



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB1930

Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Tony McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-2.4 new
10 ILCS 5/19-2.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Prohibits an election authority from administering a policy that permits the direct mailing of ballots to prospective voters without first the possession of valid applications of those voters. Prohibits an election authority from administering a policy that includes the mass mailing of voter applications for an official ballot without such a policy being first approved by the electorate of that election authority's jurisdiction in a referendum. Provides that the election authority may submit a proposition to the voters at any election, including a special election in accordance with the general election law. Provides the form for the ballot. Provides that if a majority of the voters voting upon the proposition vote in favor of the mass mailing of applications by the election authority, then the election authority may administer such a policy in any future elections; but if a majority of the voters voting upon the proposition vote against the proposition, the election authority may not utilize mass mailing of applications. 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 adding Sections
5 19-2.4 and 19-2.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.4 new)

7 Sec. 19-2.4. Direct mailing of applications; prohibition.
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, following the
9 effective date of this amendatory act of the 102nd General
10 Assembly, an election authority may not administer a policy
11 that permits the direct mailing of ballots to prospective
12 voters without first the possession of valid applications of
13 those voters.

14 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.5 new)

15 Sec. 19-2.5. Election authority; mass mailing; referendum.
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, following the
17 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
18 Assembly, an election authority may not administer a policy
19 that includes the mass mailing of voter applications for an
20 official ballot without such a policy being first approved by
21 the electorate of that election authority's jurisdiction in a
22 referendum.

1 The election authority may submit a proposition to the
2 voters at any election, including a special election in
3 accordance with the general election law. The ballot shall be
4 substantially in the following form:

5 Shall (the election authority) be permitted to administer
6 a policy in all future elections that includes the mass
7 mailing of voter applications for official ballots or for the
8 purposes of absentee voting, mail-in voting, or any other
9 substitute for direct voting?.....

10 If a majority of the voters voting upon the aforesaid
11 proposition vote in favor of the mass mailing of applications
12 by the election authority, then the election authority may
13 administer such a policy in any future elections; but if a
14 majority of the voters voting upon the proposition vote
15 against the proposition, the election authority may not
16 utilize mass mailing of applications.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.