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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1873

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1873 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 1-3 and by adding Section 11-8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

7 Sec. 1-3. As used in this Act, unless the context
8 otherwise requires:

9 1. "Election" includes the submission of all questions of
10 public policy, propositions, and all measures submitted to
11 popular vote, and includes primary elections when so indicated
12 by the context.

13 2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,
14 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly
15 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal
16 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only

1 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is
2 required to be held on such date.

3 3. "Special election" means an election not regularly
4 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is
5 held at the same time and place and by the same election
6 officers as a regular election.

7 4. "General election" means the biennial election at which
8 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary
9 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary
10 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates
11 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

12 5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,
13 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and
14 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,
15 village or incorporated town.

16 6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit
17 of local government, or school district in which elections are
18 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also
19 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School
20 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

21 7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply
22 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization
23 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township
24 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality
25 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal
26 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

1 8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of
2 Election Commissioners.

3 9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in
4 the case of a county in which no city board of election
5 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of
6 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial
7 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and
8 (c) the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a
9 city board of election commissioners. In each instance
10 election jurisdiction shall be determined according to which
11 election authority maintains the permanent registration
12 records of qualified electors.

13 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary
14 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case
15 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,
16 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the
17 various school officer elections and school referenda for
18 which the regional superintendent is assigned election duties
19 by The School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

20 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar
21 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,
22 when used in connection with duties at an election during the
23 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of
24 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with
25 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to
26 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the

1 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated
2 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,
3 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be
4 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be
5 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the
6 holdover judges.

7 12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and
8 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's
9 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of
10 qualified primary electors bound together.

11 13. "Election district" and "precinct", when used with
12 reference to a 30-day residence requirement, means the
13 smallest constituent territory in which electors vote as a
14 unit at the same polling place in any election governed by this
15 Act.

16 14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the
17 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of
18 local government or school district, and includes, but is not
19 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,
20 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and
21 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and
22 precincts.

23 15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means
24 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters
25 at an election dealing with subject matter other than the
26 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is

1 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions
2 relating to the Constitution.

3 16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a
4 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the
5 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions
6 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of
7 government, the officers or the manner of selection or terms
8 of office of officers of such municipality or county, pursuant
9 to the provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the
10 Constitution.

11 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,
12 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc
13 or other electronic data processing information containing
14 voter information.

15 18. "Accessible" means accessible to persons with
16 disabilities and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting
17 or registration, as determined by rule of the State Board of
18 Elections.

19 19. "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

20 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a
21 temporary or permanent physical disability.

22 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two
23 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most
24 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the
25 highest or second highest average number of votes. The
26 political party whose candidates for governor received the

1 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first
2 leading political party and the political party whose
3 candidates for governor received the second highest average
4 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political
5 party.

6 22. "Business day" means any day in which the office of an
7 election authority, local election official or the State Board
8 of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of 7 hours.

9 23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a
10 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a
11 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space
12 under a bridge.

13 24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized
14 form. This definition does not apply to a nominating or
15 candidate petition or a referendum petition.

16 25. "Intelligent mail barcode tracking system" means a
17 printed trackable barcode attached to the return business
18 reply envelope for mail-in ballots under Article 19 or Article
19 20 that allows an election authority to determine the date the
20 envelope was mailed in absence of a postmark.

21 26. "Vote center" means a polling place at which any
22 registered elector in the political subdivision holding the
23 election may vote, regardless of the precinct in which the
24 elector resides.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/11-8 new)

2 Sec. 11-8. Combining precincts and polling places; vote
3 centers.

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
5 an election authority may establish one or more vote centers
6 for any election. An election authority who establishes a vote
7 center shall publish the location of polling places pursuant
8 to Article 12.

9 (b) If vote centers are used in an election in a political
10 subdivision, precinct polling places shall not also be used in
11 the election in that political subdivision, unless each
12 precinct polling place has a secure electronic connection to
13 provide voting information to and receive voting information
14 from the online voter registration system maintained by the
15 election authority.

16 (c) If vote centers are used in a general election in a
17 county with a population of 25,000 or more active registered
18 electors, there shall be at least one vote center for every
19 10,000 active registered electors; except that the State Board
20 of Elections may waive this requirement for a county before
21 the election at the request of the election authority.

22 (d) Each vote center used in a county shall have a secure
23 electronic connection to the online voter registration system
24 maintained by the election authority permitting all voting
25 information processed by any computer at a vote center to be
26 immediately accessible to all other computers at all vote

1 centers in the county. A county may not use vote centers in an
2 election unless the State Board of Elections has certified
3 that the secure electronic connection is sufficient to prevent
4 any elector from voting more than once and to prevent
5 unauthorized access to the online voter registration system.

6 (e) The number, location, and manner of operation and
7 location of vote centers, including providing for poll
8 watching activities, shall be determined by the election
9 authority in consultation with the chairpersons of the county
10 central committees of the major political parties and a
11 representative of the county organization of any minor
12 political party.

13 (f) Each vote center shall meet all the requirements of
14 federal and State law applicable to polling places, except as
15 such requirements of State law are modified by this Section."