

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 changing Section
5 1A-16.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

8 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

9 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and
10 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a
11 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her
12 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical
13 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each
14 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system
15 capable of receiving and processing voter registration
16 application information, including electronic signatures, from
17 the online voter registration system established by the State
18 Board of Elections.

19 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ
20 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
21 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to
22 this Section.

23 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information

1 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'
2 website, may cross reference that information with data or
3 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in
4 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may
5 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized
6 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's
7 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's
8 database.

9 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
10 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic
11 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued
12 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register
13 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State
14 Board of Elections.

15 (e) An online voter registration application shall contain
16 all of the information that is required for a paper application
17 as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except that the
18 applicant shall be required to provide:

19 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or
20 State identification card number;

21 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
22 security number; and

23 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State
24 identification card was issued.

25 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in
26 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box

1 associated with the following statement included as part of the
2 online voter registration application:

3 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
4 following:

5 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information
6 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in
7 the State of Illinois.

8 (2) All the information I have provided on this form is
9 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

10 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the
11 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the
12 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be
13 used by my local election authority on this online voter
14 registration application for admission as an elector as if I
15 had signed this form personally."

16 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter
17 registration application, the online voter registration system
18 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the
19 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving
20 such an application, the online voter registration system shall
21 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of
22 whether the following information has been matched with the
23 Secretary of State database:

24 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
25 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
26 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State

1 identification number provided by the applicant matches
2 the driver's license or State identification card number
3 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

4 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's
5 license or State identification card listed on the
6 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
7 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

8 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant
9 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the
10 Secretary of State; and

11 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
12 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person
13 on file with the Secretary of State.

14 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches
15 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any
16 driver's license and State identification card holder and is
17 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter
18 registration system shall:

19 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database
20 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from
21 his or her Illinois driver's license or State
22 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to
23 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter
24 registration application;

25 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
26 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners

1 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
2 registration: (i) the application, along with the
3 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
4 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
5 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a
6 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
7 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
8 number, driver's license or State identification card date
9 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
10 information have been successfully matched.

11 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration
12 application, the county clerk or board of election
13 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
14 registration shall promptly search its voter registration
15 database to determine whether the applicant is already
16 registered to vote at the address on the application and
17 whether the new registration would create a duplicate
18 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at
19 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case
20 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and
21 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic
22 mail address on the original voter registration form for that
23 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law
24 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to
25 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already
26 registered to vote at the address on the application and the

1 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk
2 or board, as the case may be, shall:

3 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the
4 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

5 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant
6 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter
7 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as
8 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's
9 name and address as it appears on the application and
10 stating that the person is registered to vote.

11 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a
12 duplicate registration application or a change of address form
13 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's
14 driver's license or State identification card database as
15 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,
16 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that
17 individual in the voter registration database of the county
18 clerk or board of election commissioners.

19 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted
20 electronically as provided in this Section shall become
21 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or
22 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said
23 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section
24 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online
25 application or change of address by the county clerk or board
26 of election commissioners.

1 (1) All provisions of this Code governing voter
2 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
3 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
4 this Section. All applications submitted on a website
5 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed
6 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on
7 the final day for voter registration prior to an election.
8 After the registration period for an upcoming election has
9 ended and until the 2nd day following such election, the web
10 page containing the online voter registration form on the State
11 Board of Elections website shall inform users of the procedure
12 for grace period voting.

13 (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of
14 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,
15 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of
16 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration
17 system and those names and that information shall be stored in
18 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
19 accessible to State and local political committees.

20 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall submit a
21 report to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 31,
22 2014 detailing the progress made to implement the online voter
23 registration system described in this Section.

24 (o) The online voter registration system provided for in
25 this Section shall be fully operational by July 1, 2014.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

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24 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
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20 registration: (i) the application, along with the
21 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
22 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
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8 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that
9 individual in the voter registration database of the county
10 clerk or board of election commissioners.

11 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted
12 electronically as provided in this Section shall become
13 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or
14 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said
15 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section
16 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online
17 application or change of address by the county clerk or board
18 of election commissioners.

19 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter
20 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
21 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
22 this Section. Notwithstanding any other deadlines for voter
23 registration or grace period registrations, all ~~All~~
24 applications submitted on a website maintained by the State
25 Board of Elections shall be deemed timely filed if they are
26 submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 16th day ~~final day~~

1 ~~for voter registration~~ prior to an election. After the online
2 registration period for an upcoming election has ended and
3 until the 2nd day following such election, the web page
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10 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration
11 system and those names and that information shall be stored in
12 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
13 accessible to State and local political committees.

14 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or
15 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able
16 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile
17 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

18 (o) (Blank).

19 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet
20 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website
21 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For
22 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the
23 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the
24 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and
25 Departments of State Government).

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;

1 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

2 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
3 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
4 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
5 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
6 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
7 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
8 Public Act.