



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3296

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new
10 ILCS 5/19-4

from Ch. 46, par. 19-4

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall create a Voter Safety Confidentiality Program to remove the address of voters who choose to participate in the program from any list of registered voters available to the public. Provides that a voter who is an elected official, first responder, police officer, election worker, or victim of domestic violence shall be eligible to participate in the program. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall adopt rules to implement and administer the program. Makes a conforming change.

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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 Section 19-4 and by adding Section 1A-70 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new)

7 Sec. 1A-70. Voter Safety Confidentiality Program. The
8 State Board of Elections shall create a Voter Safety
9 Confidentiality Program to remove the address of voters who
10 choose to participate in the program from any list of
11 registered voters available to the public. A voter who is an
12 elected official, first responder, police officer, election
13 worker, or victim of domestic violence shall be eligible to
14 participate in the program. The State Board of Elections shall
15 adopt rules to implement and administer the program.

16 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

17 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.
18 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by
19 mail or electronic means, not more than 90 days nor less than 5
20 days prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more
21 than 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at
22 the office of such election authority, it shall be the duty of

1 such election authority to examine the records to ascertain
2 whether or not such applicant is lawfully entitled to vote as
3 requested, including a verification of the applicant's
4 signature on file with the office of the election authority,
5 and if found so to be entitled to vote, to post within one
6 business day thereafter the name, street address, ward and
7 precinct number or township and district number, as the case
8 may be, of such applicant given on a list, the pages of which
9 are to be numbered consecutively to be kept by such election
10 authority for such purpose in a conspicuous, open and public
11 place accessible to the public at the entrance of the office of
12 such election authority, and in such a manner that such list
13 may be viewed without necessity of requesting permission
14 therefor. Within one day after posting the name and other
15 information of an applicant for a vote by mail ballot, the
16 election authority shall transmit by electronic means pursuant
17 to a process established by the State Board of Elections that
18 name and other posted information to the State Board of
19 Elections, which shall maintain those names and other
20 information in an electronic format on its website, arranged
21 by county and accessible to State and local political
22 committees. Within 2 business days after posting a name and
23 other information on the list within its office, but no sooner
24 than 40 days before an election, the election authority shall
25 mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such office, or
26 deliver via electronic transmission pursuant to Section

1 19-2.6, an official ballot or ballots if more than one are to
2 be voted at said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily Absent
3 Student ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3 shall
4 be by nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated
5 election, vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be
6 delivered to applicants not less than 25 days before the
7 election if so much time is required to have prepared and
8 printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated
9 for offices at the consolidated primary. The election
10 authority shall enclose with each vote by mail ballot or
11 application written instructions on how voting assistance
12 shall be provided pursuant to Section 17-14 and a document,
13 written and approved by the State Board of Elections,
14 informing the vote by mail voter of the required postage for
15 returning the application and ballot, and enumerating the
16 circumstances under which a person is authorized to vote by
17 vote by mail ballot pursuant to this Article; such document
18 shall also include a statement informing the applicant that if
19 he or she falsifies or is solicited by another to falsify his
20 or her eligibility to cast a vote by mail ballot, such
21 applicant or other is subject to penalties pursuant to Section
22 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the Election Code. Each election
23 authority shall maintain a list of the name, street address,
24 ward and precinct, or township and district number, as the
25 case may be, of all applicants who have returned vote by mail
26 ballots to such authority, and the name of such vote by mail

1 voter shall be added to such list within one business day from
2 receipt of such ballot. If the vote by mail ballot envelope
3 indicates that the voter was assisted in casting the ballot,
4 the name of the person so assisting shall be included on the
5 list. The list, the pages of which are to be numbered
6 consecutively, shall be kept by each election authority in a
7 conspicuous, open, and public place accessible to the public
8 at the entrance of the office of the election authority and in
9 a manner that the list may be viewed without necessity of
10 requesting permission for viewing.

11 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
12 election of the voters to whom it has issued vote by mail
13 ballots. The list shall be maintained for each precinct within
14 the jurisdiction of the election authority. Prior to the
15 opening of the polls on election day, the election authority
16 shall deliver to the judges of election in each precinct the
17 list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail
18 ballots have been issued by mail.

19 Each election authority shall maintain a list for each
20 election of voters to whom it has issued temporarily absent
21 student ballots. The list shall be maintained for each
22 election jurisdiction within which such voters temporarily
23 abide. Immediately after the close of the period during which
24 application may be made by mail or electronic means for vote by
25 mail ballots, each election authority shall mail to each other
26 election authority within the State a certified list of all

1 such voters temporarily abiding within the jurisdiction of the
2 other election authority.

3 In the event that the return address of an application for
4 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
5 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care
6 Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013,
7 the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the
8 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a
9 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is
10 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a
11 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the
12 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the
13 election as designated by the election authority under Section
14 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated
15 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility
16 from which application was made. The election authority shall
17 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot
18 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

19 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be
20 available at the office of the election authority for public
21 inspection upon request from the time of receipt thereof by
22 the election authority until 30 days after the election,
23 except during the time such applications are kept in the
24 office of the election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and
25 except during the time such applications are in the possession
26 of the judges of election.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the
2 contrary, pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 30 of the
3 Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence,
4 Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, neither
5 the name nor the address of a program participant under that
6 Act shall be included in any list of registered voters
7 available to the public, including the lists referenced in
8 this Section.

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section, the address
10 of a voter who chooses to participate in the Voter Safety
11 Confidentiality Program described in Section 1A-70 shall not
12 be included in any list of registered voters available to the
13 public, including the lists referenced in this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;
15 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23.)