



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2601

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Ryan Spain

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-60 new
10 ILCS 5/19-7

from Ch. 46, par. 19-7

Amends the Election Code. Requires an election authority to record the number of vote by mail ballots received before election day, on election day, after election day postmarked on election day or before, and after election day postmarked after election day. Requires the State Board of Elections to create a statewide reporting system for election authorities to record the receipt of the vote by mail ballots.

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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 19-7 and by adding Section 1A-60 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-60 new)

7 Sec. 1A-60. Vote by mail ballots; reporting. The State
8 Board of Elections shall create a statewide reporting system
9 for election authorities to record the receipt of vote by mail
10 ballots as required by subsection (c) of Section 19-7.

11 (10 ILCS 5/19-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-7)

12 Sec. 19-7. (a) Upon receipt of such vote by mail voter's
13 ballot, the election authority shall forthwith enclose the
14 same unopened, together with the application made by said vote
15 by mail voter in a large or carrier envelope which shall be
16 securely sealed and endorsed with the name and official title
17 of such officer and the words, "This envelope contains a vote
18 by mail ballot and must be opened on election day," together
19 with the number and description of the precinct in which said
20 ballot is to be voted, and such officer shall thereafter
21 safely keep the same in his office until counted by him as
22 provided in the next section.

1 (b) Within one day after receipt of such vote by mail
2 voter's ballot, the election authority shall transmit, by
3 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the
4 State Board of Elections, the voter's name, street address,
5 e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and district
6 numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of Elections,
7 which shall maintain those names and that information in an
8 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
9 accessible to State and local political committees.

10 (c) The election authority shall record the number of vote
11 by mail ballots received before election day, on election day,
12 after election day postmarked on election day or before, and
13 after election day postmarked after election day.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)