

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

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50 new)

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 a primary or election and until the 14th day  
12 before the primary or election. During this grace period, an  
13 unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a  
14 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person  
15 in the office of the election authority or at a voter  
16 registration location specifically designated for this purpose  
17 by the election authority. The election authority shall  
18 register that individual, or change a registered voter's  
19 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this  
20 Article for registration and change of address.

21 If a voter who registers or changes address during this  
22 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary  
23 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace  
24 period voting, either in person in the office of the election  
25 authority or at a location specifically designated for this  
26 purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the  
27 discretion of the election authority. Grace period voting shall  
28 be in a manner substantially similar to voting under Article  
29 19. Ballots cast by persons who register or change address  
30 during the grace period must be transmitted to and counted at  
31 the election authority's central ballot counting location and  
32 shall not be transmitted to and counted at precinct polling

1 places.

2 (10 ILCS 5/5-50 new)

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30 (10 ILCS 5/6-100 new)

31 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
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24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
25 2005.