

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5-45.1 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.1 new)

7 Sec. 5-45.1. Emergency rulemaking; 2020 general election.

8 To provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of
9 Article 2B of the Election Code, emergency rules implementing
10 Article 2B of the Election Code may be adopted in accordance
11 with Section 5-45 by the State Board of Elections. The adoption
12 of emergency rules authorized by Section 5-45 and this Section
13 is deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and
14 welfare.

15 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2021.

16 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by adding Article
17 2B as follows:

18 (10 ILCS 5/Art. 2B heading new)

19 ARTICLE 2B. CONDUCT OF THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

20 (10 ILCS 5/2B-1 new)

1 Sec. 2B-1. Purpose. Whereas protecting the health and
2 safety of Illinoisans is among the most important functions of
3 State government, and whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019
4 (COVID-19) has resulted in declarations that COVID-19 presents
5 a severe public health emergency by the World Health
6 Organization, the United States government, and the Governor of
7 Illinois, the General Assembly therefore declares it necessary
8 and appropriate to make certain modifications to the
9 administration and conduct of the elections for the November
10 2020 general election. The provisions of this Article are
11 deemed necessary to protect the safety, health, and rights of
12 the people of Illinois.

13 (10 ILCS 5/2B-5 new)

14 Sec. 2B-5. Application of Article.

15 (a) In addition to the provisions of this Code and
16 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the provisions
17 in this Article shall govern the process and procedures for the
18 2020 general election. The provisions of this Code shall
19 control any aspect of the administration or conduct of the 2020
20 general election that is not provided for in this Article,
21 provided that in the event of conflict between this Article and
22 any other provision of this Code or any other law, the
23 provisions of this Article shall control.

24 (b) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all
25 election authorities, including, but not limited to, those

1 under the jurisdiction of a Board of Election Commissioners.

2 (c) The provisions of this Article shall apply for the
3 administration and conduct of the 2020 general election only
4 and the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
5 Assembly shall be in effect through January 1, 2021.

6 (10 ILCS 5/2B-10 new)

7 Sec. 2B-10. Election Day State holiday. Notwithstanding
8 any other provision of State law to the contrary, November 3,
9 2020 shall be a State holiday known as 2020 General Election
10 Day and shall be observed throughout the State. November 3,
11 2020 shall be deemed a legal school holiday for purposes of the
12 School Code, State Universities Civil Service Act, and any
13 other law designating a holiday. All government offices, with
14 the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless
15 authorized to be used as a location for election day services
16 or as a polling place.

17 Any school closed pursuant to this amendatory Act of the
18 101st General Assembly and Section 24-2 of the School Code
19 shall be made available to an election authority as a polling
20 place for 2020 General Election Day. The election authority and
21 the school shall comply with all safety and health practices
22 established by the Illinois Department of Public Health
23 pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 2B-35. The election
24 authority shall be eligible for reimbursement of such
25 reasonable cleaning expenses incurred as a result of using a

1 school as a polling place for 2020 General Election Day,
2 subject to the receipt and availability of federal funds,
3 pursuant to Section 2B-60.

4 (10 ILCS 5/2B-15 new)

5 Sec. 2B-15. Changes to vote by mail application process for
6 the 2020 general election.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
8 contrary, beginning on the effective date of this Amendatory
9 Act of the 101st General Assembly, any elector may by personal
10 delivery, mail, email, or electronically on the website of the
11 appropriate election authority make application for an
12 official ballot for the 2020 general election to be sent to the
13 elector through mail. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law to the contrary, the URL address at which an elector may
15 electronically request a vote by mail ballot shall be fixed by
16 each election authority no later than the effective date of
17 this Amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. An election
18 authority shall accept any application submitted by an elector,
19 including, but not limited to, the application prepared by the
20 State Board of Elections, the election authority, or any other
21 application submitted in a form substantially similar to that
22 required by Section 19-3, including any substantially similar
23 production or reproduction generated by any source or the by
24 the applicant.

25 (b) No later than August 1, 2020, every election authority

1 shall mail or email an application for an official vote by mail
2 ballot for the 2020 general election to any elector who applied
3 to vote an official ballot, whether by mail or in person, for
4 any of the following elections: (1) 2018 general election; (2)
5 2019 consolidated election; or (3) the 2020 general primary
6 election. No later than August 1, 2020, every election
7 authority shall mail or email an application for an official
8 ballot for the 2020 general election to any elector who has
9 registered to vote or changed his or her registration address
10 after the 2020 general primary election through July 31, 2020.

11 (c) In addition to providing electors with the application,
12 the election authority shall provide any notices required by
13 law and the following: (1) notice the elector may complete the
14 application and return it through personal delivery, mail,
15 email, or visit the election authority's URL to request an
16 official ballot; (2) notice that upon completion of the
17 application, the elector will receive an official ballot no
18 more than 40 days and no less than 30 days before the election;
19 (3) an explanation that following submission of the application
20 the elector will receive a ballot at his or her registered
21 address or the mailing address requested by the elector, and
22 such ballot must be completed and returned no later than
23 election day; (4) a phone number or email address to contact
24 the election authority if the elector does not receive an
25 official ballot or if the elector has questions; and (5) a
26 website or phone number the elector can use to confirm receipt

1 of his or her official ballot. A copy of the application and
2 the notice shall be made available on the election authority's
3 website.

4 (d) The application and notice required by this Section
5 shall be mailed to the elector's registered address and any
6 other mailing address the election authority may have on file,
7 including a mailing address to which a prior vote by mail
8 ballot was mailed.

9 (10 ILCS 5/2B-20 new)

10 Sec. 2B-20. Changes for vote by mail official ballot
11 mailing and processing.

12 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
13 contrary, an election authority shall mail official ballots to
14 any elector requesting an official ballot no earlier than
15 September 24, 2020. Except for electors applying under Article
16 20, any elector submitting an application for a vote by mail
17 ballot on or before October 1, 2020 shall receive a ballot no
18 later than October 6, 2020. An election authority shall mail
19 official ballots to any elector requesting an official ballot
20 after October 1, 2020 no later than 2 business days after
21 receipt of the application.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
23 contrary, any vote by mail ballot received by an election
24 authority shall be presumed to meet the requirements of
25 Articles 17, 18, and 19 and the voter shall be deemed otherwise

1 qualified to cast a vote by mail ballot unless deemed invalid
2 as provided in this Section.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
4 contrary, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
5 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
6 counting provisional ballots, the election authority shall
7 appoint panels as needed of 3 election judges, of which no more
8 than 2 shall be from the same political party, from the list of
9 election judges submitted by the county parties for this
10 specific purpose to compare the voter's signature on the
11 certification envelope of the vote by mail ballot with the
12 signature of the voter on file in the office of the election
13 authority. The signature shall be presumed to match unless 3
14 out of 3 election judges determine that the 2 signatures do not
15 match. A vote by mail ballot may only be rejected by a vote of 3
16 of 3 election judges and only for the following reasons: (1)
17 the signature on the certification envelope and the signature
18 used by the election authority for verification purposes do not
19 match or the certification envelope contains no signature; (2)
20 the ballot envelope was delivered opened; (3) the voter has
21 already cast a ballot; (4) if the voter voted in person on
22 election day; or (5) the voter is not a duly registered voter
23 in the precinct. If 3 of 3 election judges determine the ballot
24 should be rejected for any reasons stated in this subsection
25 (c), the judges shall mark across the face of the certification
26 envelope the word "rejected" and the date and names of the

1 judges voting to reject the ballot.

2 (d) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected, the election
3 authority shall notify the voter within 2 days after the
4 rejection or within one day if the rejection occurs after
5 election day and in all cases before the close of the period
6 for counting provisional ballots. The voter shall be notified
7 through mail or email, or both, and the notice shall inform the
8 voter of the reason or reasons the ballot was rejected. If the
9 ballot was rejected based on the signature or lack of a
10 signature, the voter shall be permitted to submit a statement
11 the voter cast the ballot, and upon receipt the ballot shall be
12 determined valid and counted before the close of the period for
13 counting provisional ballots. If the ballot was rejected
14 because the envelope was delivered opened, the voter shall be
15 permitted to vote in person or request to receive another vote
16 by mail ballot, provided the voter submits an application and
17 casts a new ballot prior to the close of polls on election day.

18 (e) Election authorities shall accept any vote by mail
19 ballot returned, including ballots returned with insufficient
20 or no postage, and may establish secure collection sites for
21 the postage-free return of vote by mail ballots. Any election
22 authority establishing such a collection site pursuant to this
23 subsection (c) shall collect all ballots submitted each day at
24 close of business and process them as required by this Code,
25 including noting the day on which the ballot was submitted.
26 Ballots submitted to such collection sites after close of

1 business shall be dated as delivered the next day, with the
2 exception of ballots delivered on election day, which shall be
3 dated as received on election day. Election authorities shall
4 permit electors to return vote by mail ballots on election day
5 up until the close of the polls.

6 (f) In accordance with Section 19-7, within one day after
7 receipt of a vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall
8 transmit notification of receipt to the State Board of
9 Elections. If a vote by mail ballot is rejected, the election
10 authority must notify the State Board of Elections within one
11 day. Upon request by a state or local political committee,
12 within 2 days an election authority must electronically provide
13 the names and addresses of any vote by mail ballots received
14 and any vote by mail ballots marked rejected.

15 (10 ILCS 5/2B-25 new)

16 Sec. 2B-25. Changes for first time registrants or change of
17 address registrations.

18 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 101st General Assembly, any person completing a voter
20 registration application or submitting a change of address
21 shall be notified of the option to receive a vote by mail
22 ballot. Upon request of the elector, the registration shall
23 serve as an application to receive an official vote by mail
24 ballot and the individual need not complete an application.
25 Upon processing the registration, the election authority shall

1 provide the individual with an official ballot.

2 (b) Upon request of the registrant, an election authority
3 shall accept a completed voter registration form as a valid
4 application and mail the elector an official ballot.

5 (c) Any person whose registration is incomplete or pending
6 may provide any required documentation online or in person to
7 the election authority prior to applying to vote in order to
8 complete his or her registration.

9 (d) This Section shall not apply to an application
10 processed pursuant to Section 1A-16.1 or an individual
11 registering to vote in person at an election authority or an
12 early voting site if the elector has the option and chooses to
13 exercise the option to vote in person at the time of
14 registration or in his or her precinct on election day.

15 (10 ILCS 5/2B-30 new)

16 Sec. 2B-30. Public dissemination of information prior to
17 the 2020 general election.

18 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 101st General Assembly through October 30, 2020, all
20 election authorities shall include information about
21 registering to vote and encouraging electors to vote by mail or
22 during early voting with any pamphlet, brochure, flyer, or
23 newsletter related to the 2020 General Election. Any such
24 documents shall substantially include the following, "Due to
25 COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to

1 cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during
2 early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and
3 you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or
4 in person. An application is available from your local election
5 authority or at [https://elections.il.gov/](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx)
6 [electionoperations/ VotingByMail.aspx](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx). To register to vote or
7 check your registration status, visit [https://](https://ova.elections.il.gov)
8 ova.elections.il.gov".

9 (b) The Secretary of State shall include in any pamphlet or
10 materials produced in accordance with the Illinois
11 Constitutional Amendment Act the following language, "Due to
12 COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to
13 cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during
14 early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and
15 you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or
16 in person. An application is available from your local election
17 authority or at [https://](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx)
18 elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx. To
19 register to vote or check your registration status, visit
20 [https:// ova.elections.il.gov](https://ova.elections.il.gov)".

21 (c) No later than September 15, 2020, the Secretary of
22 State shall send a notice to any elector who received an
23 application but has not yet applied for a vote by mail ballot.
24 The list of electors to receive the notification shall be
25 provided by the State Board of Elections. The notice shall
26 include, at a minimum: (1) notice that the elector previously

1 received correspondence from the applicable election authority
2 with information on how to apply for a vote by mail ballot,
3 that the election authority has indicated the elector has not
4 yet applied for a ballot, and the elector still has time to
5 request a vote by mail ballot; and (2) a reference to a phone
6 number, email address, and website the elector can visit to
7 complete an application, return an application, or get
8 additional information about vote by mail.

9 (d) No later than October 15, 2020, the Secretary of State
10 shall send a notice to any elector who received the notice
11 required in subsection (c) but has not yet applied for a vote
12 by mail ballot. The notice shall include, at a minimum: (1) a
13 statement that the elector has time to request a vote by mail
14 ballot; and (2) a reference to a phone number, email address,
15 and website the elector can visit to complete an application,
16 return an application, or get additional information about vote
17 by mail.

18 (10 ILCS 5/2B-35 new)

19 Sec. 2B-35. Early voting and election day requirements.

20 (a) Election authorities shall comply with any early voting
21 and election day safety and health practices established in
22 written guidance provided to the election authorities by the
23 Illinois Department of Public Health.

24 (b) Election authorities may establish curb-side voting
25 for individuals to cast a ballot during early voting or on

1 election day. A curb-side voting program shall designate at
2 least 2 election judges from opposite parties per vehicle and
3 the individual must have the option to mark the ballot without
4 interference from the election judges.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, election
6 authorities shall establish one location to be located at an
7 office of the election authority or in the largest municipality
8 within its jurisdiction where all voters in its jurisdiction
9 are allowed to vote on election day during polling place hours,
10 regardless of the precinct in which they are registered. An
11 election authority establishing such a location pursuant to
12 this subsection (c) shall identify the location, hours of
13 operation, and health and safety requirements by the 40th day
14 preceding 2020 General Election Day and certify such to the
15 State Board of Election.

16 (d) In addition to the requirements of Section 19A-15,
17 beginning the 15th day preceding 2020 General Election Day, all
18 permanent polling places for early voting shall remain open
19 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00
20 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Election
21 authorities may establish early voting hours in addition to
22 those required by this subsection (d) to accommodate voters to
23 whom COVID-19 presents increased health risks, including, but
24 not limited to, the administration of a curb-side voting
25 program established by the election authority pursuant to this
26 Section.

1 (e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a provisional
2 ballot cast under item (7) of subsection (a) of Section 18A-5
3 shall be deemed valid and counted as a vote if the voter
4 provides the election authority with the necessary
5 documentation within 14 days of election day.

6 (10 ILCS 5/2B-40 new)

7 Sec. 2B-40. Judges of election.

8 (a) All laws and rules regarding the provisions of election
9 judges shall be in effect for the 2020 general election,
10 provided that notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any
11 individual may be appointed to serve as an election judge if,
12 as of the date of the election at which the person serves as
13 judge, he or she has attained the age of 16.

14 Prior to appointment, a judge qualifying under this
15 subsection (a) must certify in writing to the election
16 authority the political party the judge chooses to affiliate
17 with.

18 (b) All public and private secondary schools, community
19 colleges, and universities shall publish notification on their
20 publicly accessible websites and notify their students of the
21 opportunity to serve as an election judge for the 2020 general
22 election and the qualifications provided in subsection (a).

23 (c) The Department of Employment Security shall publish
24 notification on its publicly accessible website that anyone
25 receiving unemployment insurance may apply to serve as an

1 election judge for the 2020 general election and the
2 qualifications provided in subsection (a).

3 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, counties
4 having a population of less than 250,000 pursuant to the 2010
5 U.S. Census, may appoint 3 judges of election to serve in lieu
6 of the 5 judges of election required by this Code for the 2020
7 general election, unless such judges of election are appointed
8 by election commissioners.

9 (10 ILCS 5/2B-45 new)

10 Sec. 2B-45. Electronic service of objections. Election
11 authorities may authorize service of objections to candidate
12 nominations through electronic mail in lieu of personal service
13 if the election authority responsible for convening the
14 electoral board:

15 (1) requires candidates to provide an electronic mail
16 address where notices of objections and electoral board
17 proceedings may be sent electronically in lieu of personal
18 service;

19 (2) requires objectors to provide an electronic mail
20 address where notices and electoral board proceedings may
21 be sent electronically in lieu of personal service; and

22 (3) publishes notice of its decision to utilize this
23 Section on its website within 5 business days of the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
25 Assembly.

1 (10 ILCS 5/2B-50 new)

2 Sec. 2B-50. Additional duties of election authorities.

3 (a) Each election authority shall comply with the
4 requirements of Section 2B-15. Each election authority shall
5 provide the following to the State Board of Elections as it
6 relates to Section 2B-15: (1), no later than August 2, 2020,
7 each election authority shall provide to the State Board of
8 Elections written confirmation that the election authority
9 complied with subsections (b), (c), and (d) of Section 2B-15
10 and provide an electronic list of the names and addresses of
11 every elector sent the required application and notice; (2) no
12 later than September 2, 2020, each election authority shall
13 provide the State Board of Elections with an electronic list of
14 the names and addresses of every elector sent the required
15 application and notice who has submitted the application and
16 will receive an official ballot; and (3) no later than October
17 2, 2020, each election authority shall provide the State Board
18 of Elections with an updated list of the names and addresses of
19 every elector sent the required application and notice who has
20 submitted the application and will receive an official ballot.
21 Any list submitted to the State Board of Elections shall be
22 accessible to State and local political candidates and
23 committees.

24 (b) No later than 75 days prior to the 2020 general
25 election, each election authority shall provide public notice

1 of its services and equipment available to assist elderly
2 voters and voters with disabilities. The notice shall include,
3 but is not limited to, the availability of vote by mail ballots
4 in braille and large format, assistance in marking the ballot,
5 procedures for voting by vote by mail ballot, and procedures
6 for voting early by personal appearance.

7 (10 ILCS 5/2B-55 new)

8 Sec. 2B-55. Additional duties of the State Board of
9 Elections.

10 (a) No later than 2 business days after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the State
12 Board of Elections shall post on its official website an
13 application for an official vote by mail ballot for the 2020
14 general election. The application shall be available at
15 [https://](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx)
16 [elections.il.gov/](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx)
17 [electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx](https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx). Any applications
18 received by the State Board of Elections shall be transmitted
19 within 2 business days of receipt to the appropriate election
20 authority.

21 (b) Within 5 business days of the effective date of this
22 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the State Board
23 of Elections shall modify the online voter registration system
24 to allow any new registrant to apply for a vote by mail ballot
25 when completing online voter registration. Any new registrant
that requests a vote by mail ballot when registering shall be

1 eligible to request and receive a vote by mail ballot for the
2 2020 general election without submitting an additional
3 application.

4 (c) Within 10 business days of the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the State Board
6 of Elections shall provide notice to all election authorities
7 of the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
8 Assembly and the actions each election authority must take to
9 comply with this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.
10 A copy of this notice shall be made available on the State
11 Board of Election's official website.

12 (d) The State Board of Elections shall transmit to the
13 Secretary of State, in the format requested by the Secretary of
14 State, a complete list of the names and addresses submitted to
15 the State Board of Elections by the election authorities in
16 accordance with subsection (a) of Section 2B-50. The first
17 transmission shall be sent no later than September 5, 2020 and
18 the second transmission no later than October 5, 2020. Upon
19 request, the lists shall also be made available by the State
20 Board of Elections to State and local political committees and
21 candidates upon request.

22 (e) Except as provided in this Article, the State Board of
23 Elections does not need to adopt rules to administer or enforce
24 the duties and requirements set forth in this amendatory Act of
25 the 101st General Assembly but may adopt such emergency rules
26 if deemed necessary by the State Board of Elections. The

1 absence of rules or emergency rules does not eliminate or
2 reduce the rights, duties, or responsibilities set forth in
3 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

4 (10 ILCS 5/2B-60 new)

5 Sec. 2B-60. Reimbursement for 2020 general election
6 expenses.

7 (a) Each election authority shall comply with the
8 requirements of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
9 Assembly. The State Board of Elections may withhold any
10 reimbursements for election related costs if an election
11 authority is found to have failed to comply with the provisions
12 of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

13 (b) Subject to receipt and availability of federal funds,
14 the State Board of Elections may adopt emergency rules subject
15 to the provisions of Section 5-45 of the Illinois
16 Administrative Procedure Act to establish a program to provide
17 reimbursement to election authorities for expenses related to
18 the 2020 general election incurred as a result of COVID-19 and
19 the requirements of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
20 Assembly that are deemed necessary for the safety of the public
21 and in response to COVID-19.

22 (10 ILCS 5/2B-90 new)

23 Sec. 2B-90. Repeal. This Article shall repeal on January 1,
24 2021.

1 Section 15. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
2 changing Section 15-45 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

4 Sec. 15-45. Computation of days. The time within which any
5 act provided in this Code is to be done shall be computed by
6 excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last
7 day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday, and then it shall
8 also be excluded. If the day succeeding a Saturday, Sunday, or
9 holiday is also a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday, then that
10 succeeding day shall also be excluded. For the purposes of this
11 Code, "holiday" means: New Year's Day; Dr. Martin Luther King,
12 Jr.'s Birthday; Lincoln's Birthday; President's Day; Memorial
13 Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans' Day;
14 Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and any other day from time to
15 time declared by the President of the United States or the
16 Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of
17 the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business
18 with the public shall be closed for business.

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
20 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as
21 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
22 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
23 Assembly.

24 (Source: P.A. 98-1076, eff. 1-1-15.)

1 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section
2 24-2 as follows:

3 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

4 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

5 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
6 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
7 shall teachers or other school employees, other than
8 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary
9 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and
10 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to
11 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's
12 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin
13 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President
14 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as
15 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as
16 Memorial Day by federal law; July 4, Independence Day; the
17 first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in
18 October, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday
19 in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25,
20 Christmas Day. School boards may grant special holidays
21 whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. No
22 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
23 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

24 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for

1 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code is
2 authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,
3 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third
4 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
5 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);
6 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's
7 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and
8 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

9 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are
10 recognized through instructional activities conducted on
11 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,
12 on the first school day preceding or following that day;
13 and

14 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority
15 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The entity
16 shall provide notice preceding the public hearing to both
17 educators and parents. The notice shall set forth the time,
18 date, and place of the hearing, describe the proposal, and
19 indicate that the entity will take testimony from educators
20 and parents about the proposal.

21 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
22 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
23 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays are:
24 January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed
25 as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the
26 birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans'

1 Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), the
2 school day immediately preceding Veterans' Day (Korean War
3 Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling Day), October 7 (Iraq and
4 Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day), December 7 (Pearl
5 Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so appointed by the
6 President or Governor. School boards may establish
7 commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action
8 is advisable. School boards shall include instruction relative
9 to commemorated persons, activities, or events on the
10 commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school
11 year and at any point in the curriculum when such instruction
12 may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of Education shall
13 prepare and make available to school boards instructional
14 materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
15 events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with
16 any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.

17 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March
18 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall
19 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and
20 be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of
21 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and
22 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a
23 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the
24 following Monday.

25 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
26 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as

1 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
2 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
3 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of
4 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be
5 used as a location for election day services or as a polling
6 place.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-156, eff. 8-2-13.)

8 Section 25. The State Universities Civil Service Act is
9 amended by changing Section 45a as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 70/45a) (from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 381.1)

11 Sec. 45a. Except as provided in the second sentence of this
12 Section, all officers and employees subject to this Act, shall
13 have the following days as holidays, for which they shall
14 receive their usual compensation: New Year's Day, January 1,
15 Memorial Day, as determined by the law of the State of
16 Illinois, Independence Day, July 4, Labor Day, the first Monday
17 in September, Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday of
18 November, Christmas Day, December 25, and five holidays to be
19 designated by each college, university, agency and community
20 college subject to this Act. Craft and trade employees subject
21 to this Act shall be paid for all paid holidays included in
22 their area agreement, and will be paid for all five holidays
23 designated by their employer pursuant to this section.

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6 used as a location for election day services or as a polling
7 place.

8 (Source: P.A. 79-1186.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.