



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2461

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-6

from Ch. 46, par. 19-6

Amends the Election Code. Requires that the envelope of a vote by mail ballot is also endorsed by a resident of the voter's address of registration to verify the voter's identity and residence. Provides that alternatively, if no other person resides at the voter's address of registration or is available to endorse the envelope, a resident of the voter's precinct may endorse the envelope or the voter may provide with the ballot the voter's utility bill or lease to verify identity and residency.

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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 Section 19-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-6)

7 Sec. 19-6. Such vote by mail voter shall make and
8 subscribe to the certifications provided for in the
9 application and on the return envelope for the ballot, and
10 such ballot or ballots shall be folded by such voter in the
11 manner required to be folded before depositing the same in the
12 ballot box, and be deposited in such envelope and the envelope
13 securely sealed. The voter shall then endorse his certificate
14 upon the back of the envelope. A resident of the voter's
15 address of registration must also endorse the envelope to
16 verify the voter's identity and residency. Alternatively, if
17 no other person resides at the voter's address of registration
18 or is available to endorse the envelope, a resident of the
19 voter's precinct may endorse the envelope or the voter may
20 provide with the ballot the voter's utility bill or lease to
21 verify identity and residency. The ~~and the~~ envelope shall be
22 mailed in person by such voter, postage prepaid, to the
23 election authority issuing the ballot or, if more convenient,

1 it may be delivered in person, by either the voter or by any
2 person authorized by the voter, or by a company licensed as a
3 motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission
4 under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, which is
5 engaged in the business of making deliveries. It shall be
6 unlawful for any person not the voter or a person authorized by
7 the voter to take the ballot and ballot envelope of a voter for
8 deposit into the mail unless the ballot has been issued
9 pursuant to application by a physically incapacitated elector
10 under Section 3-3 or a hospitalized voter under Section 19-13,
11 in which case any employee or person under the direction of the
12 facility in which the elector or voter is located may deposit
13 the ballot and ballot envelope into the mail. If the voter
14 authorized a person to deliver the ballot to the election
15 authority, the voter and the person authorized to deliver the
16 ballot shall complete the authorization printed on the
17 exterior envelope supplied by an election authority for the
18 return of the vote by mail ballot. The exterior of the envelope
19 supplied by an election authority for the return of the vote by
20 mail ballot shall include an authorization in substantially
21 the following form:

22 I (voter) authorize to take
23 the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to
24 the office of the election authority.

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2 Date Signature of voter

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4 Printed Name of Authorized Delivery Agent

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6 Signature of Authorized Delivery Agency

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8 Date Delivered to the Election Authority

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