100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB1268

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Permanent Legal Resident Voting Act. Provides that every election authority in this State shall prepare a special permanent legal residents voter registration application and maintain a voter registration list for permanent legal residents within the election authority's jurisdiction. Provides that permanent legal residents may register to vote using the special permanent legal residents voter registration application if they meet the other qualifications for voting. Provides that permanent legal residents registered to vote under the Act may vote in any election in which a referendum involving a property tax levy appears on the ballot. Provides that permanent legal residents registered to vote under the Act shall be given a special ballot with only the referendum or referenda involving a property tax levy on the ballot, and shall not be given ballots to vote on any other issue. Provides that the State Board of Elections may adopt rules to implement the Act. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the 5 Permanent Legal Resident Voting Act.

6 Section 5. Permanent Legal Resident Voting.

7 (a) Every election authority in this State shall prepare a 8 special permanent legal residents voter registration 9 application and maintain a voter registration list for permanent legal residents within the election authority's 10 jurisdiction. The special permanent legal residents voter 11 registration application shall ask the applicant to attest that 12 13 he or she is a permanent legal resident of the United States 14 instead of asking whether he or she is a citizen.

Once an election authority has established this 15 (b) 16 program, permanent legal residents may register to vote using 17 the special permanent legal residents voter registration application if they meet the other qualifications for voting. 18

19 (c) Permanent legal residents registered to vote under this 20 Act may vote in any election in which a referendum involving a 21 property tax levy appears on the ballot. Permanent legal 22 residents registered to vote under this Act shall be given a special ballot with only the referendum or referenda involving 23

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a property tax levy on the ballot, and shall not be given
ballots to vote on any other issue.

3 (d) The State Board of Elections may adopt rules to 4 implement this Act.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon6 becoming law.