

SB1479



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SB1479

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Terry Link

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-50
10 ILCS 5/5-50
10 ILCS 5/6-100

Amends the Election Code. Provides that grace period registration and changes of address shall be conducted for eligible residents in connection with voting at certain elder care facilities. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 changing
5 Sections 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

7 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
9 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
10 for change of address during the period from the close of
11 registration for an election until and including the day of the
12 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
13 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
14 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
15 election authority, at a permanent polling place established
16 under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning
17 15 days prior to the election, at a polling place on election
18 day, or at a voter registration location specifically
19 designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace
20 period registration and changes of address shall also be
21 conducted for eligible residents in connection with voting at
22 facilities under Section 19-12.2 of this Code. The election
23 authority shall register that individual, or change a

1 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
2 provided by this Article for registration and change of
3 address.

4 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
5 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
6 occurring during the grace period, he or she must do so by
7 grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
8 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office, any
9 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10, and
10 at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the
11 election, at a polling place on election day, where grace
12 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
13 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
14 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
15 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
16 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
17 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
18 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
19 under Article 19A.

20 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
21 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
22 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
23 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
24 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
25 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
26 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may

1 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
2 names and that information in an electronic format on its
3 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
4 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
5 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
6 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
7 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

8 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
9 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
10 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
11 who register or change address during the grace period at a
12 location other than their designated polling place on election
13 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
14 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
15 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
16 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
17 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
18 the order in which the ballots were opened.

19 In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do
20 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
21 out of registration in the polling place if the election
22 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
23 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
24 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
25 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's residents
26 reside if the election authority's main office is not located

1 in that municipality. The election authority may establish
2 other grace period registration and voting sites on election
3 day provided that the election authority has met the notice
4 requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and temporary
5 early voting sites.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
7 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

9 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
11 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
12 for change of address during the period from the close of
13 registration for an election until and including the day of the
14 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
15 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
16 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
17 election authority, at a permanent polling place established
18 under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning
19 15 days prior to the election, at a polling place on election
20 day, or at a voter registration location specifically
21 designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace
22 period registration and changes of address shall also be
23 conducted for eligible residents in connection with voting at
24 facilities under Section 19-12.2 of this Code. The election
25 authority shall register that individual, or change a

1 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
2 provided by this Article for registration and change of
3 address.

4 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
5 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
6 occurring during the grace period, he or she must do so by
7 grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
8 in-person grace period voting at his or her office, any
9 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10, and
10 at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the
11 election, at a polling place on election day, where grace
12 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
13 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
14 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
15 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
16 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
17 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
18 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
19 under Article 19A.

20 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
21 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
22 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
23 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
24 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
25 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
26 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may

1 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
2 names and that information in an electronic format on its
3 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
4 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
5 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
6 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
7 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

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9 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
10 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
11 who register or change address during the grace period at a
12 location other than their designated polling place on election
13 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
14 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
15 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
16 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
17 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
18 the order in which the ballots were opened.

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20 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
21 out of registration in the polling place if the election
22 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
23 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
24 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
25 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's residents
26 reside if the election authority's main office is not located

1 in that municipality. The election authority may establish
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7 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

9 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
11 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
12 for change of address during the period from the close of
13 registration for an election until and including the day of the
14 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
15 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
16 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
17 election authority, at a permanent polling place established
18 under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning
19 15 days prior to the election, at a polling place on election
20 day, or at a voter registration location specifically
21 designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace
22 period registration and changes of address shall also be
23 conducted for eligible residents in connection with voting at
24 facilities under Section 19-12.2 of this Code. The election
25 authority shall register that individual, or change a

1 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
2 provided by this Article for registration and change of
3 address.

4 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
5 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
6 occurring during the grace period. The election authority shall
7 offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's office,
8 any permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10,
9 and at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to
10 the election, at a polling place on election day, where grace
11 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
12 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
13 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
14 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
15 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
16 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
17 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
18 under Article 19A.

19 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
20 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
21 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
22 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
23 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
24 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
25 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
26 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those

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2 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
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22 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
23 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
24 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's residents
25 reside if the election authority's main office is not located
26 in that municipality. The election authority may establish

1 other grace period registration and voting sites on election
2 day provided that the election authority has met the notice
3 requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and temporary
4 early voting sites.

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6 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.