



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-2
10 ILCS 5/11-3

from Ch. 46, par. 11-2
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 November 15, 2021 (the effective date of Public
2 Act 102-668) ~~this amendatory Act of the 102nd General~~
3 ~~Assembly~~. In determining whether a division of precincts
4 should be made, the county board may anticipate increased
5 voter registration in any precinct in which there is in
6 progress new construction of dwelling units which will be
7 occupied by voters more than 30 days before the next election.
8 Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory in as
9 compact form as can be for the convenience of the electors
10 voting therein. The several county boards in establishing
11 districts shall describe them by metes and bounds and number
12 them.

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

25 If for any reason the County Board fails in any year to
26 redivide or readjust the ~~election districts or~~ election

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

1 hallways. No person shall be permitted to vote at any election
2 except at the polling place for the precinct in which he
3 resides, except as otherwise provided in this Section or
4 Article 19 of this Code Act. In counties having a population of
5 3,000,000 inhabitants or over the County Board shall divide
6 its election precincts and shall fix and establish places for
7 holding elections as hereinbefore provided during the month of
8 January instead of at its regular meeting in June or at an
9 adjourned meeting in July.

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

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

1 in Section 4-21, 5-28.1, or 6-31.1, whichever is applicable.
2 In the event that a regular meeting of the County Board is to
3 be held after such notification and before any election, the
4 County Board shall, at its next regular meeting, establish new
5 election precinct lines in affected territory. In the event
6 that no regular meeting of the County Board is to be held
7 before such election the county clerk shall, within 5 days
8 after being so informed, call a special meeting of the county
9 board on a day fixed by him not more than 20 days thereafter
10 for the purpose of establishing election precincts or election
11 districts in the affected territory for the ensuing elections.

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

25 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section
26 ~~the above~~, when there are no more than 50 registered voters in

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

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

1 date of the election.

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

5 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21; revised 6-24-25.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-3)

7 Sec. 11-3. Election precincts.

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

1 (b) Within 90 days after each presidential election, such
2 board in a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, village
3 or incorporated town shall revise and rearrange such precincts
4 on the basis of the votes cast at such election, making such
5 precincts to contain, as near as practicable, ~~1,200 registered~~
6 ~~voters or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as applicable~~. However, any
7 apartment building in which more than ~~1,200 or~~ 1,800
8 registered voters, ~~as applicable,~~ reside may be made a single
9 precinct even though the vote in such precinct exceeds ~~1,200~~
10 ~~or~~ 1,800 registered voters, ~~as applicable~~.

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

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

1 precincts therein to include such annexed territory.

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

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

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