

HB4528



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/30/2026, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-55

Amends the Election Code. In provisions concerning cybersecurity efforts, modifies the amendatory changes made by Public Act 100-587 to conform with the amendatory changes made by Public Act 100-623. Makes technical changes.

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A BILL FOR

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 1A-55 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-55)

7 (Text of Section from P.A. 100-587 and P.A. 102-1)

8 Sec. 1A-55. Cybersecurity ~~Cyber security~~ efforts. The
9 ~~State Board of Elections~~ shall adopt rules ~~provide by rule~~,
10 after at least 2 public hearings of the Board and in
11 consultation with ~~the~~ election authorities, establishing a
12 cyber navigator program ~~Cyber Navigator Program~~ to support ~~the~~
13 ~~efforts of~~ election authorities' efforts ~~authorities~~ to defend
14 against cybersecurity ~~cyber~~ breaches and detect and recover
15 from cyberattacks ~~cyber attacks~~. The rules shall include the
16 Board's plan to allocate any resources received in accordance
17 with the federal Help America Vote Act and shall provide that
18 no less than half of any ~~such~~ funds received under the federal
19 Help America Vote Act shall be allocated to the cyber
20 navigator program. The cyber navigator program shall ~~Cyber~~
21 ~~Navigator Program~~. ~~The Cyber Navigator Program~~ should be
22 designed to provide equal support to all election authorities,
23 with some allowable ~~allowable~~ modifications allowable based on need. The

1 remaining half of the federal Help America Vote Act funds
2 shall be distributed as the ~~State Board~~ sees fit ~~of Elections~~
3 ~~may determine~~, but no grants may be made to election
4 authorities that do not participate in the cyber navigator
5 program managed by the Board ~~Cyber Navigator Program~~.

6 In distribution of the remaining funds received under the
7 federal Help America Vote Act, the Board may make such funds
8 available to election authorities for the maintenance of
9 secure collection sites for the return of vote by mail
10 ballots.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-1, eff. 4-2-21.)

12 (Text of Section from P.A. 100-623 and P.A. 102-1)

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15 the Board and in consultation with election authorities,
16 establishing a cyber navigator program to support election
17 authorities' efforts to defend against cybersecurity ~~cyber~~
18 breaches and detect and recover from cyberattacks ~~cyber~~
19 ~~attacks~~. The rules shall include the Board's plan to allocate
20 any resources received in accordance with the federal Help
21 America Vote Act and shall provide that no less than half of
22 any funds received under the federal Help America Vote Act
23 shall be allocated to the cyber navigator program. The cyber
24 navigator program shall be designed to provide equal support
25 to all election ~~elections~~ authorities, with some modifications

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2 Help America Vote Act funds shall be distributed as the Board
3 sees fit, but no grants may be made to election authorities
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