



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4611**

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5

Amends the Election Code. Provides that, no later than January 1, 2028, the State Board of Elections shall develop or cause to be developed an additional option within the online voter registration system that permits a person who is eligible to register to vote and has a social security number but does not have an Illinois driver's license or State identification card to apply to register to vote or to update an existing voter registration by uploading a completed voter registration form. Sets forth procedures for the processing of online registration forms by a county clerk or board of election commissioners.

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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 1A-16.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

7 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
9 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a  
10 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her  
11 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical  
12 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each  
13 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system  
14 capable of receiving and processing voter registration  
15 application information, including electronic signatures, from  
16 the online voter registration system established by the State  
17 Board of Elections.

18 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ  
19 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of  
20 voter registration applications submitted electronically  
21 pursuant to this Section.

22 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information  
23 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'

1 website, may cross reference that information with data or  
2 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in  
3 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and  
4 may receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's  
5 digitized signature upon a successful match of that  
6 applicant's information with that contained in the Secretary  
7 of State's database.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person  
9 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic  
10 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued  
11 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to  
12 register to vote electronically on a website maintained by the  
13 State Board of Elections.

14 (e) An online voter registration application shall contain  
15 all of the information that is required for a paper  
16 application as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except  
17 that the applicant shall be required to provide:

18 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or  
19 State identification card number;

20 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social  
21 security number; and

22 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State  
23 identification card was issued.

24 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in  
25 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box  
26 associated with the following statement included as part of

1 the online voter registration application:

2 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the  
3 following:

4 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information  
5 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in  
6 the State of Illinois.

7 (2) All the information I have provided on this form is  
8 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

9 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the  
10 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the  
11 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be  
12 used by my local election authority on this online voter  
13 registration application for admission as an elector as if I  
14 had signed this form personally."

15 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter  
16 registration application, the online voter registration system  
17 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the  
18 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving  
19 such an application, the online voter registration system  
20 shall send by electronic mail, a notice informing the  
21 applicant of whether the following information has been  
22 matched with the Secretary of State database:

23 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois  
24 driver's license or State identification card issued by  
25 the Secretary of State and that the driver's license or  
26 State identification number provided by the applicant

1 matches the driver's license or State identification card  
2 number for that person on file with the Secretary of  
3 State;

4 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's  
5 license or State identification card listed on the  
6 application matches the date of issuance of that card for  
7 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

8 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant  
9 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the  
10 Secretary of State; and

11 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social  
12 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person  
13 on file with the Secretary of State.

14 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches  
15 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any  
16 driver's license and State identification card holder and is  
17 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter  
18 registration system shall:

19 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database  
20 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from  
21 his or her Illinois driver's license or State  
22 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to  
23 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter  
24 registration application;

25 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application,  
26 forward to the county clerk or board of election

1 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's  
2 voter registration: (i) the application, along with the  
3 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into  
4 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a  
5 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a  
6 certification from the State Board of Elections that the  
7 applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
8 number, driver's license or State identification card date  
9 of issuance, and date of birth and social security  
10 information have been successfully matched.

11 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration  
12 application, the county clerk or board of election  
13 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter  
14 registration shall promptly search its voter registration  
15 database to determine whether the applicant is already  
16 registered to vote at the address on the application and  
17 whether the new registration would create a duplicate  
18 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote  
19 at the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the  
20 case may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and  
21 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic  
22 mail address on the original voter registration form for that  
23 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law  
24 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered  
25 to vote at such address. If the applicant is not already  
26 registered to vote at the address on the application and the

1 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk  
2 or board, as the case may be, shall:

3 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the  
4 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

5 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant  
6 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter  
7 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant  
8 as otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's  
9 name and address as it appears on the application and  
10 stating that the person is registered to vote.

11 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a  
12 duplicate registration application or a change of address form  
13 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's  
14 driver's license or State identification card database as  
15 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,  
16 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that  
17 individual in the voter registration database of the county  
18 clerk or board of election commissioners.

19 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted  
20 electronically as provided in this Section shall become  
21 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or  
22 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said  
23 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section  
24 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online  
25 application or change of address by the county clerk or board  
26 of election commissioners.

1           (1) All provisions of this Code governing voter  
2 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with  
3 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under  
4 this Section. All applications submitted on a website  
5 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed  
6 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on  
7 the 16th day prior to an election. After the registration  
8 period for an upcoming election has ended and until the 2nd day  
9 following such election, the web page containing the online  
10 voter registration form on the State Board of Elections  
11 website shall inform users of the procedure for grace period  
12 voting.

13           (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of  
14 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,  
15 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of  
16 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration  
17 system and those names and that information shall be stored in  
18 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and  
19 accessible to State and local political committees.

20           (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or  
21 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able  
22 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile  
23 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

24           (n-5) No later than January 1, 2028, the State Board of  
25 Elections shall develop or cause to be developed an additional  
26 option within the online voter registration system that

1 permits a person who is eligible to register to vote and has a  
2 social security number but does not have an Illinois driver's  
3 license or State identification card to apply to register to  
4 vote or to update an existing voter registration by uploading  
5 a completed voter registration form that satisfies the  
6 requirements set forth in Section 1A-16.

7 The State Board may collect additional information through  
8 the online registration process set forth in this subsection,  
9 including additional contact information, such as an address,  
10 phone number, or email address.

11 The State Board shall mark the date an online registration  
12 was received under this subsection and within 2 days of  
13 receiving the application, forward to the county clerk or  
14 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over the  
15 applicant's voter registration the application, along with any  
16 additional relevant data from the applicant.

17 The county clerk or board of election commissioners shall  
18 accept and process any form received from the State Board of  
19 Elections under this subsection.

20 The county clerk or board of election commissioners may  
21 adopt procedures for processing the voter registration forms  
22 received under subsection.

23 (o) (Blank).

24 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet  
25 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website  
26 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For

1 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the  
2 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the  
3 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and  
4 Departments of State Government).

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;  
6 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)