



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-22

from Ch. 46, par. 4-22

Amends the Election Code. Provides that if judges in charge of precinct registration files find that the signature on the certificate of registered voter and the signature on the registration card do not match for the applicant to vote, the applicant shall provide the judges with a valid State issued drivers license, State issued identification card, or passport (rather than requiring judges to ask an applicant the questions for identification that appear on the registration card if they are unsatisfied that the is the identical person who is registered under the same name; and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction of a majority of the judges that he is the identical person registered under the name in question, then the vote of the applicant shall be challenged by a judge and the same procedure followed as provided by law for challenged voters.). Provides that the judges shall find that the signature on the certificate and the signature on the registration card do not match in situations that include, but are not limited to, if one signature is in cursive writing and the other is in printed writing.

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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 Section 4-22 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22)

7 Sec. 4-22. Except as otherwise provided in this Section  
8 upon application to vote each registered elector shall sign  
9 his name or make his mark as the case may be, on a certificate  
10 substantially as follows:

11 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED VOTER

12 City of ..... Ward ..... Precinct .....

13 Election ..... (Date) ..... (Month) ..... (Year)

14 Registration Record .....

15 Checked by .....

16 Voter's number ....

17 INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

18 Sign this certificate and hand it to the election officer  
19 in charge. After the registration record has been checked, the  
20 officer will hand it back to you. Whereupon you shall present  
21 it to the officer in charge of the ballots.

22 I hereby certify that I am registered from the address  
23 below and am qualified to vote.

1                   Signature of voter .....

2                   residence address .....

3           An individual shall not be required to provide his social  
4 security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be  
5 denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely  
6 because of his refusal to provide his social security number.  
7 Nothing in this Act prevents an individual from being  
8 requested to provide his social security number when the  
9 individual applies for a ballot. If, however, the certificate  
10 contains a space for the individual's social security number,  
11 the following notice shall appear on the certificate,  
12 immediately above such space, in bold-face capital letters, in  
13 type the size of which equals the largest type on the  
14 certificate:

15           "THE INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR A BALLOT WITH THIS DOCUMENT  
16 IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.  
17 HE OR SHE MAY NOT BE DENIED A BALLOT, NOR SHALL HIS OR HER  
18 BALLOT BE CHALLENGED, SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO  
19 PROVIDE HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER."

20           The certificates of each State-wide political party at a  
21 general primary election shall be separately printed upon  
22 paper of uniform quality, texture and size, but the  
23 certificates of no 2 State-wide political parties shall be of  
24 the same color or tint. However, if the election authority  
25 provides computer generated applications with the precinct,  
26 ballot style and voter's name and address preprinted on the

1 application, a single application may be used for State-wide  
2 political parties if it contains spaces or check-off boxes to  
3 indicate the political party. Such application shall not  
4 entitle the voter to vote in the primary of more than one  
5 political party at the same election.

6 At the consolidated primary, such certificates may contain  
7 spaces or checkoff boxes permitting the voter to request a  
8 primary ballot of any other political party which is  
9 established only within a political subdivision and for which  
10 a primary is conducted on the same election day. Such  
11 application shall not entitle the voter to vote in both the  
12 primary of the State-wide political party and the primary of  
13 the local political party with respect to the offices of the  
14 same political subdivision. In no event may a voter vote in  
15 more than one State-wide primary on the same day.

16 The judges in charge of the precinct registration files  
17 shall compare the signature upon such certificate with the  
18 signature on the registration record card as a means of  
19 identifying the voter. If judges find that the signature on  
20 the certificate and the signature on the registration card do  
21 not match, the elector shall provide the judges with a valid  
22 State issued drivers license, State issued identification  
23 card, or passport. The judges shall find that the signature on  
24 the certificate and the signature on the registration card do  
25 no match in situations that include, but are not limited to, if  
26 one signature is in cursive writing and the other is in printed

1 ~~writing. Unless satisfied by such comparison that the~~  
2 ~~applicant to vote is the identical person who is registered~~  
3 ~~under the same name, the judges shall ask such applicant the~~  
4 ~~questions for identification which appear on the registration~~  
5 ~~card, and if the applicant does not prove to the satisfaction~~  
6 ~~of a majority of the judges of the election precinct that he is~~  
7 ~~the identical person registered under the name in question~~  
8 ~~then the vote of such applicant shall be challenged by a judge~~  
9 ~~of election, and the same procedure followed as provided by~~  
10 ~~law for challenged voters.~~

11 In case the elector is unable to sign his name, a judge of  
12 election shall check the data on the registration card and  
13 shall check the address given, with the registered address, in  
14 order to determine whether he is entitled to vote.

15 One of the judges of election shall check the certificate  
16 of each applicant for a ballot after the registration record  
17 has been examined, and shall sign his initials on the  
18 certificate in the space provided therefor, and shall enter  
19 upon such certificate the number of the voter in the place  
20 provided therefor, and make an entry in the voting record  
21 space on the registration record, to indicate whether or not  
22 the applicant voted. Such judge shall then hand such  
23 certificate back to the applicant in case he is permitted to  
24 vote, and such applicant shall hand it to the judge of election  
25 in charge of the ballots. The certificates of the voters shall  
26 be filed in the order in which they are received and shall

1 constitute an official poll record. The term "poll lists" and  
2 "poll books", where used in this Article, shall be construed  
3 to apply to such official poll record.

4 After each general primary election the county clerk shall  
5 indicate by color code or other means next to the name of each  
6 registrant on the list of registered voters in each precinct  
7 the primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
8 requested at that general primary election. The county clerk,  
9 within 60 days after the general primary election, shall  
10 provide a copy of this coded list to the chair of the county  
11 central committee of each established political party or to  
12 the chair's duly authorized representative.

13 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory  
14 Act of 1983, the county clerk shall provide to the chair of the  
15 county central committee of each established political party  
16 or to the chair's duly authorized representative the list of  
17 registered voters in each precinct at the time of the general  
18 primary election of 1982 and shall indicate on such list by  
19 color code or other means next to the name of a registrant the  
20 primary ballot of a political party that the registrant  
21 requested at the general primary election of 1982.

22 The county clerk may charge a fee to reimburse the actual  
23 cost of duplicating each copy of a list provided under either  
24 of the 2 preceding paragraphs.

25 Where an elector makes application to vote by signing and  
26 presenting the certificate provided by this Section, and his

1 registration record card is not found in the precinct registry  
2 of voters, but his name appears as that of a registered voter  
3 in such precinct upon the printed precinct register as  
4 corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or upon the  
5 consolidated list, if any, and whose name has not been erased  
6 or withdrawn from such register, the printed precinct register  
7 as corrected or revised by the supplemental list, or  
8 consolidated list, if any, shall be prima facie evidence of  
9 the elector's right to vote upon compliance with the  
10 provisions hereinafter set forth in this Section. In such  
11 event one of the judges of election shall require an affidavit  
12 by such person and one voter residing in the precinct before  
13 the judges of election, substantially in the form prescribed  
14 in Section 17-10 of this Act, and upon the presentation of such  
15 affidavits, a certificate shall be issued to such elector, and  
16 upon the presentation of such certificate and affidavits, he  
17 shall be entitled to vote.

18        Provided, however, that applications for ballots made by  
19 registered voters under the provisions of Article 19 of this  
20 Act shall be accepted by the Judges of Election in lieu of the  
21 "Certificate of Registered Voter" provided for in this  
22 Section.

23        When the county clerk delivers to the judges of election  
24 for use at the polls a supplemental or consolidated list of the  
25 printed precinct register, he shall give a copy of the  
26 supplemental or consolidated list to the chair of a county

1 central committee of an established political party or to the  
2 chair's duly authorized representative.

3 Whenever 2 or more elections occur simultaneously, the  
4 election authority charged with the duty of providing  
5 application certificates may prescribe the form thereof so  
6 that a voter is required to execute only one, indicating in  
7 which of the elections he desires to vote.

8 After the signature has been verified, the judges shall  
9 determine in which political subdivisions the voter resides by  
10 use of the information contained on the voter registration  
11 cards or the separate registration lists or other means  
12 approved by the State Board of Elections and prepared and  
13 supplied by the election authority. The voter's certificate  
14 shall be so marked by the judges as to show the respective  
15 ballots which the voter is given.

16 (Source: P.A. 100-1027, eff. 1-1-19.)