

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 SB1466

Introduced 2/18/2009, by Sen. Emil Jones, III

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10	ILCS	5/19-3	from	Ch.	46,	par.	19-3
10	ILCS	5/20-2	from	Ch.	46,	par.	20-2
10	ILCS	5/20-2.1	from	Ch.	46,	par.	20-2.1
10	ILCS	5/20-2.2	from	Ch.	46,	par.	20-2.2
10	ILCS	5/20-2.3	from	Ch.	46,	par.	20-2.3
10	ILCS	5/20-3	from	Ch.	46,	par.	20-3

Amends the Election Code. With respect to absentee ballots, provides that those returned by mail must be postmarked by midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots.

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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 5 Sections 19-3, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, and 20-3 as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)
- 8 Sec. 19-3. Application for such ballot shall be made on
- 9 blanks to be furnished by the election authority and
- 10 duplication of such application for ballot is prohibited,
- 11 except by the election authority. The application for ballot
- shall be substantially in the following form:
- 13 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT
- 14 BY ELECTOR WHO EXPECTS TO BE
- 15 ABSENT FROM COUNTY
- 16 To be voted at the election in the County of and
- 17 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
- 18 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of
- I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
- 20 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
- 21 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
- 22 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
- 23 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully

L	entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
2	held therein on; that I expect to be absent from the
3	county of my residence on the date of holding such election,
1	and that I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that
5	day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

20 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

However, if application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY ELECTOR WHO IS JUDGE OF ELECTION

IN A PRECINCT OTHER THAN THE PRECINCT

2 IN WHICH HE RESIDES

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I am a judge of election in precinct or the (1) *.... ward in the city of or (2) *township of or (3) *city, village or incorporated town of in such county and that I will have no opportunity of voting in person on that day:

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I serve as a judge of election in such last named precinct, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

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Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED ELECTOR

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I shall be physically incapable of being present at the polls of such precinct on the date of holding such election for the following reasons:

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am so physically incapacitated, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing

1	of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail,
2	postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for
3	counting no later than during the period for counting
4	provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
5	following election day.
6	Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
7	29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
8	statements set forth in this application are true and correct.
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10	*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).
11	Post office address to which ballot is mailed:
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13	APPLICATION FOR BALLOT
14	BY CHILD SEX OFFENDER ELECTOR
15	To be voted at the election in the County of and
16	State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
17	\dots (2) *City of \dots or (3) * \dots ward in the City of \dots
18	I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be
19	used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the
20	precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3)
21	$\star \ldots$ ward in the city of \ldots residing at \ldots in such city or
22	town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have
23	lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am
24	lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election
25	to be held therein on; that my assigned precinct polling
26	place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the polling

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place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election because my assigned precinct polling place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the polling place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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21 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

22 BY ELECTOR OBSERVING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

To be voted at the \dots election in the county of \dots

24 State of Illinois, in the precinct (1) *township of

(2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be

used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) past, that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I shall be unable to be present at the polls of such precinct on the date of holding such election because of the tenets of my religion in the observance of a religious holiday.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am so unable to be present at the polls of such precinct on the date of the election because of the tenets of my religion in the observance of a religious holiday, and I agree that I shall return the ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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3	APPLICATION FOR BALLOT
4	BY ELECTOR WHO IS AN ELECTION EMPLOYEE
5	OF STATE'S ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK OR
6	BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
7	To be voted at the election in the County of and
8	State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
9	\dots (2) *City of \dots or (3) * \dots ward in the City of \dots
10	I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
11	(1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) * ward in
12	the city of residing at in such city or town in the
13	county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
14	address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
15	entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
16	held therein on; that I am employed in the office of the
17	(State's Attorney of County) (County Clerk of County)
18	(Board of Election Commissioners of the (City) (County) of
19	and that because of election duties on the date of holding such
20	election I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that
21	day.
22	I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
23	to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
24	return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
25	prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
26	or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight

preceding election day, for counting no later than during the 1 2 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which 3 is the 14th day following election day. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 4 5 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the 6 statements set forth in this application are true and correct. 7 8 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3). 9 Post office address to which ballot is mailed: 10 11 Provided, that if application be made for a primary 12 election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated. 13 14 APPLICATION FOR 15 TEMPORARILY ABSENT STUDENT BALLOT 16 To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of 17 \dots (2) *City of \dots or (3) * \dots ward in the City of \dots 18 19 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in 20 the city of residing at in such city or town in the 21 22 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such 23 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully 24 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be 25 held therein on; that I am temporarily abiding outside 26 such precinct in the (1) *township of (2) *City of in

the county of and State of due to the fact I am a student attending an institution of higher education, and for that reason do not expect to have an opportunity to vote in person on that day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the precinct of my residence, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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* fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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However, if application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

In lieu of the separate application blanks heretofore prescribed, the election authority may adopt a standard application blank in substantially the following form for all

1	categories of absentee voters:
2	APPLICATION FOR
3	ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT
4	To be voted at the election in the County of
5	and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the
6	(1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) * ward
7	in the City of
8	I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
9	(1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *
10	ward in the City of residing at in such city
11	or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I
12	have lived at such address for months last past; that I
13	am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at a
14	election to be held therein on; and that I will be
15	unable to vote in person at the polls of such precinct for the
16	following reasons:
17	(Check One)
18	I expect to be absent from my county of residence.
19	I expect to be temporarily absent from the country.
20	I shall be serving as a judge of election in the
21	precinct which is not my precinct of
22	residence.
23	I shall be observing a religious holiday in
24	accordance with the tenets of my religion.
25	I shall be performing official election duties
26	for an Election Authority,

1	(election authority)
2	or the State Board of
3	Elections.
4	(location)
5	I shall be performing election law enforcement
6	duties in the employment of,
7	(law enforcement agency)
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9	(location)
10	I am temporarily abiding in the (1) *township of
11	(2) *city of in the county of and State of due to
12	the fact I am a student attending an institution of higher
13	education.
14	I am physically incapacitated.
15	Reason(s):
16	I have been called for jury duty on said day by
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18	(court jurisdiction)
19	I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
20	to be voted by me at such election and agree that I shall
21	return the ballot or ballots to the election official issuing
22	the same in sufficient time for such official to deliver the
23	ballot or ballots to the proper polling place prior to the
24	closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if
25	returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding
26	election day, for counting no later than during the period for

- counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.
- Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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- 7 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3). Post office address to which
 8 ballot is mailed:
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- 10 Provided, that if application is made for a primary 11 election, such application shall designate the name of the 12 political party with which applicant is affiliated.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 95-440, eff. 8-27-07.)
- 14 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

15 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service, 16 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the 17 18 day of holding any election may make application for an 19 absentee ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a 20 21 form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by 22 Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the 23 election. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the 24 applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one 25 calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be

kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who

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expect to be absent from their county of residence during the periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for an absentee registration and absentee ballot not less than 30 days before the election. Such application may be made on the official postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original application for ballot.

Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section. However, if the election authority receives one of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for that election shall be waived.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this

1 Article and not otherwise.

Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Ballots under this Section must be returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise qualified to vote, may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election. Such application may be made only on the official postcard. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year at which

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1 offices are filled. A certified copy of Federal 2 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot 3 counting location to be used in lieu of the original 4 5 application for ballot. No registration shall be required in 6 order to vote pursuant to this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner 7 prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. 8 9 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for 10 11 counting at the central ballot counting location of the 12 election authority during the period for counting provisional 13 ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. Ballots under this Section must be returned to 14 15 the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the 16 election authority's central ballot counting location before 17 the closing of the polls on the day of the election.

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces. Any member of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty, otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any other method of making application for an absentee ballot under this

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

1 Article, may make application for an absentee ballot to the

2 election authority having jurisdiction over his or her precinct

of residence by a facsimile machine or electronic transmission

not less than 10 days before the election.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned to the election authority before the election of the polls on the day of election and must be counted at the election authority's central ballot counting location.

(10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the following applications for absentee registration or absentee ballot which shall be considered a method of application in lieu of the official postcard.

1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and certified program participants under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic

- 1 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
- 2 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
- 3 application shall be substantially in the following form:
- 4 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT
- To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in which is located my residence at...., in the city/village/township of(insert home address)
- 8 County of..... and State of Illinois.
- 9 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
- 10 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
- 11 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
- above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
- lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
- that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):
- 1. () a member of the United States Service,
- 16 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
- outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
- 18 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
- 19 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
- 20 opportunity to vote in person on that day.
- 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
- 22 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.
- I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
- 24 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
- county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
- 26 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later

1	than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later
2	than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
3	last day of which is the 14th day following election day prior
4	to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or
5	shall destroy said ballot or ballots.
6	(Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
7	registered)
8	() I hereby make application to become registered as a
9	voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
10	registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
11	before the election.
12	Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
13	of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
14	statements set forth in this application are true and correct.
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16	Post office address or service address to which
17	registration materials or ballot should be mailed
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22	If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
23	application shall designate the name of the political party
24	with which the applicant is affiliated.
25	Such applications may be obtained from the election
26	authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of

- 1 residence.
- 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
- 3 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
- 4 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
- 5 the office of the election authority within the periods
- 6 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
- 7 following form:
- 8 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
- 9 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
- 10 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
- 11 residence address) in the city/village/township of.......
- 12 County of..... and State of Illinois.
- I certify that the following named person.......
- 14 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
- 15 Service.
- I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
- 17 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
- 18 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
- 19 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
- 20 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
- 21 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
- 22 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
- 23 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
- 24 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
- 25 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
- 26 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

1	I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
2	to be voted by said person at such election and said person
3	agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
4	election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding
5	election day, for counting no later than during the period for
6	counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
7	day following election day prior to the closing of the polls on
8	the day of the election, or shall destroy said ballot or
9	ballots.
10	I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
11	brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
12	registered voter in the election precinct for which this
13	application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)
14	Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
15	of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
16	statements set forth in this application are true and correct.
17	Name of applicant
18	Residence address
19	City/village/township
20	Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
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24	"
25	If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
26	application shall designate the name of the political party

- 1 with which the person for whom application is made is
- 2 affiliated.
- 3 Such applications may be obtained from the election
- 4 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
- 5 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 91-494, eff. 1-1-00.)