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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 715

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 715 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing 1A-16  
5 and by adding Section 1A-30 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16)

7 Sec. 1A-16. Voter registration information; internet  
8 posting; processing of voter registration forms; content of  
9 such forms. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
10 following provisions shall apply to voter registration under  
11 this Code.

12 (a) Voter registration information; Internet posting of  
13 voter registration form. Within 90 days after the effective  
14 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the  
15 State Board of Elections shall post on its World Wide Web site  
16 the following information:

17 (1) A comprehensive list of the names, addresses, phone  
18 numbers, and websites, if applicable, of all county clerks  
19 and boards of election commissioners in Illinois.

20 (2) A schedule of upcoming elections and the deadline  
21 for voter registration.

22 (3) A downloadable, printable voter registration form,  
23 in at least English and in Spanish versions, that a person  
24 may complete and mail or submit to the State Board of

1 Elections or the appropriate county clerk or board of  
2 election commissioners.

3 Any forms described under paragraph (3) must state the  
4 following:

5 If you do not have a driver's license or social  
6 security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and  
7 you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you  
8 are now registering in, then you must send, with this  
9 application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo  
10 identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill,  
11 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other  
12 government document that shows the name and address of the  
13 voter. If you do not provide the information required  
14 above, then you will be required to provide election  
15 officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first  
16 time you vote at a voting place or by absentee ballot.

17 (b) Acceptance of registration forms by the State Board of  
18 Elections and county clerks and board of election  
19 commissioners. The State Board of Elections, county clerks, and  
20 board of election commissioners shall accept all completed  
21 voter registration forms described in subsection (a) (3) of this  
22 Section and Section 1A-30 that are:

23 (1) postmarked on or before the day that voter  
24 registration is closed under the Election Code;

25 (2) not postmarked, but arrives no later than 5 days  
26 after the close of registration;

27 (3) submitted in person by a person using the form on  
28 or before the day that voter registration is closed under  
29 the Election Code; or

30 (4) submitted in person by a person who submits one or  
31 more forms on behalf of one or more persons who used the  
32 form on or before the day that voter registration is closed  
33 under the Election Code.

34 Upon the receipt of a registration form, the State Board of

1 Elections shall mark the date on which the form was received  
2 and send the form via first class mail to the appropriate  
3 county clerk or board of election commissioners, as the case  
4 may be, within 2 business days based upon the home address of  
5 the person submitting the registration form. The county clerk  
6 and board of election commissioners shall accept and process  
7 any form received from the State Board of Elections.

8 (c) Processing of registration forms by county clerks and  
9 boards of election commissioners. The county clerk or board of  
10 election commissioners shall promulgate procedures for  
11 processing the voter registration form.

12 (d) Contents of the voter registration form. The State  
13 Board shall create a voter registration form, which must  
14 contain the following content:

15 (1) Instructions for completing the form.

16 (2) A summary of the qualifications to register to vote  
17 in Illinois.

18 (3) Instructions for mailing in or submitting the form  
19 in person.

20 (4) The phone number for the State Board of Elections  
21 should a person submitting the form have questions.

22 (5) A box for the person to check that explains one of  
23 3 reasons for submitting the form:

24 (a) new registration;

25 (b) change of address; or

26 (c) change of name.

27 (6) a box for the person to check yes or no that asks,  
28 "Are you a citizen of the United States?", a box for the  
29 person to check yes or no that asks, "Will you be 18 years  
30 of age on or before election day?", and a statement of "If  
31 you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions,  
32 then do not complete this form."

33 (7) A space for the person to fill in his or her home  
34 telephone number.

1 (8) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her first,  
2 middle, and last names, street address (principal place of  
3 residence), county, city, state, and zip code.

4 (9) Spaces for the person to fill in his or her mailing  
5 address, city, state, and zip code if different from his or  
6 her principal place of residence.

7 (10) A space for the person to fill in his or her  
8 Illinois driver's license number if the person has a  
9 driver's license.

10 (11) A space for a person without a driver's license to  
11 fill in the last four digits of his or her social security  
12 number if the person has a social security number.

13 (12) A space for a person without an Illinois driver's  
14 license to fill in his or her identification number from  
15 his or her State Identification card issued by the  
16 Secretary of State.

17 (13) A space for the person to fill the name appearing  
18 on his or her last voter registration, the street address  
19 of his or her last registration, including the city,  
20 county, state, and zip code.

21 (14) A space where the person swears or affirms the  
22 following under penalty of perjury with his or her  
23 signature:

24 (a) "I am a citizen of the United States.";

25 (b) "I will be at least 18 years old on or before  
26 the next election.";

27 (c) "I will have lived in the State of Illinois and  
28 in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date  
29 of the next election."; and

30 "The information I have provided is true to the  
31 best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I  
32 have provided false information, then ~~then~~ I may be  
33 fined, imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen,  
34 deported from or refused entry into the United States."

1 (d) Compliance with federal law; rulemaking authority. The  
2 voter registration form described in this Section shall be  
3 consistent with the form prescribed by the Federal Election  
4 Commission under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,  
5 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and the Help America  
6 Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, in all relevant respects. The  
7 State Board of Elections shall periodically update the form  
8 based on changes to federal or State law. The State Board of  
9 Elections shall promulgate any rules necessary for the  
10 implementation of this Section; provided that the rules comport  
11 with the letter and spirit of the National Voter Registration  
12 Act of 1993 and Help America Vote Act of 2002 and maximize the  
13 opportunity for a person to register to vote.

14 (e) Forms available in paper form. The State Board of  
15 Elections shall make the voter registration form available in  
16 regular paper stock and form in sufficient quantities for the  
17 general public. The State Board of Elections may provide the  
18 voter registration form to the Secretary of State, county  
19 clerks, boards of election commissioners, designated agencies  
20 of the State of Illinois, and any other person or entity  
21 designated to have these forms by the Election Code in regular  
22 paper stock and form or some other format deemed suitable by  
23 the Board. Each county clerk or board of election commissioners  
24 has the authority to design and print its own voter  
25 registration form so long as the form complies with the  
26 requirements of this Section. The State Board of Elections,  
27 county clerks, boards of election commissioners, or other  
28 designated agencies of the State of Illinois required to have  
29 these forms under the Election Code shall provide a member of  
30 the public with any reasonable number of forms that he or she  
31 may request. Nothing in this Section shall permit the State  
32 Board of Elections, county clerk, board of election  
33 commissioners, or other appropriate election official who may  
34 accept a voter registration form to refuse to accept a voter

1 registration form because the form is printed on photocopier or  
2 regular paper stock and form.

3 (f) Internet voter registration study. The State Board of  
4 Elections shall investigate the feasibility of offering voter  
5 registration on its website and consider voter registration  
6 methods of other states in an effort to maximize the  
7 opportunity for all Illinois citizens to register to vote. The  
8 State Board of Elections shall assemble its findings in a  
9 report and submit it to the General Assembly no later than  
10 January 1, 2006. The report shall contain legislative  
11 recommendations to the General Assembly on improving voter  
12 registration in Illinois.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/1A-30 new)

15 Sec. 1A-30. College voter outreach. Each public  
16 institution of higher learning in Illinois must make available  
17 on its World Wide Web site a downloadable, printable voter  
18 registration form that complies with the requirements in  
19 subsection (d) of Section 1A-16 for the State Board of  
20 Elections' voter registration form.

21 Each public institution of higher learning in Illinois must  
22 include voter registration information and a voter  
23 registration form supplied by the State Board of Elections  
24 under subsection (e) of Section 1A-16 in any mailing of student  
25 registration materials to an address located in Illinois. Each  
26 public institution of higher learning must provide voter  
27 registration information and a voter registration form  
28 supplied by the State Board of Elections under subsection (e)  
29 of Section 1A-16 to each person with whom the institution  
30 conducts in-person student registration."