



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-2	from Ch. 46, par. 11-2
10 ILCS 5/11-3	from Ch. 46, par. 11-3

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the County Board in each county, except in counties having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, shall, at its regular meeting in June or an adjourned meeting in July, divide its election precincts so that each precinct shall contain, as near as may be practicable, 1,200 registered voters who cast a ballot in person on the day of the most recent general election (rather than 1,200 registered voters). Provides that the Board of Election Commissioners shall change the boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census as soon as practicable following the completion of congressional and legislative redistricting, and such precincts shall contain as nearly as practicable 1,800 registered voters (rather than 1,200 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants; or 1,800 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants). Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 11-2 and 11-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-2)

7 Sec. 11-2. Election precincts.

8 (a) The County Board in each county, except in counties
9 having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, shall,
10 at its regular meeting in June or an adjourned meeting in July,
11 divide its election precincts so that each precinct shall
12 contain, as near as may be practicable, 1,200 registered
13 voters who cast a ballot in person on the day of the most
14 recent general election. Insofar as is practicable, each
15 precinct shall be situated within a single congressional,
16 legislative and representative district and in not more than
17 one County Board district and one municipal ward. In order to
18 situate each precinct within a single district or ward, the
19 County Board shall change the boundaries of election precincts
20 after each decennial census as soon as is practicable
21 following the completion of congressional and legislative
22 redistricting, except that, in 2021, the county board shall
23 change the boundaries at a regular or special meeting within

1 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
2 102nd General Assembly. In determining whether a division of
3 precincts should be made, the county board may anticipate
4 increased voter registration in any precinct in which there is
5 in progress new construction of dwelling units which will be
6 occupied by voters more than 30 days before the next election.
7 Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory in as
8 compact form as can be for the convenience of the electors
9 voting therein. The several county boards in establishing
10 districts shall describe them by metes and bounds and number
11 them.

12 (b) The ~~And so often thereafter as it shall appear by the~~
13 ~~number of votes cast at the general election held in November~~
14 ~~of any year, that any election district or undivided election~~
15 ~~precinct contains more than 1,200 registered voters, the~~
16 County Board of the county in which an election ~~the district or~~
17 precinct or election precincts are located may ~~be, shall~~ at
18 its regular meeting in June, or an adjourned meeting in July
19 next, after such November election, redive, consolidate, or
20 readjust such ~~election district or~~ election precinct or
21 election precincts, so that no ~~district or~~ election precinct
22 shall contain more than the number of votes ~~above~~ specified in
23 subsection (a).

24 If for any reason the County Board fails in any year to
25 redive or readjust the election districts or election
26 precinct, then the districts or precincts as then existing

1 shall continue until the next regular June meeting of the
2 County Board; at which regular June meeting or an adjourned
3 meeting in July the County Board shall redivide or readjust
4 the election districts or election precincts in manner as
5 herein required. When at any meeting of the County Board any
6 redivision, readjustment or change in name or number of
7 election districts or election precincts is made by the County
8 Board, the County Clerk shall immediately notify the State
9 Board of Elections of such redivision, readjustment or change.
10 The County Board in every case shall fix and establish the
11 places for holding elections in its respective county and all
12 elections shall be held at the places so fixed. The polling
13 places shall in all cases be upon the ground floor in the front
14 room, the entrance to which is in a highway or public street
15 which is at least 40 feet wide, and is as near the center of
16 the voting population of the precinct as is practicable, and
17 for the convenience of the greatest number of electors to vote
18 thereat; provided, however, where the County Board is unable
19 to secure a suitable polling place within the boundaries of a
20 precinct, it may select a polling place at the most
21 conveniently located suitable place outside the precinct; but
22 in no case shall an election be held in any room used or
23 occupied as a saloon, dramshop, bowling alley or as a place of
24 resort for idlers and disreputable persons, billiard hall or
25 in any room connected therewith by doors or hallways. No
26 person shall be permitted to vote at any election except at the

1 polling place for the precinct in which he resides, except as
2 otherwise provided in this Section or Article 19 of this Act.
3 In counties having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or
4 over the County Board shall divide its election precincts and
5 shall fix and establish places for holding elections as
6 hereinbefore provided during the month of January instead of
7 at its regular meeting in June or at an adjourned meeting in
8 July.

9 However, in the event that additional divisions of
10 election precincts are indicated after a division made by the
11 County Board in the month of January, such additional
12 divisions may be made by the County Board in counties having a
13 population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, at the regular
14 meeting in June or at adjourned meeting in July. The county
15 board of such county may divide or readjust precincts at any
16 meeting of the county board when the voter registration in a
17 precinct has increased beyond 1,800 registered voters and an
18 election is scheduled before the next regular January or June
19 meeting of the county board.

20 (c) When in any city, village or incorporated town
21 territory has been annexed thereto or disconnected therefrom,
22 which annexation or disconnection becomes effective after
23 election precincts or election districts have been established
24 as ~~above~~ provided in this Section, the clerk of the
25 municipality shall inform the county clerk thereof as provided
26 in Section 4-21, 5-28.1, or 6-31.1, whichever is applicable.

1 In the event that a regular meeting of the County Board is to
2 be held after such notification and before any election, the
3 County Board shall, at its next regular meeting establish new
4 election precinct lines in affected territory. In the event
5 that no regular meeting of the County Board is to be held
6 before such election the county clerk shall, within 5 days
7 after being so informed, call a special meeting of the county
8 board on a day fixed by him not more than 20 days thereafter
9 for the purpose of establishing election precincts or election
10 districts in the affected territory for the ensuing elections.

11 At any consolidated primary or consolidated election at
12 which municipal officers are to be elected, and at any
13 emergency referendum at which a public question relating to a
14 municipality is to be voted on, notwithstanding any other
15 provision of this Code, the election authority shall establish
16 a polling place within such municipality, upon the request of
17 the municipal council or board of trustees at least 60 days
18 before the election and provided that the municipality
19 provides a suitable polling place. To accomplish this purpose,
20 the election authority may establish an election precinct
21 constituting a single municipality of under 500 population for
22 all elections, notwithstanding the minimum precinct size
23 otherwise specified herein.

24 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section
25 ~~the above~~, when there are no more than 50 registered voters in
26 a precinct who are entitled to vote in a local government or

1 school district election, the election authority having
2 jurisdiction over the precinct is authorized to reassign such
3 voters to one or more polling places in adjacent precincts,
4 within or without the election authority's jurisdiction, for
5 that election. For the purposes of such local government or
6 school district election only, the votes of the reassigned
7 voters shall be tallied and canvassed as votes from the
8 precinct of the polling place to which such voters have been
9 reassigned. The election authority having jurisdiction over
10 the precinct shall approve all administrative and polling
11 place procedures. Such procedures shall take into account
12 voter convenience, and ensure that the integrity of the
13 election process is maintained and that the secrecy of the
14 ballot is not violated.

15 (e) Except in the event of a fire, flood or total loss of
16 heat in a place fixed or established by any county board or
17 election authority pursuant to this Section as a polling place
18 for an election, no election authority shall change the
19 location of a polling place so established for any precinct
20 after notice of the place of holding the election for that
21 precinct has been given as required under Article 12 unless
22 the election authority notifies all registered voters in the
23 precinct of the change in location by first class mail in
24 sufficient time for such notice to be received by the
25 registered voters in the precinct at least one day prior to the
26 date of the election.

1 (f) The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,
2 including those where voting machines or electronic voting
3 systems are used.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/11-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-3)

6 Sec. 11-3. Election precincts.

7 (a) It shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners
8 established by Article 6 of this Act, within 2 months after its
9 first organization, to divide the city, village or
10 incorporated town which may adopt or is operating under
11 Article 6, into election precincts, each of which shall be
12 situated within a single congressional, legislative and
13 representative district insofar as is practicable and in not
14 more than one County Board district and one municipal ward; in
15 order to situate each precinct within a single district or
16 ward, the Board of Election Commissioners shall change the
17 boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census
18 as soon as is practicable following the completion of
19 congressional and legislative redistricting and such precincts
20 shall contain as nearly as practicable 1,800 registered
21 voters: ~~(i) 1,200 registered voters if the precinct is located~~
22 ~~in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants; or (ii)~~
23 ~~1,800 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county~~
24 ~~with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.~~

25 (b) Within 90 days after each presidential election, such

1 board in a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, village
2 or incorporated town shall revise and rearrange such precincts
3 on the basis of the votes cast at such election, making such
4 precincts to contain, as near as practicable, ~~1,200 registered~~
5 ~~voters or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as applicable~~. However, any
6 apartment building in which more than ~~1,200 or~~ 1,800
7 registered voters, ~~as applicable,~~ reside may be made a single
8 precinct even though the vote in such precinct exceeds ~~1,200~~
9 ~~or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as applicable~~.

10 (c) Within 90 days after each presidential election, a
11 board in a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants shall
12 revise and rearrange such precincts on the basis of the votes
13 cast at such election, making such precincts to contain, as
14 near as practicable: ~~(i) 1,200 registered voters if the~~
15 ~~precinct is located in a county with fewer than 3,000,000~~
16 ~~inhabitants; or (ii) 1,800 registered voters if the precinct~~
17 ~~is located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.~~
18 However, any apartment building in which more than ~~1,200~~
19 ~~registered voters or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as applicable,~~
20 reside may be made a single precinct even though the vote in
21 such precinct exceeds ~~1,200 or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as~~
22 ~~applicable~~.

23 (d) Immediately after the annexation of territory to the
24 city, village or incorporated town becomes effective the Board
25 of Election Commissioners shall revise and rearrange election
26 precincts therein to include such annexed territory.

1 (e) Provided, however, that at any election where but one
2 candidate is nominated and is to be voted upon at any election
3 held in any political subdivision of a city, village or
4 incorporated town, the Board of Election Commissioners shall
5 have the power in such political subdivision to determine the
6 number of voting precincts to be established in such political
7 subdivision at such election, without reference to the number
8 of qualified voters therein. The precincts in each ward,
9 village or incorporated town shall be numbered from one
10 upwards, consecutively, with no omission.

11 (f) The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,
12 including those where voting machines or electronic voting
13 systems are used.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)