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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1452

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1452 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section
5 17-14.1 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/17-14.1 new)

7 Sec. 17-14.1. Foreign language ballots.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Election information" means all information necessary for
10 the public to participate fully and freely in all elections,
11 including but not limited to, voter registration forms,
12 candidate qualifying forms (but not nomination petitions),
13 candidate information pamphlets, voter information pamphlets,
14 vote by mail and regular ballots, and information about poll
15 locations and hours of operation. "Election information" shall
16 not include the website of an election authority, but if an

1 election authority is required by this Section to provide
2 foreign language election information anywhere in its
3 jurisdiction, the front page of the website shall indicate how
4 persons speaking the foreign language or languages in the
5 jurisdiction can access foreign language election information.
6 The indication required in this subsection shall be in the
7 language or languages of the population that triggered the
8 applicability of this Section.

9 "Foreign language" means Chinese, Korean, Polish, Spanish,
10 and any combination of Gujarati, Hindi, and Urdu.

11 "Limited English proficiency" means a person who has been
12 estimated by the American Community Survey to speak English
13 less than "very well".

14 "Table B16001" means the dataset published by the U.S.
15 Census Bureau or American Community Survey titled "Language
16 spoken at home by ability to speak English for the population 5
17 years and over" and identified as Table B16001, or any
18 substantially similar dataset the U.S. Census or American
19 Community Survey publishes following any future survey.

20 (b) On or before June 1, 2016 and on or before June 1 of
21 every subsequent year ending in a 1 or a 6, each election
22 authority shall report to the State Board of Elections all
23 census tracts in its jurisdiction in which Table B16001
24 demonstrates that the American Community Survey has estimated
25 that more than 10% of the persons residing within that census
26 tract who speak the same foreign language have been identified

1 as having limited English proficiency. The election authority
2 shall use information from the most recent American Community
3 Survey estimate. The State Board of Elections shall make this
4 list publicly available on its website on or before June 30 of
5 the same year.

6 (c) Beginning with the general election held in 2016, any
7 election authority reporting census tracts to the State Board
8 of Elections pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section shall
9 make all election information available in the primary
10 non-English language of the persons having limited English
11 proficiency identified in Table B16001. Ballots in these
12 foreign languages need only be available to voters registered
13 in the precincts that overlap with the census tracts identified
14 in the reports required in subsection (b). If the foreign
15 language that triggers the applicability of this Section is the
16 combination of Gujarati, Hindi, and Urdu, then ballots shall be
17 made available in Hindi only, but the election authority shall
18 make a good-faith effort to recruit Gujarati and Urdu election
19 judges in precincts that overlap the census tracts where the
20 American Community Survey estimates Gujarati and Urdu speakers
21 reside.

22 (d) Nothing in this Section requires an election authority
23 to make election information available in the primary
24 non-English language of the Limited English Proficiency
25 persons prior to June 1, 2016.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".