

# SB0054



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB0054

Introduced 1/13/2025, by Sen. Seth Lewis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/24C-15.2 new  
10 ILCS 5/24C-15.3 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that all election authorities shall provide regular updates to the State Board of Elections concerning votes tabulated by that election authority. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall make this information available to the public at least every 48 hours. Provides that, no later than January 1, 2026, the State Board of Elections shall adopt standards concerning how election authorities release information about the total number of vote by mail ballots that have been tabulated by the election authority. Provides that, beginning with the 2026 primary election and all primary, consolidated, general and special elections thereafter, all election authorities shall adhere to the standards adopted by the State Board of Elections. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Sections  
5 24C-15.2 and 24C-15.3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15.2 new)

7 Sec. 24C-15.2. Vote counting updates. All election  
8 authorities shall provide regular updates to the State Board  
9 of Elections concerning votes tabulated by that election  
10 authority. The State Board of Elections shall make this  
11 information available to the public at least every 48 hours.

12 (10 ILCS 5/24C-15.3 new)

13 Sec. 24C-15.3. Vote by mail tabulation standards. No later  
14 than January 1, 2026, the State Board of Elections shall adopt  
15 standards concerning how election authorities release  
16 information about the total number of vote by mail ballots  
17 that have been tabulated by the election authority. Beginning  
18 with the 2026 primary election and all primary, consolidated,  
19 general and special elections thereafter, all election  
20 authorities shall adhere to the standards adopted by the State  
21 Board of Elections under this Section.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.