



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/11-4

from Ch. 23, par. 11-4

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that an applicant for public aid may file his or her application at any of the Department of Human Services' or Department of Public Aid's offices that handle applications, regardless of the applicant's residence address.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 11-4 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/11-4) (from Ch. 23, par. 11-4)

7 Sec. 11-4. Applications; assistance in making  
8 applications. An application for public assistance shall be  
9 deemed an application for all such benefits to which any person  
10 may be entitled except to the extent that the applicant  
11 expressly declines in writing to apply for particular benefits.  
12 The Illinois Department shall provide information in writing  
13 about all benefits provided under this Code to any person  
14 seeking public assistance. The Illinois Department shall also  
15 provide information in writing and orally to all applicants  
16 about an election to have financial aid deposited directly in a  
17 recipient's savings account or checking account or in any  
18 electronic benefits account or accounts as provided in Section  
19 11-3.1, to the extent that those elections are actually  
20 available, including information on any programs administered  
21 by the State Treasurer to facilitate or encourage the  
22 distribution of financial aid by direct deposit or electronic  
23 benefits transfer. The Illinois Department shall determine the  
24 applicant's eligibility for cash assistance, medical  
25 assistance and food stamps unless the applicant expressly  
26 declines in writing to apply for particular benefits. The  
27 Illinois Department shall adopt policies and procedures to  
28 facilitate timely changes between programs that result from  
29 changes in categorical eligibility factors.

30 An applicant may file an application for public assistance  
31 at any of the Illinois Department's offices that handle  
32 applications, regardless of the applicant's residence address.

1 The County departments, local governmental units and the  
2 Illinois Department shall assist applicants for public  
3 assistance to properly complete their applications. Such  
4 assistance shall include, but not be limited to, assistance in  
5 securing evidence in support of their eligibility.

6 (Source: P.A. 88-232.)