shall not include those offices
25 within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for
26 which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this

1 Article, the nomination of an established political party
2 of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to
3 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons
4 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
5 seeking the nomination of such party for election to such
6 office.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other
8 statute, no primary election shall be held for an
9 established political party for any special primary
10 election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in
11 the office of representative in the United States Congress
12 where the nomination of such political party for said
13 office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,
14 the nomination of an established political party of a
15 candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to
16 be uncontested where not more than the number of persons
17 to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers
18 seeking the nomination of such established party for
19 election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not
20 apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly
21 scheduled election day.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)
23 and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has
24 not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends
25 to become a write-in candidate for a political party's
26 nomination for any office for which the nomination is

1 uncontested files a written statement or notice of that
2 intent with the local election official where the
3 candidate is seeking to appear on the ballot, a primary
4 ballot shall be prepared and a primary shall be held for
5 that office. Such statement or notice shall be filed on or
6 before the date established in this Article for certifying
7 candidates for the primary ballot. Such statement or
8 notice shall contain (i) the name and address of the
9 person intending to become a write-in candidate, (ii) a
10 statement that the person is a qualified primary elector
11 of the political party from whom the nomination is sought,
12 (iii) a statement that the person intends to become a
13 write-in candidate for the party's nomination, and (iv)
14 the office the person is seeking as a write-in candidate.
15 An election authority shall have no duty to conduct a
16 primary and prepare a primary ballot for any office for
17 which the nomination is uncontested unless a statement or
18 notice meeting the requirements of this Section is filed
19 in a timely manner.

20 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed
21 for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of
22 Elections, appropriate election authority or local
23 election official where the petitions are filed shall
24 within 2 business days notify the candidate of his or her
25 multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3
26 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the

1 State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority
2 or local election official that he or she may cancel prior
3 sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State
4 Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or
5 local election official, the last set of petitions filed
6 shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the
7 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
8 election official. If the candidate fails to notify the
9 State Board of Elections, election authority or local
10 election official then only the first set of petitions
11 filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be
12 void.

13 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for
14 public inspection and shall be preserved for a period of
15 not less than 6 months. Nominating petitions shall not be
16 subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

17 (13) Upon request, the State Board of Elections or an
18 election authority, as appropriate, shall promptly provide
19 a requester with any requesting nominating petition filed
20 with the appropriate election authority within the
21 preceding 6 months.

22 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;
23 103-586, eff. 5-3-24; 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)
25 Sec. 10-8. Except as otherwise provided in this Code,

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

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

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

19 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district
20 in which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or
21 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed
22 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory
23 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire
24 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or
25 nomination papers, ~~or~~ petitions, or declarations of intent to
26 be a write-in candidate filed, shall file an objector's

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

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

24 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and
25 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the
26 objections to the certificate of nomination, declaration of

1 intent to be a write-in candidate, or nomination papers or
2 petitions in question, and shall state the interest of the
3 objector and shall state what relief is requested of the
4 electoral board.

5 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9,
6 10-10, and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections
7 to petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article
8 8, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to
9 which it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions
10 for the submission of public questions under Article 28. For
11 purposes of this Section and Section 10-10, objections to
12 declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be
13 filed in the same manner and subject to the same jurisdiction
14 as objections to nomination papers for the same office.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; revised 6-24-25.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/10-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-10)

17 Sec. 10-10. Within 24 hours after the receipt of the
18 certificate of nomination or nomination papers, declaration of
19 intent to be a write-in candidate, or proposed question of
20 public policy, as the case may be, and the objector's
21 petition, the chair of the electoral board other than the
22 State Board of Elections shall send a call by registered or
23 certified mail: to each of the members of the electoral board;
24 to the objector who filed the objector's petition; either to
25 the candidate whose certificate of nomination, ~~or~~ nomination

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

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

19 The electoral board shall have the power to administer
20 oaths and to subpoena and examine witnesses and, at the
21 request of either party and only upon a vote by a majority of
22 its members, may authorize the chair to issue subpoenas
23 requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces
24 tecum requiring the production of such books, papers, records
25 and documents as may be evidence of any matter under inquiry
26 before the electoral board, in the same manner as witnesses

1 are subpoenaed in the Circuit Court.

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

26 The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall

1 adopt rules of procedure for the introduction of evidence and
2 the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion,
3 provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the
4 objection or by other interested persons.

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

26 The electoral board shall take up the question as to

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

1 record, if any, at the address on record for such person in the
2 files of the electoral board.

3 Upon the expiration of the period within which a
4 proceeding for judicial review must be commenced under Section
5 10-10.1, the electoral board shall, unless a proceeding for
6 judicial review has been commenced within such period,
7 transmit, by registered or certified mail, a certified copy of
8 its ruling, together with the original certificate of
9 nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original
10 objector's petition, to the officer or board with whom the
11 certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions,
12 as objected to, were on file and to the election authority to
13 whom the ballot is certified and the appropriate county clerk,
14 and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the
15 ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/11-8.5 new)

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

19 (a) In addition to the vote centers required in subsection
20 (a) of Section 11-8, a county election authority may establish
21 vote centers for the period of early voting and on election day
22 where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote,
23 regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and
24 that location shall provide curbside voting. An election
25 authority establishing vote centers under this Section shall

1 certify to the State Board of Elections no later than December
2 15, 2026, and shall make the locations public no later than the
3 60th day preceding an election.

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

9 (1) For each general primary election and general
10 election, an election authority shall designate a minimum
11 number of vote centers, as follows:

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

15 (B) For counties with fewer than 50,000 registered
16 voters, at least one vote center for each 10,000
17 registered voters.

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

23 (2) A county election authority may designate a
24 greater number of vote centers than the minimum required
25 by this subsection.

26 (3) In selecting the location for vote centers

1 required under paragraph (1), each county election
2 authority shall consider:

3 (A) proximity to the population centers of the
4 county, including the population centers within the
5 largest municipality or municipalities in a county;

6 (B) proximity to public transportation lines and
7 availability of parking;

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

10 (D) geographic features that affect access and
11 convenience;

12 (E) access for persons with disabilities;

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

15 (G) proximity to historically under-represented
16 communities; and

17 (H) the need to locate vote centers in population
18 centers that had lower voter turnout in previous
19 elections.

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

22 (c) If a county election authority certifies voter centers
23 will be available as provided in this Section, a county
24 election authority may increase the maximum number of
25 registered voters per precinct to 1,600 registered voters,
26 effective after January 1, 2027. The county shall divide its

1 election precincts in accordance with Section 11-2 after
2 January 1, 2027 and no later than June 1, 2027, and must
3 maintain the election precincts until December 30, 2030 or
4 later.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-9 new)

7 Sec. 11-9. Name and data standardization.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall develop and
9 implement standard terminology for the naming of election
10 districts, precincts, and polling places to streamline the
11 reporting of election results and voter file data for the 2027
12 Consolidated Primary Election and the 2027 Consolidated
13 Election. As part of implementing the use of standard
14 terminology and to ensure the prompt availability of voter
15 file data, no less than 100 days before the 2027 Consolidated
16 Primary Election, the State Board of Elections shall adopt
17 guidelines, via an order of the Board, for election
18 authorities to follow when naming election districts,
19 precincts, and polling places so that relevant election data
20 points have standard identification with a human-readable
21 name. The guidelines shall include, but shall not be limited
22 to: (1) standardization conventions for data fields related to
23 election districts, precincts, polling places, and other
24 election data; and (2) any other requirement that, in the
25 discretion of the State Board of Elections, facilitates

1 efficient interfacing with the statewide voter registration
2 list maintained under Section 1A-25 or the reporting and
3 dissemination of election data as required by law. The State
4 Board of Elections shall publish a first draft of the
5 guidelines at least 10 days before adopting the guidelines
6 through an order of the Board.

7 (b) Every election authority shall use the guidelines
8 adopted under subsection (a) to name election districts,
9 precincts, and polling places. Every election authority shall
10 submit the names to the State Board of Elections no less than
11 70 days before the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

12 (c) The State Board of Elections shall amend the names of
13 any election district, precinct, or polling place that does
14 not conform to the guidelines adopted under subsection (a).
15 The State Board of Elections shall send those amended names to
16 the election authority as soon as practicable.

17 (d) No less than 50 days before the 2027 Consolidated
18 Primary Election, all election districts, election precincts,
19 and polling places shall be named in accordance with the
20 guidelines adopted under subsection (a). Every election
21 authority shall use the guidelines adopted under subsection
22 (a) for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election and the 2027
23 Consolidated Election.

24 (e) No later than July 1, 2027, the State Board of
25 Elections shall adopt administrative rules for name and data
26 standardization for all elections subsequent to the 2027

1 Consolidated Primary Election. By October 1, 2027 and by
2 October 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, the staff of
3 the State Board of Elections shall complete an audit of the
4 names and data subject to the administrative rules adopted
5 under this subsection and shall verify that the data
6 submissions conform to the standardization requirements. The
7 staff of the State Board of Elections, as part of the audit
8 conducted under this subsection, shall advise the election
9 authority of any needed corrections to the naming, content,
10 formatting, or mode of submission of the data as soon as
11 practicable.

12 (f) Beginning with the 2028 General Primary Election, no
13 less than 75 days before each election, every election
14 authority shall ensure that the naming and data reported by
15 the election authority that is related to election districts,
16 election precincts, and polling places and is otherwise
17 identified under subsection (a) conforms to the administrative
18 rules adopted under subsection (e).

19 (g) If the name and data standardization requirements of
20 this Section regulating the formatting of data related to
21 election districts, precincts, and polling places conflict
22 with any specific provision of this Code, the requirements of
23 this Section prevail.

24 (10 ILCS 5/17-13.5)

25 Sec. 17-13.5. Curbside voting.

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

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

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

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

5 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

6 To be voted at the election in the County of and
7 State of Illinois.

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

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

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

26 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section

1 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
2 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

3

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

5 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

6

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

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

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

18 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

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

21 I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of
22 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
23 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at
24 the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote
25 by mail in:

26 all subsequent elections that do not require a party

1 designation.

2 all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a
3 Party vote by mail ballot in
4 elections that require a party designation.

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

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

16

17 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

18

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

23 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a
24 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this
25 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail
26 ballots electronically so that I may privately and

1 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail
2 ballots.

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

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

16 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or
17 return to an election authority an application under this
18 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box
19 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an
20 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a
21 valid and current phone number for the individual or
22 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be
23 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7
24 days of receipt or, if received within 2 weeks of the election
25 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of
26 receipt. Failure to turn over the applications in compliance

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

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

18 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;
19 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

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

22 (a) (Blank). ~~(Blank.)~~

23 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
24 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
25 and received by that election authority before the closing of

1 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
2 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
3 processed by the election authority beginning on the day it is
4 received by the election authority in the central ballot
5 counting location of the election authority, but the results
6 of the processing may not be counted until the day of the
7 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections
8 (g) and (g-5).

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

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

1 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements
2 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting
3 location of the election authority during the period for
4 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
5 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

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

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

1 location of the election authority during the same periods
2 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
3 subsection (c).

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

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

22 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
23 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
24 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
25 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
26 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
7 judge or official for any reason, the election authority
8 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases
9 before the close of the period for counting provisional
10 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot
11 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason
12 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the
13 voter may submit to ~~appear before~~ the election authority, on
14 or before the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to
15 why the ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present
16 evidence to the election authority supporting his or her
17 contention that the ballot should be counted. Evidence may be
18 submitted in person, by mail, or electronically by email. If a
19 ballot is rejected based on the voter's signatures not
20 matching, an affidavit or statement affirming the voter signed
21 the certification envelope shall be sufficient evidence, and
22 the election authority shall not require the affidavit or
23 statement to be notarized. The election authority shall
24 appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the contested
25 ballot, application, and certification envelope, as well as
26 any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than

1 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
2 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
3 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
4 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
5 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

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

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

21 Upon request by the State or local political committee,
22 each election authority shall, within one day after the
23 request, provide the following information about all rejected
24 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email
25 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers,
26 as the case may be.

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

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

7 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23;
8 revised 6-24-25.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)
10 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

11 (a) (Blank.)

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

20 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
21 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
22 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
23 close on election day and before the close of the period for
24 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
25 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of

1 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
2 location of the election authority during the period for
3 counting provisional ballots.

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

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

23 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
24 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
25 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
26 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be

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

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

26 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on

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

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

1 "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
17 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
18 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
19 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
20 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
21 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
22 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may submit
23 to appear before the election authority, on or before the 14th
24 day after the election, to show cause as to why the ballot
25 should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence to the
26 election authority supporting his or her contention that the

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

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

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

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

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

1 Article 40.

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

5 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

6 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of
7 State.

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

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

1 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the
2 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection
3 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,
4 then that application, unless the applicant declines in
5 accordance with subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7 shall serve
6 as a dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application
7 shall:

8 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote
9 in Illinois;

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

13 (3) in a single affirmation, including the affirmation
14 required for a driver's license or State identification
15 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of
16 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information
17 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is
18 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to
19 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered
20 residence address or name as it appears on the voter
21 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~
22 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~
23 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or~~
24 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~
25 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

26 (4) allow the applicant to notify the Office of the

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

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

20 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for
21 renewal, or a change of address form, or a recertification
22 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card
23 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, other than an
24 application or form that pertains to a standard driver's
25 license or identification card for an applicant who does not
26 have and is not eligible for and does not list a social

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

23 The dual-purpose application shall allow the applicant to
24 notify the Office of the Secretary of State of the applicant's
25 preferred language.

26 (b-8) If an applicant presents to the Secretary of State

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

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

26 (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review

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

15 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require
16 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification
17 card to provide duplicate identification or information in
18 order to complete an application to register to vote or change
19 his or her registered residence address or name. Before
20 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to
21 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of
22 State shall review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents
23 the applicant provided in order to complete the application
24 for a driver's license or State identification card to confirm
25 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant
26 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in

1 Illinois at his or her residence address. If the applicant
2 provides the Office of the Secretary of State with an address
3 designated by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing
4 address under Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for
5 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human
6 Trafficking, or Stalking Act or is a judicial officer of peace
7 officer who provides the Office of the Secretary of State with
8 a work address instead of a residence address, as authorized
9 by subsection (a) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois Vehicle
10 Code, the applicant shall not be offered voter registration by
11 the Office of the Secretary of State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 6-109 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

2 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory
3 Act of the 104th General Assembly shall be implemented no
4 later than January 1, 2028.

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

7 Sec. 1A-16.2. Automatic voter registration; designated
8 automatic voter registration agencies.

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

1 the technological capabilities of the designated voter
2 registration agencies improve.

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

15 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote
16 in Illinois;

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

20 (3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation
21 required for the designated automatic voter registration
22 agency's application, allow the applicant to affirm, under
23 penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of
24 information submitted in the dual-purpose application that
25 is necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to
26 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered

1 residence address or name as it appears on the voter
2 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~
3 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~
4 ~~or change his or her registered residence address or name~~
5 ~~by providing a check box on the application form without~~
6 ~~requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

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

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

19 (c) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when
20 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides
21 ~~that does not collect or cross-reference records containing~~
22 ~~reliable personal information indicating citizenship status~~
23 ~~may provide that an application or, an application for~~
24 ~~renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form~~
25 ~~for a license, permit, program, or service described in~~
26 subsection (a) that, as part of the application or form, the

1 applicant presents documentation that neither establishes that
2 the applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that
3 the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application
4 or form shall serve as a dual-purpose application if the
5 applicant chooses to register to vote. The dual-purpose
6 application shall:

7 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote
8 in Illinois;

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

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

19 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the
20 applicant's preferred language.

21 (c-1) If an applicant presents documentation to the
22 designated automatic voter registration agency that
23 establishes that the applicant is not a United States citizen
24 or the applicant attests that the applicant is not a United
25 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant
26 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

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

1 ~~(vi)~~ any additional information needed in order to comply with
2 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of
3 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may
4 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under
5 subsection (b).

6 (c-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection
7 (c) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,
8 the designated automatic voter registration agency shall
9 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:

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

11 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false

12 voter registration application, including the

13 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming

14 United States citizenship, and of the applicant's opportunity

15 to withdraw an application to avoid the penalties; (iii) that

16 the application shall also serve as an application to register

17 to vote or update the applicant's voter registration and that

18 the application to register to vote or update voter

19 registration will be transmitted to the State Board of

20 Elections for the purpose of registering the person to vote at

21 the residence address to be indicated on the dual-purpose

22 application, unless the applicant withdraws the application or

23 declines to register to vote or update the applicant's voter

24 registration; (iv) that information identifying the agency at

25 which the applicant applied to register to vote is

26 confidential; (v) that withdrawing a voter registration

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

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

14 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency
15 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application
16 to provide duplicate identification or information in order to
17 complete an application to register to vote or change the
18 applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence address or name.
19 Before transmitting any personal information about an
20 applicant to the State Board of Elections, the agency shall
21 review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents the
22 applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in
23 order to complete the dual-purpose application, to confirm
24 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant
25 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in
26 Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address. A

1 completed and signed dual-purpose application, including a
2 completed application under subsection (c) of this Section
3 with a separate signature attesting that the applicant meets
4 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the ~~his~~
5 ~~or her~~ residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~
6 application, shall constitute an application to register to
7 vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the
8 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~
9 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~
10 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the ~~identification~~
11 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application,
12 or that the agency cross-references, indicate that the
13 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to
14 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address,
15 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the
16 applicant provides the designated automatic voter registration
17 agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a
18 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address
19 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual
20 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, or is a judicial
21 officer or peace officer who provides the designated automatic
22 voter registration agency with a work address instead of a
23 residence address, the applicant shall not be offered voter
24 registration by the designated automatic voter registration
25 agency.

26 (f) For each completed and signed dual-purpose application

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

15 (g) As used in this Section:

16 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or
17 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community
18 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of
19 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the
20 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
21 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the
22 local, tribal, State, or federal government that ~~has been~~
23 ~~determined by the State Board of Elections to have access~~
24 ~~to reliable personal information and~~ has entered into an
25 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to
26 participate in the automatic voter registration program

1 under this Section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Sec. 1A-16.3. Language assistance.

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

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

1 the notices described in subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1
2 and subsection (e) of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle
3 Code, the affirmations described in paragraph (3) of
4 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of
5 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2, and the attestations
6 described in subsection (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph
7 (3) of subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.2.

8 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsections (a)
9 and (b), the Driver Services Department of the Office of the
10 Secretary of State, as part of every transaction described in
11 subsections (b) and (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 completed through
12 its website, and each designated automatic voter registration
13 agency, as defined in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.2, as
14 part of every transaction described in subsections (b) and (c)
15 of Section 1A-16.2 completed through its website, shall make
16 available, in the covered languages required in any
17 jurisdiction in this State by Section 203 of the federal
18 Voting Rights Act and in the 5 most common non-English
19 languages in this State, all information and questions
20 provided to an applicant regarding voter registration for the
21 purpose of processing the applicant's dual-purpose application
22 as described in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials
23 shall include, but not be limited to, the notices described in
24 subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1 and subsection (e) of
25 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affirmations
26 described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section

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

9 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

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

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

1 in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under
2 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State
3 Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration
4 system as necessary to implement this Section.

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

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

19 (d) The State Board of Elections shall, by rule, establish
20 criteria and procedures for determining whether an agency of
21 the State or federal government seeking to become a designated
22 automatic voter registration agency in the course of receiving
23 applications and other forms regarding licenses, permits,
24 programs, and services offered by the agency, receives
25 documentation that an applicant is a United States citizen, as
26 described in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 ~~has access to~~

1 ~~reliable personal information, as defined under this~~
2 ~~subsection (d) and subsection (f) of Section 1A-16.2 of this~~
3 ~~Code,~~ and otherwise meets the requirements to enter into an
4 interagency contract and to operate as a designated automatic
5 voter registration agency. The State Board of Elections shall
6 approve each interagency contract upon affirmative vote of a
7 majority of its members.

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

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

23 (1) provides ~~provide~~ identification that complies with
24 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature
25 to the election authority on election day in the polling
26 place or during early voting; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~voter registration or request a change to his or her~~
2 ~~registration information at any time by contacting an election~~
3 ~~official;~~ and (iii) ~~(v)~~ contact information for the
4 appropriate election authority, including a phone number,
5 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

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

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

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

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

24 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1
25 or subsections (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently
26 registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains

1 a change in the applicant's registered residence address or
2 name, the notice shall be sent within 5 business days after the
3 transmission of the voter registration application to the
4 election authority and shall contain:

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

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

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

17 Any notice required by this subsection shall, at a
18 minimum, be provided in languages for which there is coverage
19 for the jurisdiction of the election authority under Section
20 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as identified by the
21 United States Census Bureau in the Federal Register. Any
22 notice required by this subsection must also comply with all
23 applicable, federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and
24 ordinances that relate to providing language access to
25 individuals with limited English proficiency. If the State
26 Board of Elections has received language preference

1 information regarding the applicant and has transmitted that
2 information to the appropriate election authority, the
3 appropriate election authority shall take all practicable
4 measures to send the notice to the applicant in the
5 applicant's preferred language.

6 (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section
7 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the
8 notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered
9 within 23 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant
10 shall not be registered to vote and the applicant shall be
11 deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If an
12 applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or
13 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the notice described
14 in subsection (g) declining or correcting the update within 23
15 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant's update
16 shall be declined or corrected in the statewide voter
17 registration database. If an applicant returns the notice
18 described in subsection (g) but does not do so within 23 days
19 after the mailing of the notice, then the applicant shall be
20 registered to vote under the name and address contained in the
21 dual-purpose application. If an applicant returns the notice
22 described in subsection (g) declining to be registered or
23 declining or correcting the update more than 23 days after the
24 mailing of the notice, then the notice shall be processed as a
25 request to cancel or update the applicant's registration.
26 During the 23-day period specified in this subsection, an

1 applicant's voter registration or updated voter registration
2 shall be in a pending status.

3 (g-6) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section
4 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the
5 notice indicating a language preference, the language
6 preference shall be retained as part of the person's
7 registration information.

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

20 (i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated
21 automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or
22 if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter
23 registration application, for a person who does not qualify as
24 an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed
25 voter registration form, and the person shall not be
26 considered to have registered to vote.

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

13 (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the
14 Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter
15 registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to
16 protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is
17 acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including
18 policies for the retention and preservation of voter
19 information. Information designated as confidential under this
20 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of
21 Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary
22 of State, and designated automatic voter registration
23 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration
24 purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the
25 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and
26 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The

1 following information shall be designated as confidential:

2 (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security
3 number;

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

6 (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter
7 registration;

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

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

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

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

22 (1) The voter registration procedures implemented under
23 this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter
24 Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically
25 require that the State Board of Elections track registration
26 data received through the online registration system that

1 originated from a designated automatic voter registration
2 agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

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

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

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

22 (o) The State Board of Elections shall submit an annual
23 public report to the General Assembly and the Governor
24 detailing the progress made to implement this Section. The
25 report shall include all of the following: the number of
26 records transferred under this Section by agency, the number

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

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

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

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

22 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

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

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

9 (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,
10 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided
11 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration
12 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide
13 voter registration database against databases of relevant
14 personal information kept by designated automatic voter
15 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's
16 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6
17 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with
18 election authorities.

19 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections
20 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as
21 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a
22 determination by the State Board of Elections of full
23 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,
24 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full
25 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)
26 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of

1 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative
2 Reference Bureau.

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

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

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

21 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction
22 includes the previous registration address is a different
23 election authority, then that election authority provides
24 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by
25 forwardable mail, to the previous registration address.

26 This change in registration shall trigger the same

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

20 (c-5) An agency that does not receive documentation that
21 an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in
22 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, may enter into an agreement
23 with the State Board of Elections to transmit information that
24 shall serve only to update an applicant's existing voter
25 registration record. Under the agreement, the agency shall
26 transmit information on all clients who may be registered to

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

12 This subsection shall be implemented no later than January
13 1, 2028.

14 (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an
15 error relating to an update of registration under this
16 Section.

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

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

20 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

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

22 (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the
23 State capital and in such other places in the State as he may
24 deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties

1 vested in him.

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

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

21 (d) (Blank).

22 (e) Each applicant ~~person~~ applying at a driver services
23 facility for a driver's license or permit, a corrected
24 driver's license or permit, an Illinois Identification Card
25 ~~identification card~~ or a corrected Illinois Identification
26 Card who has presented documentation establishing United

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

23 The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules as may
24 be necessary for the efficient execution of his duties and the
25 duties of his employees under this Section.

26 (f) Any person applying at a driver services facility for

1 issuance or renewal of a driver's license or Illinois
2 Identification Card shall be provided, without charge, with a
3 brochure warning the person of the dangers of financial
4 identity theft. The Department of Financial and Professional
5 Regulation shall prepare these brochures and provide them to
6 the Secretary of State for distribution. The brochures shall
7 (i) identify signs warning the reader that he or she might be
8 an intended victim of the crime of financial identity theft,
9 (ii) instruct the reader in how to proceed if the reader
10 believes that he or she is the victim of the crime of identity
11 theft, and (iii) provide the reader with names and telephone
12 numbers of law enforcement and other governmental agencies
13 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity
14 theft.

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

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

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

22 Article 50.

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

1 (5 ILCS 430/5-5)

2 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-435)

3 Sec. 5-5. Personnel policies.

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

25 (b) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be

1 filed with the appropriate ethics commission established under
2 this Act or, for the Auditor General, with the Office of the
3 Auditor General.

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

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

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

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

21 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-435)

22 Sec. 5-5. Personnel policies.

23 (a) Each of the following shall adopt and implement
24 personnel policies for all State employees under his, her, or
25 its jurisdiction and control: (i) each executive branch

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

19 (b) The policies required under subsection (a) shall be
20 filed with the appropriate ethics commission established under
21 this Act or, for the Auditor General, with the Office of the
22 Auditor General.

23 (c) The policies required under subsection (a) shall
24 include policies relating to work time requirements,
25 documentation of time worked, documentation for reimbursement
26 for travel on official State business, compensation, and the

1 earning or accrual of State benefits for all State employees
2 who may be eligible to receive those benefits. No later than 30
3 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
4 100th General Assembly, the policies shall include, at a
5 minimum: (i) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (ii) details
6 on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual
7 harassment, including options for making a confidential report
8 to a supervisor, ethics officer, Inspector General, or the
9 Department of Human Rights; (iii) a prohibition on retaliation
10 for reporting sexual harassment allegations, including
11 availability of whistleblower protections under this Act, the
12 Whistleblower Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act; and (iv)
13 the consequences of a violation of the prohibition on sexual
14 harassment and the consequences for knowingly making a false
15 report. The policies shall comply with and be consistent with
16 all other applicable laws. The policies shall require State
17 employees to periodically submit time sheets documenting the
18 time spent each day on official State business to the nearest
19 quarter hour; contractual State employees may satisfy the time
20 sheets requirement by complying with the terms of their
21 contract, which shall provide for a means of compliance with
22 this requirement. In addition, State employees of public
23 institutions of higher education classified as faculty
24 (including tenure system and nontenure system), and those not
25 eligible for overtime pay as defined by the Fair Labor
26 Standards Act, may satisfy the time sheets requirement by

1 complying with the terms of their contract or employment
2 agreement with the public institution of higher education,
3 which shall provide for a means of compliance with this
4 requirement. The policies for State employees shall require
5 those time sheets to be submitted on paper, electronically, or
6 both and to be maintained in either paper or electronic format
7 by the applicable fiscal office for a period of at least 2
8 years.

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

13 (Source: P.A. 104-435, eff. 7-1-26.)

14 (5 ILCS 430/70-5)

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

16 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act,
17 each governmental entity other than a community college
18 district, and each community college district within 6 months
19 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th
20 General Assembly, shall adopt an ordinance or resolution that
21 regulates, in a manner no less restrictive than Section 5-15
22 and Article 10 of this Act, (i) the political activities of
23 officers and employees of the governmental entity and (ii) the
24 soliciting and accepting of gifts by and the offering and
25 making of gifts to officers and employees of the governmental

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

25 (b) Within 3 months after the effective date of this
26 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Attorney

1 General shall develop model ordinances and resolutions for the
2 purpose of this Article. The Attorney General shall advise
3 governmental entities on their contents and adoption.

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

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

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

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/13-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-1)

15 Sec. 13-1. In counties not under township organization,
16 the county board of commissioners shall at its meeting in July
17 in each even-numbered year appoint in each election precinct 5
18 capable and discreet persons meeting the qualifications of
19 Section 13-4 to be judges of election. Where neither voting
20 machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric voting systems
21 are used, the county board may, for any precinct with respect
22 to which the board considers such action necessary or
23 desirable in view of the number of voters, and shall for
24 general elections for any precinct containing more than 600

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

25 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board of
26 commissioners shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each,

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

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

1 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined
2 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding
3 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.
4 Such certified list shall be filed with the county clerk not
5 less than 10 days before the annual meeting of the county board
6 of commissioners. Such list shall be arranged according to
7 precincts. The chair of each county central committee shall,
8 insofar as possible, list persons who reside within the
9 precinct in which they are to serve as judges. However, he may,
10 in his sole discretion, submit the names of persons who reside
11 outside the precinct but within the county embracing the
12 precinct in which they are to serve. He must, however, submit
13 the names of at least 2 residents of the precinct for each
14 precinct in which his party is to have 3 judges and must submit
15 the name of at least one resident of the precinct for each
16 precinct in which his party is to have 2 judges. The county
17 board of commissioners shall acknowledge in writing to each
18 county chair the names of all persons submitted on such
19 certified list and the total number of persons listed thereon.
20 If no such list is filed or such list is incomplete (that is,
21 no names or an insufficient number of names are furnished for
22 certain election precincts), the county board of commissioners
23 shall make or complete such list from the names contained in
24 the supplemental list provided for in Section 13-1.1. The
25 election judges shall hold their office for 2 years from their
26 appointment, and until their successors are duly appointed in

1 the manner provided in this Act. The county board of
2 commissioners shall fill all vacancies in the office of judge
3 of election at any time in the manner provided in this Act.

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

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

6 Sec. 13-2. In counties under the township organization the
7 county board shall at its meeting in July in each
8 even-numbered year except in counties containing a population
9 of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over and except when such judges
10 are appointed by election commissioners, select in each
11 election precinct in the county, 5 capable and discreet
12 persons to be judges of election who shall possess the
13 qualifications required by this Act for such judges. Where
14 neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical or electric
15 voting systems are used, the county board may, for any
16 precinct with respect to which the board considers such action
17 necessary or desirable in view of the number of voters, and
18 shall for general elections for any precinct containing more
19 than 600 registered voters, appoint in addition to the 5
20 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges. In such precincts
21 the judges of election shall preside over the election during
22 the hours the polls are open, and the tally judges, with the
23 assistance of the holdover judges designated pursuant to
24 Section 13-6.2, shall count the vote after the closing of the
25 polls. The tally judges shall possess the same qualifications

1 and shall be appointed in the same manner and with the same
2 division between political parties as is provided for judges
3 of election.

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

18 In addition to such precinct judges, the county board
19 shall appoint special panels of 3 judges each, who shall
20 possess the same qualifications and shall be appointed in the
21 same manner and with the same division between political
22 parties as is provided for other judges of election. The
23 number of such panels of judges required shall be determined
24 by regulations of the State Board of Elections, which shall
25 base the required number of special panels on the number of
26 registered voters in the jurisdiction or the number of

1 absentee ballots voted at recent elections or any combination
2 of such factors.

3 No more than 3 persons of the same political party shall be
4 appointed judges in the same election district or undivided
5 precinct. The election of the judges of election in the
6 various election precincts shall be made in the following
7 manner: The county board shall select and approve 3 of the
8 election judges in each precinct from a certified list
9 furnished by the chair of the County Central Committee of the
10 first leading political party in such election precinct and
11 shall also select and approve 2 judges of election in each
12 election precinct from a certified list furnished by the chair
13 of the County Central Committee of the second leading
14 political party in such election precinct. However, if only 3
15 judges of election serve in each election precinct, no more
16 than 2 persons of the same political party shall be judges of
17 election in the same election precinct; and which political
18 party is entitled to 2 judges of election and which political
19 party is entitled to one judge of election shall be determined
20 in the same manner as set forth in the next two preceding
21 sentences with regard to 5 election judges in each precinct.
22 The respective County Central Committee chair shall notify the
23 county board by June 1 of each odd-numbered year immediately
24 preceding the annual meeting of the county board whether or
25 not such certified list will be filed by such chair. Such list
26 shall be arranged according to precincts. The chair of each

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

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

21 Such selections under this Section shall be confirmed by
22 the circuit court as provided in Section 13-3 of this Article.
23 (Source: P.A. 100-337, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

25 Sec. 19-2. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any

1 elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or
2 electronically on the website of the appropriate election
3 authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior to the
4 date of such election, or by personal delivery not more than 90
5 nor less than one day prior to the date of such election, make
6 application to the county clerk or to the Board of Election
7 Commissioners for an official ballot for the voter's precinct
8 to be voted at such election. Such a ballot shall be delivered
9 to the elector only upon separate application by the elector
10 for each election. Voters who make an application for
11 permanent vote by mail ballot status shall follow the
12 procedures specified in Section 19-3 and may apply year round.
13 A voter ~~Voters~~ whose application for permanent vote by mail
14 status is accepted by the election authority shall remain on
15 the permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to be
16 removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter provides
17 notice to the election authority of a change in registration
18 that affects the voter's ~~their~~ registration status, or the
19 election authority receives confirmation that the voter has
20 subsequently registered to vote in another election authority
21 jurisdiction. Each election authority shall establish a
22 website for eligible voters to request a vote by mail ballot by
23 electronic form and the ~~The~~ URL address at which voters may
24 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no
25 later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be
26 changed until after the election.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
2 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; revised
3 6-24-25.)

4 Article 60.

5 Section 60-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
6 Sections 24B-15 and 24C-15 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/24B-15)

8 Sec. 24B-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;
9 retabulation. The precinct return printed by the automatic
10 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology tabulating
11 equipment shall include the number of ballots cast and votes
12 cast for each candidate and proposition and shall constitute
13 the official return of each precinct. In addition to the
14 precinct return, the election authority shall provide the
15 number of applications for ballots in each precinct, the
16 write-in votes, the total number of ballots counted in each
17 precinct for each political subdivision and district and the
18 number of registered voters in each precinct. However, the
19 election authority shall check the totals shown by the
20 precinct return and, if there is an obvious discrepancy
21 regarding the total number of votes cast in any precinct,
22 shall have the ballots for that precinct retabulated to
23 correct the return. The procedures for retabulation shall

1 apply prior to and after the proclamation is completed;
2 however, after the proclamation of results, the election
3 authority must obtain a court order to unseal voted ballots
4 except for election contests and discovery recounts. In those
5 election jurisdictions that use in-precinct counting
6 equipment, the certificate of results, which has been prepared
7 by the judges of election after the ballots have been
8 tabulated, shall be the document used for the canvass of votes
9 for such precinct. Whenever a discrepancy exists during the
10 canvass of votes between the unofficial results and the
11 certificate of results, or whenever a discrepancy exists
12 during the canvass of votes between the certificate of results
13 and the set of totals which has been affixed to the certificate
14 of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be retabulated
15 to correct the return. As an additional part of this check
16 prior to the proclamation, in those jurisdictions where
17 in-precinct counting equipment is used, the election authority
18 shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the
19 precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of
20 the voting devices used in early voting and at vote centers.
21 The precincts and the voting devices to be retabulated shall
22 be selected after election day on a random basis by the State
23 Board of Elections, so that every precinct in the election
24 jurisdiction and every voting device used in early voting or
25 at a vote center has an equal mathematical chance of being
26 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard

1 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and
2 voting devices which are to be retabulated. The State central
3 committee chair of each established political party shall be
4 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random
5 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.
6 The retabulation shall consist of counting the ballots which
7 were originally counted and shall not involve any
8 determination of which ballots were, in fact, properly
9 counted. The ballots from the precincts selected for the
10 retabulation shall remain at all times under the custody and
11 control of the election authority and shall be transported and
12 retabulated by the designated staff of the election authority.

13 As part of the retabulation, the election authority shall
14 test the computer program in the selected precincts and on the
15 selected early voting devices. The test shall be conducted by
16 processing a preaudited group of ballots marked to record a
17 predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on
18 each public question, and shall include for each office one or
19 more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed
20 by law to test the ability of the equipment and the marking
21 device to reject such votes. If any error is detected, the
22 cause shall be determined and corrected, and an errorless
23 count shall be made prior to the official canvass and
24 proclamation of election results.

25 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
26 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair

1 of each established political party and qualified civic
2 organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time
3 and place of the retabulation and may be represented at the
4 retabulation.

5 The results of this retabulation shall be treated in the
6 same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
7 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.
8 Upon completion of the retabulation, the election authority
9 shall print a comparison of the results of the retabulation
10 with the original precinct return printed by the automatic
11 tabulating equipment. The comparison shall be done for each
12 precinct and for each early voting device selected for testing
13 and for each office voted upon within that precinct or on that
14 voting device, and the comparisons shall be open to the
15 public. Upon completion of the retabulation, the returns shall
16 be open to the public.

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

18 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15)

19 Sec. 24C-15. Official return of precinct; check of totals;
20 audit. The precinct return printed by the Direct Recording
21 Electronic Voting System tabulating equipment shall include
22 the number of ballots cast and votes cast for each candidate
23 and public question and shall constitute the official return
24 of each precinct. In addition to the precinct return, the
25 election authority shall provide the number of applications

1 for ballots in each precinct, the total number of ballots and
2 vote by mail ballots counted in each precinct for each
3 political subdivision and district and the number of
4 registered voters in each precinct. However, the election
5 authority shall check the totals shown by the precinct return
6 and, if there is an obvious discrepancy regarding the total
7 number of votes cast in any precinct, shall have the ballots
8 for that precinct audited to correct the return. The
9 procedures for this audit shall apply prior to and after the
10 proclamation is completed; however, after the proclamation of
11 results, the election authority must obtain a court order to
12 unseal voted ballots or voting devices except for election
13 contests and discovery recounts. The certificate of results,
14 which has been prepared and signed by the judges of election
15 after the ballots have been tabulated, shall be the document
16 used for the canvass of votes for such precinct. Whenever a
17 discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the
18 unofficial results and the certificate of results, or whenever
19 a discrepancy exists during the canvass of votes between the
20 certificate of results and the set of totals reflected on the
21 certificate of results, the ballots for that precinct shall be
22 audited to correct the return.

23 Prior to the proclamation, the election authority shall
24 test the voting devices and equipment in 5% of the precincts
25 within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting
26 devices used in early voting and at vote centers. The

1 precincts and the voting devices to be tested shall be
2 selected after election day on a random basis by the State
3 Board of Elections, so that every precinct and every device
4 used in early voting or at a vote center in the election
5 jurisdiction has an equal mathematical chance of being
6 selected. The State Board of Elections shall design a standard
7 and scientific random method of selecting the precincts and
8 voting devices that are to be tested. The State central
9 committee chair of each established political party shall be
10 given prior written notice of the time and place of the random
11 selection procedure and may be represented at the procedure.

12 The test shall be conducted by counting the votes marked
13 on the permanent paper record of each ballot cast in the tested
14 precinct printed by the voting system at the time that each
15 ballot was cast and comparing the results of this count with
16 the results shown by the certificate of results prepared by
17 the Direct Recording Electronic Voting System in the test
18 precinct. The election authority shall test count these votes
19 either by hand or by using an automatic tabulating device
20 other than a Direct Recording Electronic voting device that
21 has been approved by the State Board of Elections for that
22 purpose and tested before use to ensure accuracy. The election
23 authority shall print the results of each test count. If any
24 error is detected, the cause shall be determined and
25 corrected, and an errorless count shall be made prior to the
26 official canvass and proclamation of election results. If an

1 errorless count cannot be conducted and there continues to be
2 difference in vote results between the certificate of results
3 produced by the Direct Recording Electronic Voting System and
4 the count of the permanent paper records or if an error was
5 detected and corrected, the election authority shall
6 immediately prepare and forward to the appropriate canvassing
7 board a written report explaining the results of the test and
8 any errors encountered and the report shall be made available
9 for public inspection.

10 The State Board of Elections, the State's Attorney and
11 other appropriate law enforcement agencies, the county chair
12 of each established political party and qualified civic
13 organizations shall be given prior written notice of the time
14 and place of the test and may be represented at the test.

15 The results of this post-election test shall be treated in
16 the same manner and have the same effect as the results of the
17 discovery procedures set forth in Section 22-9.1 of this Code.
18 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)

19 Article 65.

20 Section 65-5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing
21 Section 2.07 as follows:

22 (5 ILCS 120/2.07)

23 Sec. 2.07. Meetings on election days; prohibited.

1 (a) A public body, other than a board of election
2 commissioners established under Article 6 or 6A of the
3 Election Code, may not hold or schedule a regular or special
4 meeting on the day of a general primary election, a general
5 election, a consolidated primary election, or a consolidated
6 election, as defined in the Election Code.

7 (b) A home rule unit may not hold or schedule meetings in a
8 manner inconsistent with this Act. This Section is a denial
9 and limitation of home rule powers and functions in accordance
10 with subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
11 Constitution.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-438, eff. 1-1-26.)

13 Article 70.

14 Section 70-5. The Election Code is amended by adding
15 Section 29-25 as follows:

16 (10 ILCS 5/29-25 new)

17 Sec. 29-25. Prohibit firearms in polling places. Any
18 person who carries or possesses a firearm while present in a
19 polling place, except a peace officer in the performance of
20 his or her official duties, shall be guilty of a Class C
21 misdemeanor.

22 Article 75.

1 Section 75-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
2 Section 9-8.10 as follows:

3 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

4 Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other
5 reporting organization funds.

6 (a) A political committee shall not make expenditures:

7 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of
8 this State.

9 (2) Clearly in excess of the fair market value of the
10 services, materials, facilities, or other things of value
11 received in exchange.

12 (3) For satisfaction or repayment of any debts other
13 than loans made to the committee or to the public official
14 or candidate on behalf of the committee or repayment of
15 goods and services purchased by the committee under a
16 credit agreement. Nothing in this Section authorizes the
17 use of campaign funds to repay personal loans. The
18 repayments shall be made by check written to the person
19 who made the loan or credit agreement. The terms and
20 conditions of any loan or credit agreement to a committee
21 shall be set forth in a written agreement, including but
22 not limited to the method and amount of repayment, that
23 shall be executed by the chair or treasurer of the
24 committee at the time of the loan or credit agreement. The

1 loan or agreement shall also set forth the rate of
2 interest for the loan, if any, which may not substantially
3 exceed the prevailing market interest rate at the time the
4 agreement is executed.

5 (4) For the satisfaction or repayment of any debts or
6 for the payment of any expenses relating to a personal
7 residence. Campaign funds may not be used as collateral
8 for home mortgages. The provisions of this paragraph do
9 not apply to expenditures by a political committee for
10 expenses related to: (i) a public official's or
11 candidate's personal security services provided by a
12 private security contractor agency licensed under the
13 Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security,
14 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 or security
15 enhancements to a public official's or candidate's primary
16 residence, including, but not limited to, security
17 systems, cameras, walls, fences, or other physical
18 structures, if the security services or security
19 enhancements are reasonably necessary due to risks arising
20 from the public official's or candidate's political or
21 governmental duties; or (ii) cybersecurity measures or
22 tools used to protect and secure a public official's or
23 candidate's personal, political, and government devices,
24 Internet networks, or other technology, if the
25 cybersecurity measures or tools are reasonably necessary
26 due to risks arising from the public official's or

1 candidate's political or governmental duties.

2 (5) For clothing or personal laundry expenses, except
3 clothing items rented by the public official or candidate
4 for his or her own use exclusively for a specific
5 campaign-related event, provided that committees may
6 purchase costumes, novelty items, or other accessories
7 worn primarily to advertise the candidacy.

8 (6) For the travel expenses of any person unless the
9 travel is necessary for fulfillment of political,
10 governmental, or public policy duties, activities, or
11 purposes.

12 (7) For membership or club dues charged by
13 organizations, clubs, or facilities that are primarily
14 engaged in providing health, exercise, or recreational
15 services; provided, however, that funds received under
16 this Article may be used to rent the clubs or facilities
17 for a specific campaign-related event.

18 (8) In payment for anything of value or for
19 reimbursement of any expenditure for which any person has
20 been reimbursed by the State or any person. For purposes
21 of this item (8), a per diem allowance is not a
22 reimbursement.

23 (9) For the lease or purchase of or installment
24 payment for a motor vehicle unless the political committee
25 can demonstrate the vehicle will be used primarily for
26 campaign purposes or for the performance of governmental

1 duties. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits a political
2 committee from using political funds to make expenditures
3 related to vehicles not purchased or leased by a political
4 committee, provided the expenditure relates to the use of
5 the vehicle for primarily campaign purposes or the
6 performance of governmental duties. Persons using vehicles
7 not purchased or leased by a political committee may be
8 reimbursed for actual mileage for the use of the vehicle
9 for campaign purposes or for the performance of
10 governmental duties. The mileage reimbursements shall be
11 made at a rate not to exceed the standard mileage rate
12 method for computation of business expenses under the
13 Internal Revenue Code.

14 (10) Directly for an individual's tuition or other
15 educational expenses, except for governmental or political
16 purposes directly related to a candidate's or public
17 official's duties and responsibilities.

18 (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or
19 his or her family member unless for compensation for
20 services actually rendered by that person. The provisions
21 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a
22 political committee for expenses related to providing
23 childcare for a minor child or care for a dependent family
24 member if the care is reasonably necessary for the public
25 official or candidate to fulfill political or governmental
26 duties. The provisions of this item (11) do not apply to

1 expenditures by a political committee in an aggregate
2 amount not exceeding the amount of funds reported to and
3 certified by the State Board or county clerk as available
4 as of June 30, 1998, in the semi-annual report of
5 contributions and expenditures filed by the political
6 committee for the period concluding June 30, 1998.

7 (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate,
8 upon receipt of a verified complaint, violations of the
9 provisions of this Section. The Board may levy a fine on any
10 person who knowingly makes expenditures in violation of this
11 Section and on any person who knowingly makes a malicious and
12 false accusation of a violation of this Section. The Board may
13 act under this subsection only upon the affirmative vote of at
14 least 5 of its members. The fine shall not exceed \$500 for each
15 expenditure of \$500 or less and shall not exceed the amount of
16 the expenditure plus \$500 for each expenditure greater than
17 \$500. The Board shall also have the authority to render
18 rulings and issue opinions relating to compliance with this
19 Section.

20 (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of
21 funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder
22 or by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable
23 expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance
24 of governmental and public service functions.

25 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits the funds of a
26 political committee which is controlled by a person convicted

1 of a violation of any of the offenses listed in subsection (a)
2 of Section 10 of the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act
3 from being forfeited to the State under Section 15 of the
4 Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-443, eff. 1-1-26.)

6 Article 80.

7 Section 80-5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by
8 changing Section 5 as follows:

9 (25 ILCS 170/5)

10 Sec. 5. Lobbyist registration and disclosure. Every
11 natural person and every entity required to register under
12 this Act shall before any service is performed which requires
13 the natural person or entity to register, but in any event not
14 later than 2 business days after being employed or retained,
15 file in the Office of the Secretary of State a statement in a
16 format prescribed by the Secretary of State containing the
17 following information with respect to each person or entity
18 employing, retaining, or benefitting from the services of the
19 natural person or entity required to register:

20 (a) The registrant's name, permanent address, e-mail
21 address, if any, fax number, if any, business telephone
22 number, and temporary address, if the registrant has a
23 temporary address while lobbying.

1 (a-5) If the registrant is an entity, the information
2 required under subsection (a) for each natural person
3 associated with the registrant who will be lobbying,
4 regardless of whether lobbying is a significant part of
5 his or her duties.

6 (b) The name and address of the client or clients
7 employing or retaining the registrant to perform such
8 services or on whose behalf the registrant appears. If the
9 client employing or retaining the registrant is a client
10 registrant, the statement shall also include the name and
11 address of the client or clients of the client registrant
12 on whose behalf the registrant will be or anticipates
13 performing services.

14 (b-5) If the registrant employs or retains a
15 sub-registrant, the statement shall include the name and
16 address of the sub-registrant and identify the client or
17 clients of the registrant on whose behalf the
18 sub-registrant will be or is anticipated to be performing
19 services.

20 (b-7) If the registrant retains a consultant, the
21 statement shall include the name and address of the
22 consultant and identify the client or clients and each
23 executive and legislative branch agency for which the
24 consultant is to provide advisory services.

25 (c) For those identified under subsections (b), (b-5),
26 and (b-7), a brief description of the executive,

1 legislative, or administrative action in reference to
2 which such service is to be rendered.

3 (c-5) Each executive and legislative branch agency of
4 the State and each unit of local government the registrant
5 expects to lobby during the registration period.

6 (c-6) The nature of the client's business, by
7 indicating all of the following categories that apply: (1)
8 banking and financial services, (2) manufacturing, (3)
9 education, (4) environment, (5) healthcare, (6) insurance,
10 (7) community interests, (8) labor, (9) public relations
11 or advertising, (10) marketing or sales, (11) hospitality,
12 (12) engineering, (13) information or technology products
13 or services, (14) social services, (15) public utilities,
14 (16) racing or wagering, (17) real estate or construction,
15 (18) telecommunications, (19) trade or professional
16 association, (20) travel or tourism, (21) transportation,
17 (22) agriculture, and (23) other (setting forth the nature
18 of that other business).

19 (d) A confirmation that the registrant has a sexual
20 harassment policy as required by Section 4.7, that such
21 policy shall be made available to any individual within 2
22 business days upon written request (including electronic
23 requests), that any person may contact the authorized
24 agent of the registrant to report allegations of sexual
25 harassment, and that the registrant recognizes the
26 Inspector General has jurisdiction to review any

1 allegations of sexual harassment alleged against the
2 registrant or lobbyists hired by the registrant.

3 (e) (Blank).

4 (f) Each elected or appointed public office in this
5 State to be held by the registrant at any time during the
6 registration period.

7 Every natural person and every entity required to register
8 under this Act shall annually submit the registration required
9 by this Section on or before each January 31. The registrant
10 has a continuing duty to report any substantial change or
11 addition to the information contained in the registration. A
12 registrant who retains a consultant shall file an amended
13 registration before any consulting services are performed, but
14 in any event not later than 2 business days after the
15 consultant is retained, setting forth the information required
16 in subsections (b-7) and (c) of this Section.

17 The Secretary of State shall make all filed statements and
18 amendments to statements publicly available by means of a
19 searchable database that is accessible through the World Wide
20 Web. The Secretary of State shall provide all software
21 necessary to comply with this provision to all natural persons
22 and entities required to file. The Secretary of State shall
23 implement a plan to provide computer access and assistance to
24 natural persons and entities required to file electronically.

25 All natural persons and entities required to register
26 under this Act shall remit a single, annual, and nonrefundable

1 \$300 registration fee. The Secretary of State shall grant a
2 waiver of this registration fee to any not-for-profit entity
3 with an annual budget of less than \$1,000,000 that is
4 classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the
5 Internal Revenue Code, including a waiver of that fee for any
6 lobbyist that exclusively lobbies on behalf of that entity.

7 Each natural person required to register under this Act
8 shall submit, on an annual basis, a picture of the registrant.
9 A registrant may, in lieu of submitting a picture on an annual
10 basis, authorize the Secretary of State to use any photo
11 identification available in any database maintained by the
12 Secretary of State for other purposes. Each registration fee
13 collected for registrations shall be deposited into the
14 Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund for administration
15 and enforcement of this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 101-595, eff. 12-5-19; 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)

17 Article 85.

18 Section 85-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
19 Section 9-15 as follows:

20 (10 ILCS 5/9-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-15)

21 Sec. 9-15. It shall be the duty of the Board:

22 (1) to develop prescribed forms for filing statements
23 of organization and required reports;

1 (1.5) to develop a standardized form for requesting
2 the redaction of the home addresses of officers of
3 political committees in accordance with paragraph (3.5);

4 (2) to prepare, publish, and furnish to the
5 appropriate persons a manual of instructions setting forth
6 recommended uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting
7 under this Article;

8 (3) to prescribe suitable rules and regulations to
9 carry out the provisions of this Article. Such rules and
10 regulations shall be published and made available to the
11 public;

12 (3.5) to redact the home addresses of all current and
13 past officers of political committees upon the written
14 request of the supported candidate or the current chair of
15 the political committee, using the standardized form
16 developed for that purpose by the Board under paragraph
17 (1.5);

18 (4) to send by first-class mail, after the general
19 primary election in even numbered years, to the chair of
20 each regularly constituted State central committee, county
21 central committee and, in counties with a population of
22 more than 3,000,000, to the committeepersons of each
23 township and ward organization of each political party
24 notice of their obligations under this Article, along with
25 a form for filing the statement of organization;

26 (5) to promptly make all reports and statements filed

1 under this Article available for public inspection and
2 copying no later than 2 business days after their receipt
3 and to permit copying of any such report or statement at
4 the expense of the person requesting the copy, except
5 that, if the redaction of home addresses of officers of a
6 political committee has been requested in accordance with
7 paragraph (3.5), then that information shall be redacted
8 from a filed statement before that statement is provided
9 for public inspection or copying;

10 (6) to develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing
11 system consistent with the purposes of this Article;

12 (7) to compile and maintain a list of all statements
13 or parts of statements pertaining to each candidate;

14 (8) to prepare and publish such reports as the Board
15 may deem appropriate;

16 (9) to annually notify each political committee that
17 has filed a statement of organization with the Board of
18 the filing dates for each quarterly report, provided that
19 the ~~such~~ notification shall be made by first-class mail,
20 unless the political committee opts to receive
21 notification electronically by ~~via~~ email by indicating its
22 preference to receive the notification electronically on
23 its statement of organization or by filing a quarterly
24 report of campaign contributions electronically; and

25 (10) to promptly send, by first-class mail directed
26 only to the officers of a political committee, and by

1 certified mail to the address of the political committee,
2 written notice of any fine or penalty assessed or imposed
3 against the political committee under this Article.

4 (Source: P.A. 104-443, eff. 1-1-26.)

5 Article 90.

6 Section 90-5. The Election Code is amended by adding
7 Section 1A-70 as follows:

8 (10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new)

9 Sec. 1A-70. Secure Elections Infrastructure Fund. The
10 Secure Elections Infrastructure Fund is created as a special
11 fund in the State treasury. Subject to appropriation, moneys
12 in the Fund shall be distributed by the State Board of
13 Elections as grants to election authorities for: voting
14 machine replacement; electronic poll book upgrades;
15 cybersecurity hardening, including the purchase of hardware
16 and software and vendor vetting; voter accessibility upgrades;
17 infrastructure for secure ballot transport and storage; and
18 capital improvements to election authority facilities that are
19 necessary to maintain safe, secure, and effective election
20 administration, including life-safety, environmental,
21 structural, or operational upgrades. The State Board of
22 Elections shall distribute moneys in the Fund to election
23 authorities using a formula determined by the State Board of

1 Elections that accounts for: the number of registered voters
2 located in each voting district; the number of voting
3 districts under the jurisdiction of the election authority;
4 the average age and condition of voting equipment operated by
5 the election authority; appropriations received by the
6 election authority in the previous 10 years; and demonstrated
7 accessibility or cybersecurity needs.

8 Section 90-10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
9 Section 5.1038 as follows:

10 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

11 Sec. 5.1038. The Secure Elections Infrastructure Fund.

12 Article 95.

13 Section 95-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
14 Sections 19-8 and 20-8 as follows:

15 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

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

17 (a) (Blank). ~~(Blank.)~~

18 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
19 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
20 and received by that election authority before the closing of
21 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving

1 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
2 processed by the election authority beginning on the day it is
3 received by the election authority in the central ballot
4 counting location of the election authority, but the results
5 of the processing may not be counted until the day of the
6 election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections
7 (g) and (g-5).

8 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
9 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
10 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
11 close on election day and before the close 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 period for
16 counting provisional ballots.

17 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
18 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with
19 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is
20 received by the election authority after the polls close on
21 election day and before the close of the period for counting
22 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed
23 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
24 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
25 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the
26 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements

1 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting
2 location of the election authority during the period for
3 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
4 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

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

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

1 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
2 subsection (c).

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

13 (f) Counting required under this Section shall ~~to~~ begin 7
14 calendar days before ~~on~~ election day ~~after the closing of the~~
15 ~~polls shall commence no later than 8:00 p.m.~~ and shall be
16 conducted by a panel or panels of election judges appointed in
17 the manner provided by law. The counting shall continue until
18 all vote by mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by
19 mail voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election
20 day have been counted. An election authority shall not release
21 the results of any counting done under this subsection until
22 after the closing of the polls on election day.

23 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
24 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
25 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
26 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for

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

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

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

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

26 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the

1 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

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

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

7 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
8 judge or official for any reason, the election authority
9 shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases
10 before the close of the period for counting provisional
11 ballots, notify the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot
12 was rejected. The notice shall inform the voter of the reason
13 or reasons the ballot was rejected and shall state that the
14 voter may appear before the election authority, on or before
15 the 14th day after the election, to show cause as to why the
16 ballot should not be rejected. The voter may present evidence
17 to the election authority supporting his or her contention
18 that the ballot should be counted. The election authority
19 shall appoint a panel of 3 election judges to review the
20 contested ballot, application, and certification envelope, as
21 well as any evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No
22 more than 2 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of
23 the same political party. The reviewing panel of election
24 judges shall make a final determination as to the validity of
25 the contested vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination
26 shall not be reviewable either administratively or judicially.

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

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

16 Upon request by the State or local political committee,
17 each election authority shall, within one day after the
18 request, provide the following information about all rejected
19 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email
20 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers,
21 as the case may be.

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

25 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
26 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher

1 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23;
3 revised 6-24-25.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

5 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

6 (a) (Blank.)

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

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

24 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
25 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with

1 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is
2 received by the election authority after the polls close on
3 election day and before the close of the period for counting
4 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed
5 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
6 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
7 if the certification date is election day or earlier and the
8 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements
9 of this Section, counted at the central ballot counting
10 location of the election authority during the period for
11 counting provisional ballots. Absent a date on the
12 certification, the ballot shall not be counted.

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

18 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
19 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
20 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
21 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
22 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
23 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
24 counting location of the election authority during the same
25 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots
26 under subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote

1 by mail voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election
2 authority and postmarked no later than election day, but that
3 are received by the election authority after the polls close
4 on election day and before the closing of the period for
5 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
6 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
7 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
8 location of the election authority during the same periods
9 provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
10 subsection (c).

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

21 (f) Counting required under this Section shall ~~to~~ begin 7
22 calendar days before ~~on~~ election day ~~after the closing of the~~
23 ~~polls shall commence no later than 8:00 p.m.~~ and shall be
24 conducted by a panel or panels of election judges appointed in
25 the manner provided by law. The counting shall continue until
26 all vote by mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by

1 mail voter's blank ballots required to be counted on election
2 day have been counted. An election authority shall not release
3 the results of any counting done under this subsection until
4 after the closing of the polls on election day.

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

25 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
26 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election

1 judge or official:

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

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

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

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

9 If the election judge or official determines that any of
10 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
11 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
12 shall not cast or count the ballot.

13 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
14 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
15 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
16 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
17 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
18 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
19 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
20 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
21 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
22 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
23 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
24 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a
25 panel of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
26 application, and certification envelope, as well as any

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

7 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
8 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
9 counting provisional ballots.

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

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

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

17 Article 115.

18 Section 115-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
19 Section 10-4 as follows:

20 (10 ILCS 5/10-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-4)

21 Sec. 10-4. Form of petition for nomination. All petitions
22 for nomination under this Article 10 for candidates for public
23 office in this State, shall in addition to other requirements

1 provided by law, be as follows: Such petitions shall consist
2 of sheets of uniform size and each sheet shall contain, above
3 the space for signature, an appropriate heading, giving the
4 information as to name of candidate or candidates in whose
5 behalf such petition is signed; the office; the party; place
6 of residence; and such other information or wording as
7 required to make same valid, and the heading of each sheet
8 shall be the same. Such petition shall be signed by the
9 qualified voters in their own proper persons only, and
10 opposite the signature of each signer his residence address
11 shall be written or printed. The residence address required to
12 be written or printed opposite each qualified primary
13 elector's name shall include the street address or rural route
14 number of the signer, as the case may be, as well as the
15 signer's county, and city, village or town, and state.
16 However, the county or city, village or town, and state of
17 residence of such electors may be printed on the petition
18 forms where all of the electors signing the petition reside in
19 the same county or city, village or town, and state. Standard
20 abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address,
21 including street number, if any. Except as otherwise provided
22 in this Code, no signature shall be valid or be counted in
23 considering the validity or sufficiency of such petition
24 unless the requirements of this Section are complied with. At
25 the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
26 circulator's statement, signed by a person 18 years of age or

1 older who is a citizen of the United States; stating the street
2 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as
3 the county, city, village or town, and state; certifying that
4 the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his
5 or her presence; certifying that the signatures are genuine;
6 and either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was
7 circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on
8 which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of
9 the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days
10 preceding the last day for the filing of the petition; and
11 certifying that to the best of his knowledge and belief the
12 persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition
13 duly registered voters under Article 4, 5, or 6 of this Code of
14 the political subdivision or district for which the candidate
15 or candidates shall be nominated, and certifying that their
16 respective residences are correctly stated therein. Such
17 statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to
18 administer oaths in this State. Except as otherwise provided
19 in this Code, no petition sheet shall be circulated more than
20 90 days preceding the last day provided in Section 10-6 for the
21 filing of such petition. Such sheets, before being presented
22 to the electoral board or filed with the proper officer of the
23 electoral district or division of the state or municipality,
24 as the case may be, shall be neatly fastened together in book
25 form, by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them
26 together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner, and the

1 sheets shall then be numbered consecutively. The sheets shall
2 not be fastened by pasting them together end to end, so as to
3 form a continuous strip or roll. All petition sheets which are
4 filed with the proper local election officials, election
5 authorities or the State Board of Elections shall be the
6 original sheets which have been signed by the voters and by the
7 circulator, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.
8 A petition, when presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn,
9 altered, or added to, and no signature shall be revoked except
10 by revocation in writing presented or filed with the officers
11 or officer with whom the petition is required to be presented
12 or filed, and before the presentment or filing of such
13 petition. Whoever forges any name of a signer upon any
14 petition shall be deemed guilty of a forgery, and on
15 conviction thereof, shall be punished accordingly. The word
16 "petition" or "petition for nomination", as used herein, shall
17 mean what is sometimes known as nomination papers, in
18 distinction to what is known as a certificate of nomination.
19 The words "political division for which the candidate is
20 nominated", or its equivalent, shall mean the largest
21 political division in which all qualified voters may vote upon
22 such candidate or candidates, as the state in the case of state
23 officers; the township in the case of township officers et
24 cetera. Except as provided for in Article 34 of the School
25 Code, ~~Provided, further, that~~ no person shall circulate or
26 certify petitions for candidates of more than one political

1 party, or for an independent candidate or candidates in
 2 addition to one political party, to be voted upon at the next
 3 primary or general election, or for such candidates and
 4 parties with respect to the same political subdivision at the
 5 next consolidated election.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)

7 Section 115-10. The School Code is amended by changing
 8 Section 34-4.1 as follows:

9 (105 ILCS 5/34-4.1)

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

14 NOMINATING PETITIONS

15 (LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART.)

16 To the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of
 17 Chicago:

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

24 Name: Address:

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

1 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

2 All petitions for the nomination of members of the Chicago
3 Board of Education shall be filed with the board of election
4 commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the principal
5 office of the school district is located and shall be
6 prepared, filed, and certified as outlined in Article 10 of
7 the Election Code. The board of election commissioners shall
8 receive and file only those petitions that include a statement
9 of candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the
10 notarized signature of the petition circulator, and a receipt
11 from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed a
12 statement of economic interests on or before the last day to
13 file as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. A
14 person may circulate or certify petitions for candidates for
15 the offices under this Article even if that person has
16 circulated or certified petitions for a candidate of a
17 political party or an independent candidate during the same
18 election cycle. The changes made to this Section by this
19 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall apply to
20 all petitions circulated or filed on and after January 1,
21 2025. The board of election commissioners may have petition
22 forms available for issuance to potential candidates and may
23 give notice of the petition filing period by publication in a
24 newspaper of general circulation within the school district
25 not less than 10 days prior to the first day of filing. The
26 board of election commissioners shall make certification to

1 the proper election authorities in accordance with the general
2 election law.

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

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

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

1 the filing of nomination papers in accordance with the general
2 election law.

3 (Source: P.A. 103-467, eff. 8-4-23; 103-584, eff. 3-18-24;
4 104-434, eff. 11-21-25.)

5 Article 120.

6 Section 120-5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by
7 changing Section 10 and by adding Section 4.8 as follows:

8 (25 ILCS 170/4.8 new)

9 Sec. 4.8. Use of elected titles. No person registered
10 under this Act may use a current or former elected or appointed
11 governmental title on any business card, letterhead, or email
12 that is used to solicit business or lobby under this Act.

13 (25 ILCS 170/10) (from Ch. 63, par. 180)

14 Sec. 10. Penalties.

15 (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this
16 Act, except for a violation of Section 4.7 or 4.8 or paragraph
17 (d) of Section 5, shall be guilty of a business offense and
18 shall be fined not more than \$10,000 for each violation. Every
19 day that a report or registration is late shall constitute a
20 separate violation. In determining the appropriate fine for
21 each violation, the trier of fact shall consider the scope of
22 the entire lobbying project, the nature of activities

1 conducted during the time the person was in violation of this
2 Act, and whether or not the violation was intentional or
3 unreasonable.

4 (a-5) A violation of Section 4.7 or paragraph (d) of
5 Section 5 shall be considered a violation of the State
6 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, subject to the
7 jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission and to all
8 penalties under Section 50-5 of the State Officials and
9 Employees Ethics Act.

10 (a-10) Any person who violates Section 4.8 shall be guilty
11 of a business offense and shall be fined not more than \$1,000
12 for each violation.

13 (b) In addition to the penalties provided for in
14 subsections (a) and (a-5) of this Section, any person
15 convicted of any violation of any provision of this Act is
16 prohibited for a period of three years from the date of such
17 conviction from lobbying.

18 (c) There is created in the State treasury a special fund
19 to be known as the Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund.
20 All fines collected in the enforcement of this Section shall
21 be deposited into the Fund. These funds shall, subject to
22 appropriation, be used by the Office of the Secretary of State
23 for implementation and administration of this Act.

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

1 Section 155-5. The Election Code is amended by adding
2 Section 19-25 as follows:

3 (10 ILCS 5/19-25 new)

4 Sec. 19-25. Vote by mail tracking. In conjunction with
5 election authorities, the State Board of Elections shall
6 implement, by January 1, 2027, a secure, free access system
7 available to voters in each election authority that allows
8 each vote by mail voter to:

9 (1) track the delivery and receipt of the voter's vote
10 by mail ballot by the election authority; and

11 (2) learn if the voter's vote by mail ballot was
12 accepted for counting and, if not, the reason why the
13 ballot was rejected.

14 For each election, the election authority shall make the
15 secure, free access system available to vote by mail voters
16 from the first day that vote by mail ballots are accepted until
17 30 days after completion of the official canvass.

18 Article 165.

19 Section 165-5. The School Code is amended by changing
20 Section 10-20.56 as follows:

21 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56)

1 Sec. 10-20.56. E-learning days.

2 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish and
3 maintain, for implementation in school districts, a program
4 for use of electronic-learning (e-learning) days, as described
5 in this Section. School districts may utilize a program
6 approved under this Section for use during remote learning
7 days and blended remote learning days under Section 10-30 or
8 34-18.66.

9 (b) The school board of a school district may, by
10 resolution, adopt a research-based program or research-based
11 programs for e-learning days district-wide that shall permit
12 student instruction to be received electronically while
13 students are not physically present in lieu of the district's
14 scheduled emergency days as required by Section 10-19 of this
15 Code or because a school was selected to be a polling place
16 under Section 11-4.1 of the Election Code. Except as otherwise
17 provided in this subsection (b), the ~~The~~ research-based
18 program or programs may not exceed the minimum number of
19 emergency days in the approved school calendar and must be
20 verified annually by the regional office of education or
21 intermediate service center for the school district before the
22 implementation of any e-learning days in that school year to
23 ensure access for all students. An e-learning day used by a
24 school district under this subsection (b) due to a school
25 being selected as a polling place under Section 11-4.1 of the
26 Election Code does not count toward the school district's

1 minimum number of emergency days. The regional office of
2 education or intermediate service center shall ensure that the
3 specific needs of all students are met, including special
4 education students and English learners, and that all mandates
5 are still met using the proposed research-based program. The
6 e-learning program may utilize the Internet, telephones,
7 texts, chat rooms, or other similar means of electronic
8 communication for instruction and interaction between teachers
9 and students that meet the needs of all learners. The
10 e-learning program shall address the school district's
11 responsibility to ensure that all teachers and staff who may
12 be involved in the provision of e-learning have access to any
13 and all hardware and software that may be required for the
14 program. If a proposed program does not address this
15 responsibility, the school district must propose an alternate
16 program.

17 (c) Before its adoption by a school board, the school
18 board must hold a public hearing on a school district's
19 initial proposal for an e-learning program or for renewal of
20 such a program, at a regular or special meeting of the school
21 board, in which the terms of the proposal must be
22 substantially presented and an opportunity for allowing public
23 comments must be provided. Notice of such public hearing must
24 be provided at least 10 days prior to the hearing by:

25 (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation
26 in the school district;

1 (2) written or electronic notice designed to reach the
2 parents or guardians of all students enrolled in the
3 school district; and

4 (3) written or electronic notice designed to reach any
5 exclusive collective bargaining representatives of school
6 district employees and all those employees not in a
7 collective bargaining unit.

8 (d) The regional office of education or intermediate
9 service center for the school district must timely verify that
10 a proposal for an e-learning program has met the requirements
11 specified in this Section and that the proposal contains
12 provisions designed to reasonably and practicably accomplish
13 the following:

14 (1) to ensure and verify at least 5 clock hours of
15 instruction or school work, as required under Section
16 10-19.05, for each student participating in an e-learning
17 day;

18 (2) to ensure access from home or other appropriate
19 remote facility for all students participating, including
20 computers, the Internet, and other forms of electronic
21 communication that must be utilized in the proposed
22 program;

23 (2.5) to ensure that non-electronic materials are made
24 available to students participating in the program who do
25 not have access to the required technology or to
26 participating teachers or students who are prevented from

1 accessing the required technology;

2 (3) to ensure appropriate learning opportunities for
3 students with special needs;

4 (4) to monitor and verify each student's electronic
5 participation;

6 (5) to address the extent to which student
7 participation is within the student's control as to the
8 time, pace, and means of learning;

9 (6) to provide effective notice to students and their
10 parents or guardians of the use of particular days for
11 e-learning;

12 (7) to provide staff and students with adequate
13 training for e-learning days' participation;

14 (8) to ensure an opportunity for any collective
15 bargaining negotiations with representatives of the school
16 district's employees that would be legally required,
17 including all classifications of school district employees
18 who are represented by collective bargaining agreements
19 and who would be affected in the event of an e-learning
20 day;

21 (9) to review and revise the program as implemented to
22 address difficulties confronted; and

23 (10) to ensure that the protocol regarding general
24 expectations and responsibilities of the program is
25 communicated to teachers, staff, and students at least 30
26 days prior to utilizing an e-learning day in a school

1 year.

2 The school board's approval of a school district's initial
3 e-learning program and renewal of the e-learning program shall
4 be for a term of 3 school years, beginning with the first
5 school year in which the program was approved and verified by
6 the regional office of education or intermediate service
7 center for the school district.

8 (d-5) A school district shall pay to its contractors who
9 provide educational support services to the district,
10 including, but not limited to, custodial, transportation, or
11 food service providers, their daily, regular rate of pay or
12 billings rendered for any e-learning day that is used because
13 a school was selected to be a polling place under Section
14 11-4.1 of the Election Code, except that this requirement does
15 not apply to contractors who are paid under contracts that are
16 entered into, amended, or renewed on or after March 15, 2022 or
17 to contracts that otherwise address compensation for such
18 e-learning days.

19 (d-10) A school district shall pay to its employees who
20 provide educational support services to the district,
21 including, but not limited to, custodial employees, building
22 maintenance employees, transportation employees, food service
23 providers, classroom assistants, or administrative staff,
24 their daily, regular rate of pay and benefits rendered for any
25 school closure or e-learning day if the closure precludes them
26 from performing their regularly scheduled duties and the

1 employee would have reported for work but for the closure,
2 except this requirement does not apply if the day is
3 rescheduled and the employee will be paid their daily, regular
4 rate of pay and benefits for the rescheduled day when services
5 are rendered.

6 (d-15) A school district shall make full payment that
7 would have otherwise been paid to its contractors who provide
8 educational support services to the district, including, but
9 not limited to, custodial, building maintenance,
10 transportation, food service providers, classroom assistants,
11 or administrative staff, their daily, regular rate of pay and
12 benefits rendered for any school closure or e-learning day if
13 any closure precludes them from performing their regularly
14 scheduled duties and employees would have reported for work
15 but for the closure. The employees who provide the support
16 services covered by such contracts shall be paid their daily
17 bid package rates and benefits as defined by their local
18 operating agreements or collective bargaining agreements,
19 except this requirement does not apply if the day is
20 rescheduled and the employee will be paid their daily, regular
21 rate of pay and benefits for the rescheduled day when services
22 are rendered.

23 (d-20) A school district shall make full payment or
24 reimbursement to an employee or contractor as specified in
25 subsection (d-10) or (d-15) of this Section for any school
26 closure or e-learning day in the 2021-2022 school year that

1 occurred prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of
2 the 102nd General Assembly if the employee or contractor did
3 not receive pay or was required to use earned paid time off,
4 except this requirement does not apply if the day is
5 rescheduled and the employee will be paid their daily, regular
6 rate of pay and benefits for the rescheduled day when services
7 are rendered.

8 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules
9 consistent with the provision of this Section.

10 (f) For purposes of subsections (d-10), (d-15), and (d-20)
11 of this Section:

12 "Employee" means anyone employed by a school district on
13 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd
14 General Assembly.

15 "School district" includes charter schools established
16 under Article 27A of this Code, but does not include the
17 Department of Juvenile Justice School District.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-584, eff. 6-1-22; 102-697, eff. 4-5-22;
19 103-780, eff. 8-2-24.)

20 Article 175.

21 Section 175-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
22 Sections 17-23, 17-29, 29-4, and 29-17 as follows:

23 (10 ILCS 5/17-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-23)

1 Sec. 17-23. Pollwatchers in a general election shall be
2 authorized in the following manner:

3 (1) Each established political party shall be entitled to
4 appoint two pollwatchers per precinct. Such pollwatchers must
5 be affiliated with the political party for which they are
6 pollwatching. For all elections, the pollwatchers must be
7 registered to vote in Illinois.

8 (2) Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint two
9 pollwatchers per precinct. For all elections, the pollwatchers
10 must be registered to vote in Illinois.

11 (3) Each organization of citizens within the county or
12 political subdivision, which has among its purposes or
13 interests the investigation or prosecution of election frauds,
14 and which shall have registered its name and address and the
15 name and addresses of its principal officers with the proper
16 election authority at least 40 days before the election, shall
17 be entitled to appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. For all
18 elections, the pollwatcher must be registered to vote in
19 Illinois.

20 (3.5) Each State nonpartisan civic organization within the
21 county or political subdivision shall be entitled to appoint
22 one pollwatcher per precinct, provided that no more than 2
23 pollwatchers appointed by State nonpartisan civic
24 organizations shall be present in a precinct polling place at
25 the same time. Each organization shall have registered the
26 names and addresses of its principal officers with the proper

1 election authority at least 40 days before the election. The
2 pollwatchers must be registered to vote in Illinois. For the
3 purpose of this paragraph, a "State nonpartisan civic
4 organization" means any corporation, unincorporated
5 association, or organization that:

6 (i) as part of its written articles of incorporation,
7 bylaws, or charter or by separate written declaration, has
8 among its stated purposes the provision of voter
9 information and education, the protection of individual
10 voters' rights, and the promotion of free and equal
11 elections;

12 (ii) is organized or primarily conducts its activities
13 within the State of Illinois; and

14 (iii) continuously maintains an office or business
15 location within the State of Illinois, together with a
16 current listed telephone number (a post office box number
17 without a current listed telephone number is not
18 sufficient).

19 (4) In any general election held to elect candidates for
20 the offices of a municipality of less than 3,000,000
21 population that is situated in 2 or more counties, a
22 pollwatcher who is a resident of Illinois shall be eligible to
23 serve as a pollwatcher in any poll located within such
24 municipality, provided that such pollwatcher otherwise
25 complies with the respective requirements of subsections (1)
26 through (3) of this Section and is a registered voter in

1 Illinois.

2 (5) Each organized group of proponents or opponents of a
3 ballot proposition, which shall have registered the name and
4 address of its organization or committee and the name and
5 address of its chair with the proper election authority at
6 least 40 days before the election, shall be entitled to
7 appoint one pollwatcher per precinct. The pollwatcher must be
8 registered to vote in Illinois.

9 All pollwatchers shall be required to have proper
10 credentials. Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient
11 quantities, shall be issued by and under the facsimile
12 signature(s) of the election authority or the State Board of
13 Elections and shall be available for distribution by the
14 election authority and State Board of Elections at least 2
15 weeks prior to the election. Such credentials shall be
16 authorized by the real or facsimile signature of the State or
17 local party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
18 of the civic organization or the chair of the proponent or
19 opponent group, as the case may be. Neither the election
20 authority nor the State Board of Elections may require any
21 such party official or the candidate or the presiding officer
22 of the civic organization or the chair of the proponent or
23 opponent group to submit the names or other information
24 concerning pollwatchers before making credentials available to
25 such persons or organizations.

26 Pollwatcher credentials shall be in substantially the

1 following form:

2 POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

3 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

4 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code,
5 the undersigned hereby appoints (name of
6 pollwatcher) who resides at (address) in the
7 county of, (township or municipality)
8 of (name), State of Illinois and who is duly
9 registered to vote from this address, to act as a pollwatcher
10 in the precinct of the ward (if
11 applicable) of the (township or municipality) of
12 at the election to be held on (insert
13 date).

14 (Signature of Appointing Authority)
15 TITLE (party official, candidate,
16 civic organization president,
17 proponent or opponent group chair)

18 Under penalties provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10
19 of the Election Code, the undersigned pollwatcher certifies
20 that he or she resides at (address) in the
21 county of, (township or municipality)
22 of (name), State of Illinois, and is duly
23 registered to vote in Illinois.

24

1 (Precinct and/or Ward in (Signature of Pollwatcher)
2 Which Pollwatcher Resides)

3 Pollwatchers must present their credentials to the Judges
4 of Election upon entering the polling place. Pollwatcher
5 credentials properly executed and signed shall be proof of the
6 qualifications of the pollwatcher authorized thereby. Such
7 credentials are retained by the Judges and returned to the
8 Election Authority at the end of the day of election with the
9 other election materials. Once a pollwatcher has surrendered a
10 valid credential, he may leave and reenter the polling place
11 provided that such continuing action does not disrupt the
12 conduct of the election. Pollwatchers may be substituted
13 during the course of the day, but established political
14 parties, candidates and qualified civic organizations can have
15 only as many pollwatchers at any given time as are authorized
16 in this Article. A substitute must present his signed
17 credential to the judges of election upon entering the polling
18 place. Election authorities must provide a sufficient number
19 of credentials to allow for substitution of pollwatchers.
20 After the polls have closed pollwatchers shall be allowed to
21 remain until the canvass of votes is completed; but may leave
22 and reenter only in cases of necessity, provided that such
23 action is not so continuous as to disrupt the canvass of votes.

24 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
25 encompassing 2 or more counties shall be admitted to any and

1 all polling places throughout such district or municipality
2 without regard to the counties in which such candidates are
3 registered to vote. Actions of such candidates shall be
4 governed in each polling place by the same privileges and
5 limitations that apply to pollwatchers as provided in this
6 Section. Any such candidate who engages in an activity in a
7 polling place which could reasonably be construed by a
8 majority of the judges of election as campaign activity shall
9 be removed forthwith from such polling place.

10 Candidates seeking office in a district or municipality
11 encompassing 2 or more counties who desire to be admitted to
12 polling places on election day in such district or
13 municipality shall be required to have proper credentials.
14 Such credentials shall be printed in sufficient quantities,
15 shall be issued by and under the facsimile signature of the
16 State Board of Elections or the election authority of the
17 election jurisdiction where the polling place in which the
18 candidate seeks admittance is located, and shall be available
19 for distribution at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Such
20 credentials shall be signed by the candidate.

21 Candidate credentials shall be in substantially the
22 following form:

23 CANDIDATE CREDENTIALS

24 TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION:

25 In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code, I

1 (name of candidate) hereby certify that I am a
 2 candidate for (name of office) and seek admittance to
 3 precinct of the ward (if applicable) of the
 4 (township or municipality) of at the
 5 election to be held on (insert date).

6
7 (Signature of Candidate)	OFFICE FOR WHICH
8	CANDIDATE SEEKS
9	NOMINATION OR
10	ELECTION

11 Pollwatchers shall be permitted to observe all proceedings
 12 and view all reasonably requested records relating to the
 13 conduct of the election, provided the secrecy of the ballot is
 14 not impinged, and to station themselves in a position in the
 15 voting room as will enable them to observe the judges making
 16 the signature comparison between the voter application and the
 17 voter registration record card; provided, however, that such
 18 pollwatchers shall not be permitted to station themselves in
 19 such close proximity to the judges of election so as to
 20 interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and shall
 21 not, in any event, be permitted to handle election materials.
 22 Pollwatchers may challenge for cause the voting qualifications
 23 of a person offering to vote and may call to the attention of
 24 the judges of election any incorrect procedure or apparent
 25 violations of this Code.

1 If a majority of the judges of election determine that the
2 polling place has become too overcrowded with pollwatchers so
3 as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, the
4 judges shall, by lot, limit such pollwatchers to a reasonable
5 number, except that each established or new political party
6 shall be permitted to have at least one pollwatcher present.

7 Representatives of an election authority, with regard to
8 an election under its jurisdiction, the State Board of
9 Elections, and law enforcement agencies, including but not
10 limited to a United States Attorney, a State's Attorney
11 ~~attorney~~, the Attorney General, and a State, county, or local
12 police department, in the performance of their official
13 election duties, shall be permitted at all times to enter and
14 remain in the polling place. Upon entering the polling place,
15 such representatives shall display their official credentials
16 or other identification to the judges of election.

17 Uniformed State and local police officers assigned to
18 polling place duty shall follow all lawful instructions of the
19 judges of election and have valid pollwatcher credentials. An
20 election authority shall not permit a law enforcement agent to
21 enter and remain in the polling place, unless the law
22 enforcement agent is voting, is a candidate with valid
23 pollwatcher credentials and is not performing law enforcement
24 duties, is serving as a pollwatcher with valid pollwatcher
25 credentials, is repelling armed enemies of the United States,
26 is called upon by the election authority or judges of

1 election, or is required by court order. If a public school
2 building is used as a polling place, students or staff are
3 present in the building, and a public school official has a
4 reasonable belief that there is an imminent threat to the
5 safety of students or staff in the building, then the
6 responding law enforcement agent may enter the polling place
7 to perform law enforcement duties. If a church or place of
8 worship is used as a polling place and an official of the
9 church or place of worship has a reasonable belief that there
10 is an imminent threat to the safety of individuals in the
11 church or place of worship, then the responding law
12 enforcement agent may enter the polling place to perform law
13 enforcement duties. An election authority shall ensure that
14 any law enforcement agent who is permitted to enter and remain
15 in the polling place has provided the election authority with
16 a valid pollwatcher credential. As used in this Section, "law
17 enforcement agent" means an agent, subcontractor, or designee
18 of federal, State, or local law enforcement authorized with
19 the power to arrest or detain individuals, or manage the
20 custody of detained individuals, for civil immigration
21 enforcement. "Law enforcement agent" does not include an
22 on-duty school resource officer, as defined in Section
23 10-20.68 of the School Code, assigned to the school being used
24 as a polling place when students or staff are in the school
25 building, representatives of State's Attorneys assigned to
26 election duties, or representatives of the Attorney General's

1 Office assigned to election duties.

2 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to
3 supervised casting of vote by mail ballots as provided in
4 Section 19-12.2 of this Act.

5 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a
6 law enforcement agent or school resource officer from serving
7 as a pollwatcher when the law enforcement agent is not
8 performing law enforcement duties.

9 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a
10 law enforcement agent from voting.

11 Nothing in this Section applies to other spaces within a
12 municipal building, public school building, or church or place
13 of worship that are not being used as polls.

14 The terms used in this Section shall be construed
15 consistently with 18 U.S.C. 592.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/17-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-29)

18 Sec. 17-29. (a) No judge of election, pollwatcher, or
19 other person shall, at any primary or election, do any
20 electioneering or soliciting of votes or engage in any
21 political discussion or engage in any practice that is
22 intended to intimidate a voter within any polling place,
23 within 100 feet of any polling place, or, at the option of a
24 church or private school, on any of the property of that church
25 or private school that is a polling place; no person shall

1 interrupt, hinder or oppose any voter while approaching within
2 those areas for the purpose of voting. Judges of election
3 shall enforce the provisions of this Section.

4 (b) Election officers shall place 2 or more cones, small
5 United States national flags, or some other marker a distance
6 of 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the room used by
7 voters to engage in voting, which shall be known as the polling
8 room. If the polling room is located within a building that is
9 a private business, a public or private school, or a church or
10 other organization founded for the purpose of religious
11 worship and the distance of 100 horizontal feet ends within
12 the interior of the building, then the markers shall be placed
13 outside of the building at each entrance used by voters to
14 enter that building on the grounds adjacent to the
15 thoroughfare or walkway. If the polling room is located within
16 a public or private building with 2 or more floors and the
17 polling room is located on the ground floor, then the markers
18 shall be placed 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the
19 polling room used by voters to engage in voting. If the polling
20 room is located in a public or private building with 2 or more
21 floors and the polling room is located on a floor above or
22 below the ground floor, then the markers shall be placed a
23 distance of 100 feet from the nearest elevator or staircase
24 used by voters on the ground floor to access the floor where
25 the polling room is located. The area within where the markers
26 are placed shall be known as a campaign free zone, and

1 electioneering is prohibited pursuant to this subsection.
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a church
3 or private school may choose to apply the campaign free zone to
4 its entire property, and, if so, the markers shall be placed
5 near the boundaries on the grounds adjacent to the
6 thoroughfares or walkways leading to the entrances used by the
7 voters. If an election authority maintains a website, no later
8 than 5 days before election day, each election authority shall
9 post on its website the name and address of every polling place
10 designated as a campaign free zone. This information shall be
11 immediately provided to any person upon request, and a
12 requester shall not be required to submit a request under the
13 Freedom of Information Act.

14 The area on polling place property beyond the campaign
15 free zone, whether publicly or privately owned, is a public
16 forum for the time that the polls are open on an election day.
17 At the request of election officers any publicly owned
18 building must be made available for use as a polling place. A
19 person shall have the right to congregate and engage in
20 electioneering on any polling place property while the polls
21 are open beyond the campaign free zone, including but not
22 limited to, the placement of temporary signs. This subsection
23 shall be construed liberally in favor of persons engaging in
24 electioneering on all polling place property beyond the
25 campaign free zone for the time that the polls are open on an
26 election day. At or near the door of each polling place, the

1 election judges shall place signage indicating the proper
2 entrance to the polling place. In addition, the election
3 judges shall ensure that a sign identifying the location of
4 the polling place is placed on a nearby public roadway. The
5 State Board of Elections shall establish guidelines for the
6 placement of polling place signage.

7 (c) The regulation of electioneering on polling place
8 property on an election day, including but not limited to the
9 placement of temporary signs, is an exclusive power and
10 function of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate
11 electioneering and any ordinance or local law contrary to
12 subsection (c) is declared void. This is a denial and
13 limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection
14 (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

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

16 (10 ILCS 5/29-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-4)

17 Sec. 29-4. Prevention of voting, ~~or~~ candidate support, or
18 performing official election duties.

19 (a) Any person who, by force, intimidation, threat,
20 deception or forgery, knowingly prevents any other person from
21 or knowingly causes another person to be prevented from (i)
22 ~~(a)~~ registering to vote, (ii) ~~or (b)~~ lawfully voting, (iii)
23 supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any
24 person for public office or any public question voted upon at
25 any election, or (iv) discharging official election duties,

1 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, the Attorney General shall have concurrent
3 jurisdiction with any State's Attorney in the prosecution of
4 any offenses under this Section.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,
6 whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe
7 a person has engaged in a pattern or practice of conduct that
8 violates subsection (a) or that a violation of subsection (a)
9 raises an issue of general public importance, the Attorney
10 General may commence a civil action in the name of the People
11 of this State to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory
12 relief, including any permanent or preliminary injunction,
13 temporary restraining order, or other order, such as an order
14 enjoining the defendant from engaging in the pattern or
15 practice or ordering any action as may be appropriate.

16 (c) The Attorney General may issue subpoenas in order to
17 accomplish the objectives and to carry out the duties
18 prescribed by this Section. Service by the Attorney General of
19 any subpoena upon any person shall be made:

20 (1) personally by delivery of a duly executed copy of
21 the subpoena to the person to be served or, in the case of
22 a public body, in the manner provided in Section 2-211 of
23 the Code of Civil Procedure; or

24 (2) by mailing by certified mail a duly executed copy
25 of the subpoena to the person to be served at the person's
26 last known abode or, in the case of a public body, to its

1 principal place of business.

2 (d) If any person or public body fails or refuses to obey
3 any subpoena issued under this Section, the Attorney General
4 may file a complaint in the circuit court to obtain:

5 (1) compliance with the subpoena;

6 (2) injunctive relief to prevent a violation of this
7 Section.

8 (e) The Attorney General's determination that reasonable
9 cause exists to believe that a violation of subsection (a)
10 raises an issue of general public importance shall not be
11 reviewable in any court.

12 (f) The terms used in this Section shall be construed
13 consistently with 18 U.S.C. 593 and 18 U.S.C. 595.

14 (Source: P.A. 78-887.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/29-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-17)

16 Sec. 29-17. Deprivation of Constitutional Rights -
17 Liability).

18 (a) Any person who subjects, or causes to be subjected, a
19 citizen of the State of Illinois or other person within the
20 jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights,
21 privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or laws
22 of the United States or of the State of Illinois, relating to
23 registration to vote, the conduct of elections, voting, or the
24 nomination or election of candidates for public or political
25 party office, shall be liable to the party injured or any

1 person affected, in any action or proceeding for redress.

2 (b) All monetary, injunctive, and declaratory relief
3 available at common law is available under this Section for a
4 violation of this Section without regard to whether a
5 plaintiff may have a claim under any other statute or common
6 law cause of action.

7 (c) Upon motion, a court shall award reasonable attorney's
8 fees and costs, including expert witness fees and other
9 litigation expenses, to a plaintiff who is a prevailing party
10 in any action brought under this Act.

11 (Source: P.A. 79-1363.)

12 Article 180.

13 Section 180-5. The Election Code is amended by adding
14 Section 24-20.5 as follows:

15 (10 ILCS 5/24-20.5 new)

16 Sec. 24-20.5. Compliance with Voluntary Voting System
17 Guidelines 2.0.

18 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beginning on
19 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
20 Assembly, any election system or product certified by the
21 Election Assistance Commission as compliant with the Voluntary
22 Voting System Guidelines 2.0 (VVSG 2.0) may be used within
23 this State in lieu of certification by the State Board of

1 Elections. An election authority may authorize, implement,
2 use, or purchase or lease any voting product or system that has
3 been certified by the United States Election Assistance
4 Commission as compliant with VVSG 2.0.

5 (b) No later than 365 days after the effective date of this
6 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the State Board
7 of Elections shall adopt rules pertaining to the certification
8 of election equipment and systems that shall, at a minimum,
9 require vendors to submit federal testing documentation and
10 proof of certification to VVSG 2.0 for any new systems. A
11 submission of VVSG 2.0 compliance may be accepted in lieu of
12 duplicating or replicating the testing required by this Code.

13 Article 190.

14 Section 190-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
15 Sections 19-2, 19-3, 19-4, 19-6, 19-8, 19-12.2, and 29-20 and
16 by adding Sections 1-4.5 and 19-6.5 as follows:

17 (10 ILCS 5/1-4.5 new)

18 Sec. 1-4.5. Ballots received by election day. If and only
19 if the United States Supreme Court finds in Watson v.
20 Republican National Committee that federal election law
21 preempts a state law that allows ballots that are cast by a
22 federal election day to be counted by election officials after
23 election day and if the court's opinion does not indicate when

1 a ballot is considered received by election day, then for
2 purposes of federal elections only, a ballot is considered
3 received by election day or by the election authority on
4 election day when the ballot is in the custody of the proper
5 election authority by the close of polls on election day.

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

7 Sec. 19-2. Making application for a vote by mail ballot.

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

1 affects the voter's ~~their~~ registration status, or the election
2 authority receives confirmation that the voter has
3 subsequently registered to vote in another election authority
4 jurisdiction. The URL address at which voters may
5 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no
6 later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be
7 changed until after the election.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
9 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; revised
10 6-24-25.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

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

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

15 APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

16 To be voted at the election in the County of and
17 State of Illinois.

18 I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of
19 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
20 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at
21 the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote
22 by mail.

23 I hereby make application for an official ballot or
24 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I
25 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing

1 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the
 2 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than 5
 3 days prior to election day, for federal elections, and on
 4 election day, for non-federal elections, for counting no later
 5 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
 6 last day of which is the 14th day following election day. In
 7 addition, I agree that I shall not recall or attempt to recall
 8 my ballot once placed into the custody of the United States
 9 Postal Service or a company that is licensed as a motor carrier
 10 of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the
 11 Illinois Commercial Transportation Law and is engaged in the
 12 business of making deliveries.

13 I understand that this application is made for an official
 14 vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the
 15 election specified in this application and that I must submit
 16 a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or
 17 ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.

18 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
 19 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 20 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

21

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

23 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

24

25 (a-5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot
 26 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be

1 substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail
2 ballot for a single election and shall include:

3 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print
4 disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am
5 making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot
6 electronically so that I may privately and independently
7 mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.

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

10 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

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

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

18 all subsequent elections that do not require a party
19 designation.

20 all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a
21 Party vote by mail ballot in
22 elections that require a party designation.

23 I hereby make application for an official ballot or
24 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I
25 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing
26 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the

1 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than 5
 2 days prior to election day, for federal elections, and on
 3 election day, for non-federal elections, for counting no later
 4 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
 5 last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

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

9

10 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

11

12 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots
 13 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be
 14 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by
 15 mail status and shall include:

16 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a
 17 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this
 18 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail
 19 ballots electronically so that I may privately and
 20 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail
 21 ballots.

22 (c) However, if application is made for a primary election
 23 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
 24 designate the name of the political party with which the
 25 applicant is affiliated. The election authority shall allow
 26 any voter on permanent vote by mail status to change his or her

1 party affiliation for a primary election ballot by a method
2 and deadline published and selected by the election authority.

3 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant
4 shall mark the box associated with the above described
5 statement included as part of the online application
6 certifying that the statements set forth in the application
7 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a
8 signature is not required.

9 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or
10 return to an election authority an application under this
11 Section. If applications are sent to a post office box
12 controlled by any individual or organization that is not an
13 election authority, those applications shall (i) include a
14 valid and current phone number for the individual or
15 organization controlling the post office box and (ii) be
16 turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7
17 days of receipt; ~~or,~~ if received within 2 weeks of the election
18 in which an applicant intends to vote, within 2 days of
19 receipt; or, if received on election day in which an applicant
20 intends to vote, before the polls close. Failure to turn over
21 the applications in compliance with this paragraph shall
22 constitute a violation of this Code and shall be punishable as
23 a petty offense with a fine of \$100 per application. Removing,
24 tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on
25 the application unreadable by the election authority shall
26 establish a rebuttable presumption of a violation of this

1 paragraph. Upon receipt, the appropriate election authority
2 shall accept and promptly process any application under this
3 Section submitted in a form substantially similar to that
4 required by this Section, including any substantially similar
5 production or reproduction generated by the applicant.

6 (f) An election authority may combine the applications in
7 subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the distinction
8 between the applications must be clear and the form must
9 provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate whether he or
10 she is applying for a single election vote by mail ballot or
11 for permanent vote by mail status.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

15 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
16 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by
17 mail or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than
18 10 ~~5~~ days prior to such election, or by personal delivery not
19 more than 90 days nor less than 7 days ~~one day~~ prior to such
20 election, at the office of such election authority, it shall
21 be the duty of such election authority to examine the records
22 to ascertain whether or not such applicant is lawfully
23 entitled to vote as requested, including a verification of the
24 applicant's signature on file with the office of the election
25 authority, and if found so to be entitled to vote, to post

1 within one business day thereafter the name, street address,
2 ward and precinct number or township and district number, as
3 the case may be, of such applicant given on a list, the pages
4 of which are to be numbered consecutively to be kept by such
5 election authority for such purpose in a conspicuous, open and
6 public place accessible to the public at the entrance of the
7 office of such election authority, and in such a manner that
8 such list may be viewed without necessity of requesting
9 permission therefor. Within one day after posting the name and
10 other information of an applicant for a vote by mail ballot,
11 the election authority shall transmit by electronic means
12 pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
13 Elections that name and other posted information to the State
14 Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names and other
15 information in an electronic format on its website, arranged
16 by county and accessible to State and local political
17 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and
18 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner
19 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall
20 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office, or
21 deliver via electronic transmission pursuant to Section
22 19-2.6, an official ballot or ballots if more than one are to
23 be voted at said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent
24 Student ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall
25 be by nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated
26 election, vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be

1 delivered to applicants not less than 25 days before the
2 election if so much time is required to have prepared and
3 printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated
4 for offices at the consolidated primary. The election
5 authority shall enclose with each vote by mail ballot or
6 application written instructions on how voting assistance
7 shall be provided pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document,
8 written and approved by the State Board of Elections,
9 informing the vote by mail voter of the required postage for
10 returning the application and ballot, and enumerating the
11 circumstances under which a person is authorized to vote by
12 vote by mail ballot pursuant to this Article; such document
13 shall also include a statement informing the applicant that,
14 if he or she falsifies or is solicited by another to falsify
15 his or her eligibility to cast a vote by mail ballot or recalls
16 or attempts to recall his or her ballot, such applicant or
17 other is subject to penalties pursuant to Section 29-10 and
18 Section 29-20 of the Election Code. Each election authority
19 shall maintain a list of the name, street address, ward and
20 precinct, or township and district number, as the case may be,
21 of all applicants who have returned vote by mail ballots to
22 such authority, and the name of such vote by mail voter shall
23 be added to such list within one business day from receipt of
24 such ballot. If the vote by mail ballot envelope indicates
25 that the voter was assisted in casting the ballot, the name of
26 the person so assisting shall be included on the list. The

1 list, the pages of which are to be numbered consecutively,
2 shall be kept by each election authority in a conspicuous,
3 open, and public place accessible to the public at the
4 entrance of the office of the election authority and in a
5 manner that the list may be viewed without necessity of
6 requesting permission for viewing.

7 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
8 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
9 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within
10 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the
11 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority
12 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the
13 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail
14 ballots have been issued by mail.

15 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
16 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent
17 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each
18 election jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily
19 abide. Immediately after the close of the period during which
20 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by
21 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other
22 election authority within the State a certified list of all
23 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the
24 other election authority.

25 In the event that the return address of an application for
26 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a

1 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care
2 Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013,
3 the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the
4 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a
5 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is
6 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a
7 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the
8 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the
9 election as designated by the election authority under Section
10 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated
11 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility
12 from which application was made. The election authority shall
13 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot
14 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

15 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be
16 available at the office of the election authority for public
17 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by
18 the election authority until 30 days after the election,
19 except during the time such applications are kept in the
20 office of the election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and
21 except during the time such applications are in the possession
22 of the judges of election.

23 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the
24 contrary, pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 30 of the
25 Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence,
26 Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, neither

1 the name nor the address of a program participant under that
2 Act shall be included in any list of registered voters
3 available to the public, including the lists referenced in
4 this Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;
6 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-6)

8 Sec. 19-6. Such vote by mail voter shall make and
9 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the
10 application and on the return envelope for the ballot, and
11 such ballot or ballots shall be folded by such voter in the
12 manner required to be folded before depositing the same in the
13 ballot box, and be deposited in such envelope and the envelope
14 securely sealed. The voter shall then endorse his certificate
15 upon the back of the envelope and the envelope shall be mailed
16 in person by such voter, postage prepaid, to the election
17 authority issuing the ballot or, if more convenient, it may be
18 delivered in person, by either the voter or by any person
19 authorized by the voter, or by a company licensed as a motor
20 carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under
21 the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, which is engaged
22 in the business of making deliveries.

23 Election authorities shall accept any vote by mail ballot
24 returned, including ballots returned with insufficient or no
25 postage. Election authorities shall ~~may~~ maintain one ~~or more~~

1 secure vote by mail collection drop box and may maintain
2 additional secure collection sites for the postage-free return
3 of vote by mail ballots. Any election authority with
4 collection sites shall collect all ballots returned each day
5 and process them as required by this Code, including noting
6 the day on which the ballot was collected. Ballots returned to
7 such collection sites after close of business shall be dated
8 as delivered the next day, with the exception of ballots
9 delivered on election day, which shall be dated as received on
10 election day with the hour of receipt noted. Election
11 authorities shall permit electors to return vote by mail
12 ballots at any collection site it has established through the
13 close of polls on election day, including all polling
14 locations during early voting or on election day. Vote by mail
15 ballots returned to an early voting or election day polling
16 place shall be delivered to the voter's designated election
17 day polling location and to the election judges of that
18 voter's assigned precinct. All collection sites shall be
19 secured by locks that may be opened only by election authority
20 personnel. The State Board of Elections shall establish
21 additional guidelines for the security of collection sites and
22 shall educate election authorities and voters on the
23 application process for and the proper return of vote by mail
24 ballots, including all applicable time constraints.

25 It shall be unlawful for any person not the voter or a
26 person authorized by the voter to take the ballot and ballot

1 envelope of a voter for deposit into the mail unless the ballot
 2 has been issued pursuant to application by a physically
 3 incapacitated elector under Section 3-3 or a hospitalized
 4 voter under Section 19-13, in which case any employee or
 5 person under the direction of the facility in which the
 6 elector or voter is located may deposit the ballot and ballot
 7 envelope into the mail. If the voter authorized a person to
 8 deliver the ballot to the election authority, the voter and
 9 the person authorized to deliver the ballot shall complete the
 10 authorization printed on the exterior envelope supplied by an
 11 election authority for the return of the vote by mail ballot.
 12 The exterior of the envelope supplied by an election authority
 13 for the return of the vote by mail ballot shall include an
 14 authorization in substantially the following form:

15 I (voter) authorize to take
 16 the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to
 17 the office of the election authority.

18
 19 Date Signature of voter

20
 21 Printed Name of Authorized Delivery Agent

22

1 Signature of Authorized Delivery Agency

2

3 Date Delivered to the Election Authority

4 (Source: P.A. 102-1, eff. 4-2-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/19-6.5 new)

6 Sec. 19-6.5. Vote by mail collection drop boxes. Subject
7 to appropriation, the State Board of Elections shall
8 administer a program to ensure that every election authority
9 maintains at least one secure vote by mail collection drop box
10 within its jurisdiction. Starting on July 1, 2026, the State
11 Board of Elections shall coordinate with each local election
12 authority the acquisition and installation of one secure vote
13 by mail collection drop box. Installation of the new vote by
14 mail collection drop box shall occur no later than 15 days
15 before November 3, 2026. Procurement of the secure vote by
16 mail collection drop box shall be undertaken by the election
17 authorities in accordance with applicable procurement laws and
18 ordinances. The State Board of Elections shall distribute up
19 to \$25,000 in funds to each election authority or election
20 authority's vendor for the actual costs to acquire one secure
21 vote by mail collection drop box upon receipt of a proper bill
22 or invoice from the election authority.

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

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

2 (a) (Blank.)

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

14 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
15 election authority and postmarked no later than 5 days prior
16 to election day, but that is received by the election
17 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
18 close of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
19 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority
20 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted for all
21 non-federal elections at the central ballot counting location
22 of the election authority during the period for counting
23 provisional ballots.

24 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
25 election authority absent a postmark or a barcode usable with
26 an intelligent mail barcode tracking system, but that is

1 received by the election authority after the polls close on
2 election day and before the close of the period for counting
3 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed
4 by the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt,
5 opened to inspect the date inserted on the certification, and,
6 if the certification date is 5 days prior to election day or
7 earlier and the ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the
8 requirements of this Section, counted for all non-federal
9 elections at the central ballot counting location of the
10 election authority during the period for counting provisional
11 ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the ballot shall
12 not be counted.

13 If an election authority is using an intelligent mail
14 barcode tracking system, a ballot that is mailed to an
15 election authority absent a postmark may be counted for a
16 non-federal election if the intelligent mail barcode tracking
17 system verifies the envelope was mailed no later than 5 days
18 prior to election day.

19 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
20 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
21 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
22 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
23 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
24 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
25 counting location of the election authority during the same
26 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots

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

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

22 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
23 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
24 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
25 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
26 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail

1 voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
2 blank ballots required to be counted on election day have been
3 counted.

4 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
5 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
6 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
7 received, and for non-federal elections ~~but in all cases~~
8 before the close of the period for counting provisional
9 ballots, the election judge or official shall compare the
10 voter's signature on the certification envelope of that vote
11 by mail ballot with the voter's signature on the application
12 verified in accordance with Section 19-4 or the signature of
13 the voter on file in the office of the election authority. If
14 the election judge or official determines that the 2
15 signatures match, and that the vote by mail voter is otherwise
16 qualified to cast a vote by mail ballot, the election
17 authority shall cast and count the ballot on election day or
18 the day the ballot is determined to be valid, whichever is
19 later, adding the results to the precinct in which the voter is
20 registered. If the election judge or official determines that
21 the signatures do not match, or that the vote by mail voter is
22 not qualified to cast a vote by mail ballot, then without
23 opening the certification envelope, the judge or official
24 shall mark across the face of the certification envelope the
25 word "Rejected" and shall not cast or count the ballot.

26 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote

1 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or
2 official:

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

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

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

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

10 If the election judge or official determines that any of
11 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
12 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
13 shall not cast or count the ballot.

14 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
15 judge or official for any reason, the election authority
16 shall, within 2 days after the rejection for federal elections
17 and, for non-federal elections, ~~but in all cases~~ before the
18 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, notify
19 the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The
20 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
21 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
22 before the election authority, on or before the fourth day
23 after the election for federal elections and on or before the
24 14th day after the election for non-federal elections, to show
25 cause as to why the ballot should not be rejected. The voter
26 may present evidence to the election authority supporting his

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

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

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

26 Upon request by the State or local political committee,

1 each election authority shall, within one day after the
2 request, provide the following information about all rejected
3 vote by mail ballots: voter's name, street address, email
4 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers,
5 as the case may be.

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

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

12 (Source: P.A. 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23;
13 revised 6-24-25.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.2)

15 Sec. 19-12.2. Voting by physically incapacitated electors
16 who have made proper application to the election authority not
17 later than 10 ~~5~~ days before the regular primary and general
18 election of 1980 and before each election thereafter shall be
19 conducted either through the vote by mail procedures as
20 detailed in this Article or on the premises of (i) federally
21 operated veterans' homes, hospitals, and facilities located in
22 Illinois or (ii) facilities licensed or certified pursuant to
23 the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health
24 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or
25 the MC/DD Act for the sole benefit of residents of such homes,

1 hospitals, and facilities. For the purposes of this Section,
2 "federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility"
3 means the long-term care facilities at the Jesse Brown VA
4 Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System, Edward Hines, Jr.
5 VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and Captain James A.
6 Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Such voting shall be
7 conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all
8 applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of 9 a.m.
9 and 7 p.m. either on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday
10 immediately preceding the regular election. This vote by mail
11 voting on one of said days designated by the election
12 authority shall be supervised by two election judges who must
13 be selected by the election authority in the following order
14 of priority: (1) from the panel of judges appointed for the
15 precinct in which such home, hospital, or facility is located,
16 or from a panel of judges appointed for any other precinct
17 within the jurisdiction of the election authority in the same
18 ward or township, as the case may be, in which the home,
19 hospital, or facility is located or, only in the case where a
20 judge or judges from the precinct, township or ward are
21 unavailable to serve, (3) from a panel of judges appointed for
22 any other precinct within the jurisdiction of the election
23 authority. The two judges shall be from different political
24 parties. Not less than 30 days before each regular election,
25 the election authority shall have arranged with the chief
26 administrative officer of each home, hospital, or facility in

1 his or its election jurisdiction a mutually convenient time
2 period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately
3 preceding the election for such voting on the premises of the
4 home, hospital, or facility and shall post in a prominent
5 place in his or its office a notice of the agreed day and time
6 period for conducting such voting at each home, hospital, or
7 facility; provided that the election authority shall not later
8 than noon on the Thursday before the election also post the
9 names and addresses of those homes, hospitals, and facilities
10 from which no applications were received and in which no
11 supervised vote by mail voting will be conducted. All
12 provisions of this Code applicable to pollwatchers shall be
13 applicable herein. To the maximum extent feasible, voting
14 booths or screens shall be provided to insure the privacy of
15 the voter. Voting procedures shall be as described in Article
16 17 of this Code, except that ballots shall be treated as vote
17 by mail ballots and shall not be counted until the close of the
18 polls on the following day. After the last voter has concluded
19 voting, the judges shall seal the ballots in an envelope and
20 affix their signatures across the flap of the envelope.
21 Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed
22 envelope to the office of the election authority who shall
23 deliver such ballots to the election authority's central
24 ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on
25 the day of election. The judges of election shall also report
26 to the election authority the name of any applicant in the

1 home, hospital, or facility who, due to unforeseen
2 circumstance or condition or because of a religious holiday,
3 was unable to vote. In this event, the election authority may
4 appoint a qualified person from his or its staff to deliver the
5 ballot to such applicant on the day of election. This staff
6 person shall follow the same procedures prescribed for judges
7 conducting vote by mail voting in such homes, hospitals, or
8 facilities and shall return the ballot to the central ballot
9 counting location before the polls close. However, if the
10 home, hospital, or facility from which the application was
11 made is also used as a regular precinct polling place for that
12 voter, voting procedures heretofore prescribed may be
13 implemented by 2 of the election judges of opposite party
14 affiliation assigned to that polling place during the hours of
15 voting on the day of the election. Judges of election shall be
16 compensated not less than \$25.00 for conducting vote by mail
17 voting in such homes, hospitals, or facilities.

18 Not less than 120 days before each regular election, the
19 Department of Public Health shall certify to the State Board
20 of Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified
21 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
22 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care
23 Act, or the MC/DD Act. The lists shall indicate the approved
24 bed capacity and the name of the chief administrative officer
25 of each such home, hospital, or facility, and the State Board
26 of Elections shall certify the same to the appropriate

1 election authority within 20 days thereafter.

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

3 (10 ILCS 5/29-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-20)

4 Sec. 29-20. Vote by Mail ballots - violations. A person is
5 guilty of a Class 3 felony who knowingly:

6 (1) Solicits another person, knowing that the person
7 is not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail voter,
8 to apply for a vote by mail ballot;

9 (2) Solicits another person, knowing that the person
10 is not legally qualified to vote as a vote by mail voter,
11 to cast a ballot as a vote by mail voter;

12 (3) Intimidates or unduly influences another person to
13 cast a vote by mail ballot in a manner inconsistent with
14 the voter's intent; ~~or~~

15 (4) Marks or tampers with a vote by mail ballot of
16 another person or takes a vote by mail ballot of another
17 person in violation of Section 19-6 so that an opportunity
18 for fraudulent marking or tampering is created; or.

19 (5) Recalls a vote by mail ballot or attempts to
20 recall a vote by mail ballot after the ballot has been
21 placed into the custody of the United States Postal
22 Service or a company that is licensed as a motor carrier of
23 property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the
24 Illinois Commercial Transportation Law and is engaged in
25 the business of making deliveries.

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

2 Article 195.

3 Section 195-5. The Election Code is amended by changing
4 Section 7-41 as follows:

5 (10 ILCS 5/7-41) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-41)

6 Sec. 7-41. (a) All officers upon whom is imposed by law the
7 duty of designating and providing polling places for general
8 elections, shall provide in each such polling place so
9 designated and provided, a sufficient number of booths for
10 such primary election, which booths shall be provided with
11 shelves, such supplies and pencils as will enable the voter to
12 prepare his ballot for voting and in which voters may prepare
13 their ballots screened from all observation as to the manner
14 in which they do so. Such booths shall be within plain view of
15 the election officers and both they and the ballot boxes shall
16 be within plain view of those within the proximity of the
17 voting booths. No person other than election officers and the
18 challengers allowed by law and those admitted for the purpose
19 of voting, as hereinafter provided, shall be permitted within
20 the proximity of the voting booths, except by authority of the
21 primary officers to keep order and enforce the law.

22 (b) The number of such voting booths shall not be less than
23 one to every seventy-five voters or fraction thereof, who

1 voted at the last preceding election in the precinct or
2 election district.

3 (c) No person shall do any electioneering or soliciting of
4 votes on primary day within any polling place or within one
5 hundred feet of any polling place, or, at the option of a
6 church or private school, on any of the property of that church
7 or private school that is a polling place. Election officers
8 shall place 2 or more cones, small United States national
9 flags, or some other marker a distance of 100 horizontal feet
10 from each entrance to the room used by voters to engage in
11 voting, which shall be known as the polling room. If the
12 polling room is located within a building that is a private
13 business, a public or private school, or a church or other
14 organization founded for the purpose of religious worship and
15 the distance of 100 horizontal feet ends within the interior
16 of the building, then the markers shall be placed outside of
17 the building at each entrance used by voters to enter that
18 building on the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfare or
19 walkway. If the polling room is located within a public or
20 private building with 2 or more floors and the polling room is
21 located on the ground floor, then the markers shall be placed
22 100 horizontal feet from each entrance to the polling room
23 used by voters to engage in voting. If the polling room is
24 located in a public or private building with 2 or more floors
25 and the polling room is located on a floor above or below the
26 ground floor, then the markers shall be placed a distance of

1 100 feet from the nearest elevator or staircase used by voters
2 on the ground floor to access the floor where the polling room
3 is located. The area within where the markers are placed shall
4 be known as a campaign free zone, and electioneering is
5 prohibited pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any
6 other provision of this Section, a church or private school
7 may choose to apply the campaign free zone to its entire
8 property, and, if so, the markers shall be placed near the
9 boundaries on the grounds adjacent to the thoroughfares or
10 walkways leading to the entrances used by the voters. At or
11 near the door of each polling place, the election judges shall
12 place signage indicating the proper entrance to the polling
13 place. In addition, the election judges shall ensure that a
14 sign identifying the location of the polling place is placed
15 on a nearby public roadway. Within a forest preserve district
16 or conservation district, the polling place property ends 500
17 horizontal feet from each entrance of the polling room,
18 allowing electioneering between 100 and 500 feet from the
19 entrance of the polling room, except that the campaign free
20 zone shall not include any private property located within the
21 boundaries of the forest preserve district or conservation
22 district. The State Board of Elections shall establish
23 guidelines for the placement of polling place signage.

24 The area on polling place property beyond the campaign
25 free zone, whether publicly or privately owned, is a public
26 forum for the time that the polls are open on an election day.

1 At the request of election officers any publicly owned
2 building must be made available for use as a polling place. A
3 person shall have the right to congregate and engage in
4 electioneering on any polling place property while the polls
5 are open beyond the campaign free zone, including but not
6 limited to, the placement of temporary signs. This subsection
7 shall be construed liberally in favor of persons engaging in
8 electioneering on all polling place property beyond the
9 campaign free zone for the time that the polls are open on an
10 election day.

11 (d) The regulation of electioneering on polling place
12 property on an election day, including but not limited to the
13 placement of temporary signs, is an exclusive power and
14 function of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate
15 electioneering and any ordinance or local law contrary to
16 subsection (c) is declared void. This is a denial and
17 limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection
18 (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

20 Article 200.

21 Section 200-5. The Election Code is amended by adding
22 Section 9-9.6 as follows:

23 (10 ILCS 5/9-9.6 new)

1 Sec. 9-9.6. Disclosure of political communications
2 generated by artificial intelligence.

3 (a) As used in this Section:

4 "Artificial intelligence" has the meaning set forth in
5 Section 2-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

6 "Distribution platform" includes, but is not limited to, a
7 website or a regularly published newspaper, magazine, or other
8 periodical of general circulation, including an Internet
9 publication or electronic publication, that routinely carries
10 news and commentary of general interest.

11 "Qualified political advertisement" means any paid
12 advertisement, including, but not limited to, search engine
13 marketing, display advertisements, video advertisements,
14 native advertisements, issue advertisements, messaging service
15 advertisements, mobile application advertisements, and
16 sponsorships, relating to a candidate for federal, State, or
17 local office in this State, any election to federal, State, or
18 local office in this State, or a ballot question, that
19 contains any image, audio, or video that (i) is generated in
20 whole or substantially with the use of artificial intelligence
21 and (ii) may reasonably lead to voter interference, coercion,
22 or intimidation if the use of artificial intelligence is not
23 disclosed to voters.

24 (b) If a person, committee, or other entity creates,
25 originally publishes, or originally distributes a qualified
26 political advertisement within 120 days before an election or

1 up to 60 days after an election, the qualified political
2 advertisement shall include, in a clear and conspicuous
3 manner, a statement that the qualified political advertisement
4 was generated in whole or substantially by artificial
5 intelligence as follows:

6 (1) if the qualified political advertisement is a
7 graphic communication, the statement shall appear in
8 letters at least as large as the majority of the text in
9 the graphic communication and be in the same language as
10 the language used in the graphic communication;

11 (2) if the qualified political advertisement is an
12 audio communication, the statement shall be spoken in a
13 clearly audible and intelligible manner at the beginning
14 or end of the communication, shall last at least 3
15 seconds, and shall be in the same language as the language
16 used in the audio communication; and

17 (3) if the qualified political advertisement is a
18 video communication that also includes audio, the
19 statement shall:

20 (A) appear for at least 4 seconds in letters at
21 least as large as the majority of any text
22 communication or, if there is no other text
23 communication, in a size that is easily readable by
24 the average viewer;

25 (B) be spoken in a clearly audible and
26 intelligible manner at the beginning or end of the

1 communication and last at least 3 seconds; and

2 (C) be in the same language as the language used in
3 the video communication.

4 (c) Every entity regulated by the Board shall file notice
5 to the Board within 24 hours of the qualified political
6 advertisement that contains the disclosure required under
7 subsection (b) airing on a public medium. The Board shall
8 outline the format for providing the required notice on its
9 website no later than 140 days before the first election after
10 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
11 Assembly. The Board shall provide a list of qualified
12 political advertisements that contain the disclosure required
13 under subsection (b) and the entity's name on its website. The
14 list shall be updated weekly 120 days before an election
15 through 60 days after an election.

16 (d) A person who violates subsection (b) is subject to the
17 following:

18 (1) for a first violation, the Board may impose on the
19 person a civil penalty of not more than \$250; and

20 (2) for a second or subsequent violation, the Board
21 may impose on the person a civil penalty of not more than
22 \$1,000 for each violation.

23 Each qualified political advertisement that is distributed
24 or aired to the public that violates this Section is a separate
25 violation.

26 (e) This Section does not apply to any of the following:

1 (1) a radio or television broadcasting station,
2 including a cable or satellite television operator,
3 programmer, or producer, streaming service, or mobile
4 application of one of the entities described in this
5 paragraph that broadcasts a qualified political
6 advertisement or a communication generated in whole or
7 substantially by artificial intelligence as part of a bona
8 fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, or
9 on-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events, if the
10 broadcast clearly acknowledges through content or a
11 disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard or read by
12 the average listener or viewer, that there are questions
13 about the authenticity of the communication;

14 (2) a radio or television broadcasting station,
15 including a cable or satellite television operator,
16 programmer, or producer, streaming service, or mobile
17 application of one of the entities described in this
18 paragraph when the entity is paid to broadcast qualified
19 political advertisements if the entity does not
20 intentionally remove or modify any disclaimer provided by
21 the creator or sponsor of the election communication;

22 (3) a distribution platform that publishes qualified
23 political advertisements prohibited under this Section, if
24 the distribution platform has a clearly stated written
25 policy, provided to any person, committee, or other entity
26 that creates, seeks to publish, or originally distributes

1 a qualified political advertisement, that the qualified
2 political advertisement shall include a statement
3 consistent with subsection (b);

4 (4) a qualified political advertisement that
5 constitutes satire or parody; and

6 (5) a business or its affiliate if the business or its
7 affiliate is regulated by the Federal Communications
8 Commission.

9 (f) A distribution platform is not liable under this
10 Section if the distribution platform can show that it provided
11 notice to the distributor of a qualified political
12 advertisement of the distribution platform's prohibitions
13 concerning the failure to disclose content created in whole or
14 substantially by artificial intelligence in a qualified
15 political advertisement or prerecorded telephone message.

16 (g) If a person, committee, or other entity violates
17 subsection (b) by creating, publishing, or disclosing a
18 qualified political advertisement that features another
19 candidate and that does not satisfy the requirements of this
20 Section, then the featured candidate may petition the circuit
21 court for injunctive relief to prohibit publication or
22 disclosure of the qualified political advertisement. A
23 featured candidate that prevails in circuit court under this
24 subsection may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

1 Section 999-95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act
2 makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by
3 text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a
4 Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that
5 text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the
6 changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any
7 other Public Act.

8 Section 999-97. Severability. The provisions of this Act
9 are severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

10 Section 999-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.".