



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB4199

Introduced 5/7/2026, by Sen. Adriane Johnson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the One Hundred Percent Citizen Participation in Elections Task Force Act. Establishes the One Hundred Percent Citizen Participation in Elections Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall study and report specified information, including efforts and strategies to achieve 100% citizen participation in elections in the State by November 2030. Sets forth provisions concerning membership; organization; staffing and support; and reporting. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2030. Effective immediately.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the One
5 Hundred Percent Citizen Participation in Elections Task Force
6 Act.

7 Section 5. Findings and purpose.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) A healthy democracy depends upon the broadest
10 possible participation of its citizens in the electoral
11 process.

12 (2) Illinois has historically experienced voter
13 participation rates significantly below 100% of eligible
14 citizens and that gap represents an unmet civic and
15 democratic aspiration.

16 (3) Numerous jurisdictions throughout the world have
17 adopted policies to encourage or require citizen
18 participation in elections as a civic duty and the
19 experiences of those jurisdictions offer instructive
20 lessons for Illinois.

21 (4) The State has an interest in understanding the
22 administrative, fiscal, and legal considerations
23 associated with achieving universal citizen participation

1 in elections, including the needs of county clerks and
2 election administrators.

3 (5) Illinois has led the nation in reducing barriers
4 to voting, registration, and participation and has a long
5 tradition of encouraging and celebrating voting as central
6 to civic identification.

7 (6) Every generation has the noble opportunity to
8 build upon and grow the democratic foundations that have
9 been envisioned and implemented by our ancestors as rule
10 by the people through free and fair elections is neither
11 inevitable or enduring without an ongoing civic commitment
12 to the self-evident principle that every person is created
13 equal and deserves a voice in their government.

14 (b) It is therefore the purpose of this Act to establish a
15 task force to examine policies, practices, and resources
16 necessary to pursue and achieve the goal of 100% citizen
17 participation in elections in Illinois by November 2030.

18 Section 10. Establishment of the Task Force. There is
19 established the One Hundred Percent Citizen Participation in
20 Elections Task Force.

21 Section 15. Duties of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
22 study and report upon the following:

23 (1) efforts and strategies to achieve 100% citizen
24 participation in elections in this State by November 2030,

1 including identification of barriers to participation and
2 evidence-based means of overcoming those barriers;

3 (2) means of enhancing civic engagement generally in
4 this State, including civic education, community outreach,
5 multilingual voter services, and other measures designed
6 to increase democratic participation across all
7 communities;

8 (3) the experiences of jurisdictions outside the
9 United States that have enacted policies that require
10 citizens to vote as a civic duty, including, but not
11 limited to, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia,
12 Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica,
13 Ecuador, Greece, Honduras, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg,
14 Mexico, Nauru, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Singapore,
15 Thailand, and Uruguay, with particular attention to:

16 (A) whether the jurisdictions impose fees or fines
17 for non-participation and the structure, amount,
18 enforcement mechanisms, and exemption processes
19 associated with any fees or fines;

20 (B) the effectiveness of the policies in achieving
21 high levels of citizen participation;

22 (C) how the policies and practices could be
23 adapted for application in Illinois, including any
24 federal or State constitutional considerations and
25 comparisons to existing citizen obligations, including
26 jury duty; and

1 (D) presentations or discussions with elected
2 officials or government representatives from
3 jurisdictions that have enacted policies to require
4 citizens to vote as a civic duty to show the history
5 and impact of the policies, both with and without any
6 fee, fine, or financial incentive or penalty for
7 complying with the legal requirement to vote;

8 (4) potential implementation options and legislative
9 or administrative pathways in pursuit of achieving the
10 goal of 100% citizen participation in elections in this
11 State, including phased approaches, pilot programs, and
12 incentive-based models;

13 (5) the needs of county clerks and local election
14 administrators that would arise in jurisdictions in which
15 100% of eligible voters participate, including staffing,
16 facilities, equipment, early voting, vote-by-mail
17 infrastructure, and other operational requirements; and

18 (6) county and State budgetary resources that may be
19 required to achieve the goal of 100% citizen participation
20 in elections, including estimated costs of expanded voter
21 outreach, administrative capacity, technology, and any
22 costs associated with the imposition or administration of
23 participation requirements.

24 Section 20. Membership.

25 (a) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1 (1) two members of the majority caucus of the House of
2 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives;

4 (2) one member of the minority caucus of the House of
5 Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the
6 House of Representatives;

7 (3) two members of the majority caucus of the Senate,
8 appointed by the President of the Senate;

9 (4) one member of the minority caucus of the Senate,
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

11 (5) the Secretary of State or the Secretary's
12 designee;

13 (6) one representative of an organization with
14 expertise in advocacy for universal or compulsory civic
15 voting, appointed by the Governor;

16 (7) a representative of a statewide labor
17 organization, appointed by the Governor;

18 (8) a representative of a statewide nonprofit
19 organization whose primary missions is advocacy on behalf
20 of African-American residents in Illinois, appointed by
21 the Governor;

22 (9) a representative of a statewide nonprofit
23 organization whose primary mission is advocacy on behalf
24 of Latino residents in Illinois, appointed by the
25 Governor;

26 (10) a representative of a statewide nonprofit

1 organization whose primary mission is advocacy on behalf
2 of Asian-American residents in Illinois, appointed by the
3 Governor;

4 (11) two county clerks or election administrators,
5 appointed by the Governor; and

6 (12) two chief executives of county governments,
7 appointed by the Governor.

8 (b) Appointments shall be made within 60 days after the
9 effective date of this Act. A vacancy on the Task Force shall
10 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

11 (c) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
12 compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable and
13 necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties,
14 subject to the availability of funds.

15 Section 25. Organization.

16 (a) The Task Force shall elect a Chairperson and
17 Vice-Chairperson from among its voting members at its first
18 meeting.

19 (b) A majority of the voting members of the Task Force
20 shall constitute a quorum. Action may be taken by the Task
21 Force upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
22 present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

23 (c) The Task Force shall meet at the call of the
24 Chairperson, but no fewer than 2 times per year. Meetings
25 shall be open to the public in accordance with the Open

1 Meetings Act.

2 Section 30. Staffing and support.

3 (a) The State Board of Elections shall provide staff
4 support, research assistance, and administrative services to
5 the Task Force.

6 (b) The Task Force may request assistance, data, and
7 information from any State agency, department, board,
8 commission, or authority, and those entities shall cooperate
9 with the requests to the extent permitted by law.

10 (c) The Task Force may seek and accept grants, gifts, or
11 other contributions from public or private sources to support
12 its work, subject to applicable State law.

13 Section 35. Report.

14 (a) No later than February 1, 2028, the Task Force shall
15 submit an interim written report of its testimony and
16 presentations from witnesses, initial findings, conclusions,
17 and draft recommendations to the Governor, the President of
18 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
19 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
20 House of Representatives. The report shall be filed with the
21 Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the
22 Senate and made available to the public on the State Board of
23 Elections website.

24 (b) No later than February 1, 2029, the Task Force shall

1 submit a final report of its testimony and presentations from
2 witnesses, findings, conclusions and recommendation to the
3 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate,
5 and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The
6 report shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate and made
8 available to the public on the State Board of Elections
9 website.

10 (c) The report may include proposed legislation, proposed
11 administrative rules, proposed pilot programs, presentations
12 from witnesses, and any other recommendations the Task Force
13 deems appropriate to advance the goal of 100% citizen
14 participation in elections in this State.

15 (d) The Task Force may issue additional interim reports,
16 compilations of testimony and presentations from witnesses,
17 and initial recommendations at any time prior to submission of
18 the final report.

19 Section 40. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
20 2030.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.