



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4542

by Rep. Lawrence Walsh, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-45
30 ILCS 805/8.42 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the Electronic Registration Information Center shall provide the exclusive interstate voter registration program for the State. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall not share identification records contained in databases maintained by State agencies with any interstate voter registration program other than the Electronic Registration Information Center. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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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 Section
5 1A-45 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-45)

7 Sec. 1A-45. Electronic Registration Information Center.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall enter into an
9 agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center
10 effective no later than January 1, 2016, for the purpose of
11 maintaining a statewide voter registration database. The
12 Electronic Registration Information Center shall provide the
13 exclusive interstate voter registration program for the State
14 of Illinois. The State Board of Elections shall comply with the
15 requirements of the Electronic Registration Information Center
16 Membership Agreement. The State Board of Elections shall
17 require a term in the Electronic Registration Information
18 Center Membership Agreement that requires the State to share
19 identification records contained in the Secretary of State's
20 Driver Services Department and Vehicle Services Department,
21 the Department of Human Services, the Department of Healthcare
22 and Family Services, the Department of Aging, and the
23 Department of Employment Security databases (excluding those

1 fields unrelated to voter eligibility, such as income or health
2 information).

3 (b) The Secretary of State and the Board of Elections shall
4 enter into an agreement to permit the Secretary of State to
5 provide the State Board of Elections with any information
6 required for compliance with the Electronic Registration
7 Information Center Membership Agreement. The Secretary of
8 State shall deliver this information as frequently as necessary
9 for the State Board of Elections to comply with the Electronic
10 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

11 (b-5) The State Board of Elections and the Department of
12 Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family
13 Services, the Department on Aging, and the Department of
14 Employment Security shall enter into an agreement to require
15 each department to provide the State Board of Elections with
16 any information necessary to transmit member data under the
17 Electronic Registration Information Center Membership
18 Agreement. The director or secretary, as applicable, of each
19 agency shall deliver this information on an annual basis to the
20 State Board of Elections pursuant to the agreement between the
21 entities.

22 (b-10) The State Board of Elections shall not share
23 identification records contained in databases maintained by
24 the Secretary of State's Driver Services Department and Vehicle
25 Services Department, the Department of Human Services, the
26 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of

1 Aging, the Department of Employment Security, or any other
2 State database containing identification records with any
3 interstate voter registration program other than the
4 Electronic Registration Information Center.

5 (c) Any communication required to be delivered to a
6 registrant or potential registrant pursuant to the Electronic
7 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement shall
8 include at least the following message:

9 "Our records show people at this address may not be
10 registered to vote at this address, but you may be eligible
11 to register to vote or re-register to vote at this address.
12 If you are a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Illinois, and will
13 be 18 years old or older before the next general election
14 in November, you are qualified to vote.

15 We invite you to check your registration online at
16 (enter URL) or register to vote online at (enter URL), by
17 requesting a mail-in voter registration form by (enter
18 instructions for requesting a mail-in voter registration
19 form), or visiting the (name of election authority) office
20 at (address of election authority)."

21 The words "register to vote online at (enter URL)" shall be
22 bolded and of a distinct nature from the other words in the
23 message required by this subsection (c).

24 (d) Any communication required to be delivered to a
25 potential registrant that has been identified by the Electronic
26 Registration Information Center as eligible to vote but who is

1 not registered to vote in Illinois shall be prepared and
2 disseminated at the direction of the State Board of Elections.
3 All other communications with potential registrants or
4 re-registrants pursuant to the Electronic Registration
5 Information Center Membership Agreement shall be prepared and
6 disseminated at the direction of the appropriate election
7 authority.

8 (e) The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections
9 or his or her designee shall serve as the Member Representative
10 to the Electronic Registration Information Center.

11 (f) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules
12 necessary to enforce this Section or comply with the Electronic
13 Registration Information Center Membership Agreement.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

15 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
16 Section 8.42 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 805/8.42 new)

18 Sec. 8.42. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
19 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
20 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
21 the 100th General Assembly.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.