



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0107

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-12.5 new
10 ILCS 5/4-50
10 ILCS 5/5-50
10 ILCS 5/6-100

Amends the Election Code. Provides that each election authority operating in a county organized by township shall operate one grace period voter registration site within each township under the jurisdiction of the election authority. Provides that each election authority operating in a county organized by precinct shall operate one grace period voter registration site within each precinct under the jurisdiction of the election authority. Provides that the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago shall operate one grace period voter registration site within each former township located within the City of Chicago, as those townships existed immediately prior to the date those townships were eliminated within the City of Chicago.

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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
5 Sections 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 and by adding Section 1-12.5 as
6 follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-12.5 new)

8 Sec. 1-12.5. Grace period registration.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10 contrary, the number of grace period voter registration sites
11 that each election authority shall establish is governed only
12 by this Section. For the purpose of establishing grace period
13 voter registration sites, election authorities shall be
14 classified as follows:

15 (1) election authorities operating in counties
16 organized by township, including, but not limited to,
17 election authorities operating in Cook County, but
18 excluding the Board of Election Commissioners for the City
19 of Chicago;

20 (2) election authorities operating in counties
21 organized by precinct; and

22 (3) the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of
23 Chicago.

1 (b) Each election authority classified under paragraph (1)
2 of subsection (a) of this Section shall operate one grace
3 period voter registration site within each township under the
4 jurisdiction of the election authority. Each election
5 authority classified under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of
6 this Section shall operate one grace period voter registration
7 site within each precinct under the jurisdiction of the
8 election authority. The Board of Election Commissioners for the
9 City of Chicago shall operate one grace period voter
10 registration site within each former township located within
11 the City of Chicago, as those townships existed immediately
12 prior to the date those townships were eliminated within the
13 City of Chicago. In the case of a township, precinct, or former
14 township that contains the office of the election authority,
15 the office of the election authority shall serve as the grace
16 period voter registration site for that township, precinct, or
17 former township.

18 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

19 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
21 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
22 for change of address during the period from the close of
23 registration for an election until and including the day of the
24 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
25 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit

1 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
2 election authority, ~~at a permanent polling place established~~
3 ~~under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning~~
4 ~~15 days prior to the election, at a polling place on election~~
5 ~~day,~~ or at a voter registration location specifically
6 designated for this purpose by the election authority as
7 provided in Section 1-12.5. The election authority shall
8 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
9 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
10 Article for registration and change of address.

11 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
12 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
13 occurring during the grace period, he or she must do so by
14 grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
15 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office, any
16 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10, and
17 at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the
18 election, at a polling place on election day, where grace
19 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
20 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
21 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
22 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
23 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
24 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
25 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
26 under Article 19A.

1 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
2 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
3 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
4 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
5 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
6 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
7 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
8 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
9 names and that information in an electronic format on its
10 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
11 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
12 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
13 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
14 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

15 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
16 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
17 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
18 who register or change address during the grace period at a
19 location other than their designated polling place on election
20 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
21 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
22 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
23 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
24 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
25 the order in which the ballots were opened.

26 In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do

1 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
2 out of registration in the polling place if the election
3 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
4 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
5 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
6 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's residents
7 reside if the election authority's main office is not located
8 in that municipality. The election authority may establish
9 other grace period registration and voting sites on election
10 day provided that the election authority has met the notice
11 requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and temporary
12 early voting sites.

13 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
14 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

15 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

16 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
18 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
19 for change of address during the period from the close of
20 registration for an election until and including the day of the
21 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
22 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
23 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
24 election authority, ~~at a permanent polling place established~~
25 ~~under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning~~

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16 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
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19 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
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21 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
22 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
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2 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
3 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
4 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
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6 names and that information in an electronic format on its
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12 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

13 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
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17 registration for an election until and including the day of the
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