

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3094

Introduced 2/6/2020, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-7

from Ch. 46, par. 11-7

Amends the Election Code. Provides that election authorities may cluster up to 4 contiguous precincts during general elections and general primary elections (previously only allowed during consolidated elections, consolidated primaries, special municipal primary elections, or emergency referenda).

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 11-7 as follows:
- 6 (10 ILCS 5/11-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-7)
- 7 Sec. 11-7. For the purpose of the conduct of any general
- 8 election, general primary election, consolidated election,
- 9 consolidated primary election, special municipal primary
- 10 election or emergency referendum, an election authority may
- 11 cluster up to four contiguous precincts as provided in this
- 12 Section, which shall constitute a clustered voting zone. The
- 13 common polling place for the clustered voting zone shall be
- 14 located within the territory comprising the clustered
- 15 precincts. Unless the election authority specifies a larger
- number, only one election judge shall be appointed for each of
- 17 the precincts in each clustered voting zone.
- The judges so appointed may not all be affiliated with the
- 19 same political party.
- The conduct of an election in a clustered voting zone shall
- 21 be under the general supervision of all the judges of election
- 22 designated to serve in the clustered voting zone. The
- 23 designated judges may perform the duties of election judges for

1 the entire clustered voting zone. However, the requirements of 2 Section 17-14 shall apply to voter assistance, the requirements of Section 24-10 shall apply to voter instruction, the 3 requirement of Section 24A-10 shall apply to examination of 5 vote by mail ballots, and any disputes as to entitlement to 6 vote, challenges, counting of ballots or other matters 7 pertaining directly to voting shall be decided by those 8 designated judges appointed for the precinct in which the 9 affected voter resides or the disputed vote is to be counted.

10 This Section does not apply to any elections in 11 municipalities with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)