



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3984

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Robert Peters

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 10 ILCS 5/4-8       | from Ch. 46, par. 4-8  |
| 10 ILCS 5/4-106 new |                        |
| 10 ILCS 5/5-7       | from Ch. 46, par. 5-7  |
| 10 ILCS 5/5-106 new |                        |
| 10 ILCS 5/6-35      | from Ch. 46, par. 6-35 |
| 10 ILCS 5/6-106 new |                        |

Amends the Election Code. Modifies requirements for the registration record card and registration oath. Changes some references to computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to voter registration data. Provides that voter registration records or data shall not be used for any personal, private, or commercial purposes, including specified examples. Provides for criminal penalties for specified unlawful uses. Provides that voter registration records or data shall not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet and provides that specified identification information shall remain confidential. Includes other restrictions on use of voter registration information. Includes provisions concerning release of voter registration records for bona fide election, scholarly, or journalistic purposes. Makes other changes.

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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 Sections 4-8, 5-7, and 6-35 and by adding Sections 4-106,  
6 5-106, and 6-106 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

8 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
9 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which  
10 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall  
11 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
12 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
13 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of  
14 suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
15 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of  
16 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
17 duplicate.

18 The registration record card shall contain the following  
19 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
20 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
21 registration:

22 Name. The name of the applicant, given ~~giving~~ surname and  
23 first ~~or Christian~~ name in full, and the middle name or the

1 initial for such middle name, if any.

2 Sex.

3 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
4 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
5 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
6 lot number, and such additional clear and definite description  
7 as may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
8 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be  
9 determined by street and number, then the section,  
10 congressional township and range number may be used, or such  
11 other description as may be necessary, including post-office  
12 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
13 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
14 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
15 card.

16 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.  
17 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating  
18 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which  
19 he resided in such place or places during the year next  
20 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

21 ~~Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was~~  
22 ~~born.~~

23 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
24 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
25 naturalization.

26 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month

1 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

2 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

3 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
4 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

5 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
6 registered.

7 Electronic mail address, if any.

8 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration  
9 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
10 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
11 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and  
12 duplicate registration record cards.

13 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

14 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
15 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
16 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
17 description of the applicant in the space provided on the back  
18 or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the  
19 following questions and record the answers thereto:

20 ~~Father's first name.~~

21 ~~Mother's first name.~~

22 From what address did the applicant last register?

23 Reason for inability to sign name.

24 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
25 substantially the following form:

26 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS

2 COUNTY OF .....

3 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
4 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall  
5 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
6 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that this  
7 location shall be my residence; that I am fully qualified to  
8 vote, and that the above statements are true.

9 .....

(His or her signature or mark)

11 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

12 .....

13 Signature of registration officer.

14 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

15 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
16 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
17 registered thereon.

18 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
19 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
20 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
21 determine.

22 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
23 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
24 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
25 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person

1 intending to object to a petition, the election authority  
2 shall extend its hours for inspection of registration cards  
3 and other records of the election authority during the period  
4 beginning with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10,  
5 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and continuing through the termination of  
6 electoral board hearings on any objections to petitions  
7 containing signatures of registered voters in the jurisdiction  
8 of the election authority. The extension shall be for a period  
9 of hours sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for  
10 examination of the records but the election authority is not  
11 required to extend its hours beyond the period beginning at  
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13 business hours are so extended, the election authority shall  
14 post a public notice of such extended hours. Registration  
15 record cards may also be inspected, upon approval of the  
16 officer in charge of the cards, during the 27 days immediately  
17 preceding any election. Registration record cards shall also  
18 be open to inspection by certified judges and poll watchers  
19 and challengers at the polling place on election day, but only  
20 to the extent necessary to determine the question of the right  
21 of a person to vote or to serve as a judge of election. At no  
22 time shall poll watchers or challengers be allowed to  
23 physically handle the registration record cards.

24 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or  
25 other electronic data processing information containing voter  
26 registration information shall be furnished by the county

1 clerk within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and  
2 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the  
3 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
4 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed  
5 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.  
6 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,  
7 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone  
8 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,  
9 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,  
10 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of  
11 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to  
12 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of  
13 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the  
14 circuit court of the county in which the election authority  
15 maintains the registration information. The costs of  
16 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a  
17 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election  
18 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall  
19 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of  
20 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such  
21 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,  
22 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state  
23 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois  
24 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
25 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
26 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter

1 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
2 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
3 State or local political committee and other than to a  
4 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
5 prohibited except as prescribed in Section 4.106 or as  
6 follows: subject to security measures adopted by the State  
7 Board of Elections which, at a minimum, shall include the  
8 keeping of a catalog or database, available for public view,  
9 including the name, address, and telephone number of the  
10 person viewing the list as well as the date ~~time~~ of that  
11 viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide voter  
12 registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
13 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
14 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
15 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
16 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
17 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the  
18 county clerk to local political committees and governmental  
19 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. ~~Reasonable~~  
20 ~~cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be~~  
21 ~~the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration.~~ The  
22 individual representing a political committee requesting  
23 copies of such records ~~tapes~~ shall make a sworn affidavit that  
24 the information shall be used only for bona fide political  
25 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or  
26 incumbent office holders. Reasonable cost of voter



1 registration records or data for these purposes would be the  
2 cost of duplication plus 15% for administration.

3 Voter registration records or ~~Such tapes, discs or other~~  
4 ~~electronic~~ data shall not be used under any circumstances for  
5 any personal, private, or commercial purpose, including but  
6 not limited to the intimidation, threat, or deception of any  
7 person or the advertising, solicitation, sale, or marketing of  
8 products or services ~~by any political committee or individuals~~  
9 ~~for purposes of commercial solicitation or other business~~  
10 ~~purposes.~~ If such records ~~tapes~~ contain information on county  
11 residents related to the operations of county government in  
12 addition to registration information, that information shall  
13 not be used under any circumstances for commercial  
14 solicitation or other business purposes. Voter registration  
15 records or data shall not be placed for unrestricted access on  
16 the internet. Notwithstanding any other law, the Illinois  
17 driver's license number, the Illinois identification card  
18 number, the social security number, and any other unique  
19 identifier used by the State of Illinois for purposes of voter  
20 identification or added to voter registration records to  
21 comply with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote  
22 Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) are confidential and  
23 shall not be disclosed to any person. Voter registration  
24 records or data shall not be furnished to any person residing  
25 outside of the United States. ~~The prohibition in this Section~~  
26 ~~against using the computer tapes or computer discs or other~~

1 ~~electronic data processing information containing voter~~  
2 ~~registration information for purposes of commercial~~  
3 ~~solicitation or other business purposes shall be prospective~~  
4 ~~only from the effective date of this amended Act of 1979.~~ Any  
5 person who knowingly violates this provision shall be guilty  
6 of a Class 4 felony. A governmental entity, or officer or  
7 employee thereof, shall not be held civilly liable as a result  
8 of disclosure of the information referred to in this Section,  
9 unless by a showing of gross negligence or willfulness.

10 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
11 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
12 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
13 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
14 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for  
15 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to  
16 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
17 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
18 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
19 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
20 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

21 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
22 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
23 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
24 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
25 following form:

26 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)

1 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

2 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
3 (city) and that my residence was .....

4 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize  
5 you to cancel said registration in your office.

6 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

7 .....

8 (Signature of Voter)

9 Attest: ....., County Clerk, .....

10 County, Illinois.

11 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
12 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election  
13 commission as the case may be) where the applicant was  
14 formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full  
15 authority for cancellation of any previous registration.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/4-106 new)

18 Sec. 4-106. Voter registration records for bona fide  
19 election, scholarly, or journalistic purposes. Electronic  
20 voter registration records shall be furnished at a reasonable  
21 cost to any person who makes a sworn affidavit that the list  
22 will solely be used for bona fide election, scholarly, or  
23 journalistic purposes, as determined by the State Board of  
24 Elections. Electronic voter registration records furnished to  
25 members of the public shall not disclose email addresses,

1 birth day, or birth month but shall disclose birth year.  
2 Reasonable cost of voter registration records or data for  
3 these purposes would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for  
4 administration.

5 Voter registration records shall be furnished without  
6 charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the State Board  
7 of Elections or the county clerk, if the person requesting the  
8 records is making the request on behalf of an entity exemption  
9 from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
10 Revenue Code of 1986 and states the specific purpose for the  
11 request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is  
12 in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in  
13 the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is  
14 to access and disseminate information regarding the legal  
15 voting rights of the general public and is not for the  
16 principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. For  
17 purposes of this paragraph, "commercial benefit" shall not  
18 apply to requests made by news media. In setting the amount of  
19 the waiver or reduction, the State Board of Elections or the  
20 county clerk may take into consideration the amount of  
21 materials requested and the cost of copying them.

22 Voter registration records or data shall not be used under  
23 any circumstances for any personal, private, or commercial  
24 purpose, including but not limited to the intimidation,  
25 threat, or deception of any person or the advertising,  
26 solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services.

1       If such records contain information on county residents  
2       related to the operations of county government in addition to  
3       registration information, that information shall not be used  
4       under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other  
5       business purposes. Voter registration records or data shall  
6       not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet.  
7       Notwithstanding any other law, the Illinois driver's license  
8       number, the Illinois identification card number, the social  
9       security number, and any other unique identifier used by the  
10       State of Illinois for purposes of voter identification or  
11       added to voter registration records to comply with the  
12       requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52  
13       U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) are confidential and shall not be  
14       disclosed to any person. Voter registration records or data  
15       shall not be furnished to any person residing outside of the  
16       United States. Any person who knowingly violates this  
17       provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. A governmental  
18       entity, or officer or employee thereof, shall not be held  
19       civilly liable as a result of disclosure of the information  
20       referred to in this Section, unless by a showing of gross  
21       negligence or willfulness.

22           (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

23           Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
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11 registration:

12 Name. The name of the applicant, given ~~giving~~ surname and  
13 first ~~or Christian~~ name in full, and the middle name or the  
14 initial for such middle name, if any.

15 Sex.

16 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
17 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
18 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
19 lot number, and such additional clear and definite description  
20 as may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
21 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing  
22 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
23 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
24 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
25 card.

26 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the

1 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant  
2 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30  
3 days in the precinct.

4 ~~Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was~~  
5 ~~born.~~

6 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
7 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
8 naturalization.

9 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month  
10 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

11 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

12 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
13 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

14 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
15 registered.

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18 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
19 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
20 or digitized form to the affidavit on the original and  
21 duplicate registration record card.

22 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

23 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
24 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
25 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
26 description of the applicant in the space provided at the

1 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following  
2 questions and record the answers thereto:

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5 From what address did you last register?

6 Reason for inability to sign name.

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8 substantially the following form:

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11 )ss

12 County of )

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14 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall  
15 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
16 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified  
17 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence  
18 and that the above statements are true.

19 .....

20 (His or her signature or mark)

21 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

22 .....

23 Signature of Registration Officer.

24 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

25 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration



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2 registered thereon.

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4 to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the  
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7 determine.

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11 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois. To the Election  
 12 Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

13 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
 14 (city) and that my residence was .....

15 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby  
 16 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

17 Dated at .... Illinois, on (insert date).

18 .....  
 19 (Signature of Voter)

20 Attest ....., County Clerk, ..... County, Illinois.

21 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
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5 cost to any person who makes a sworn affidavit that the list  
6 will solely be used for bona fide election, scholarly, or  
7 journalistic purposes, as determined by the State Board of  
8 Elections. Electronic voter registration records furnished to  
9 members of the public shall not disclose email addresses,  
10 birth day, or birth month but shall disclose birth year.  
11 Reasonable cost of voter registration records or data for  
12 these purposes would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for  
13 administration.

14 Voter registration records shall be furnished without  
15 charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the State Board  
16 of Elections or the county clerk, if the person requesting the  
17 records is making the request on behalf of an entity exemption  
18 from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
19 Revenue Code of 1986 and states the specific purpose for the  
20 request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is  
21 in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in  
22 the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is  
23 to access and disseminate information regarding the legal  
24 voting rights of the general public and is not for the  
25 principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. For

1 purposes of this paragraph, "commercial benefit" shall not  
2 apply to requests made by news media. In setting the amount of  
3 the waiver or reduction, the State Board of Elections or the  
4 county clerk may take into consideration the amount of  
5 materials requested and the cost of copying them.

6 Voter registration records or data shall not be used under  
7 any circumstances for any personal, private, or commercial  
8 purpose, including but not limited to the intimidation,  
9 threat, or deception of any person or the advertising,  
10 solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services.

11 If such records contain information on county residents  
12 related to the operations of county government in addition to  
13 registration information, that information shall not be used  
14 under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other  
15 business purposes. Voter registration records or data shall  
16 not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet.  
17 Notwithstanding any other law, the Illinois driver's license  
18 number, the Illinois identification card number, the social  
19 security number, and any other unique identifier used by the  
20 State of Illinois for purposes of voter identification or  
21 added to voter registration records to comply with the  
22 requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52  
23 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) are confidential and shall not be  
24 disclosed to any person. Voter registration records or data  
25 shall not be furnished to any person residing outside of the  
26 United States. Any person who knowingly violates this



1 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. A governmental  
2 entity, or officer or employee thereof, shall not be held  
3 civilly liable as a result of disclosure of the information  
4 referred to in this Section, unless by a showing of gross  
5 negligence or willfulness.

6 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

7 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall  
8 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the  
9 registration of electors which shall be known as registration  
10 record cards and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or  
11 cards, of suitable size to contain in plain writing and  
12 figures the data hereinafter required thereon or shall consist  
13 of computer cards of suitable nature to contain the data  
14 required thereon. The registration record cards, which shall  
15 include an affidavit of registration as hereinafter provided,  
16 shall be executed in duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a  
17 carbon copy of the original or a copy of the original made by  
18 the use of other method or material used for making  
19 simultaneous true copies or duplications.

20 The registration record card shall contain the following  
21 and such other information as the Board of Election  
22 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the  
23 identification of the applicant for registration:

24 Name. The name of the applicant, given ~~giving~~ surname and  
25 first ~~or Christian~~ name in full, and the middle name or the

1 initial for such middle name, if any.

2 Sex.

3 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
4 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
5 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the  
6 lot number, and such additional clear and definite description  
7 as may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
8 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing  
9 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
10 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
11 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
12 card.

13 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
14 precinct.

15 ~~Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was~~  
16 ~~born.~~

17 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
18 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of  
19 naturalization.

20 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month  
21 and year when the applicant presented himself for  
22 registration.

23 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

24 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
25 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

26 The county and state in which the applicant was last

1 registered.

2 Electronic mail address, if any.

3 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and  
4 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
5 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink  
6 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and the  
7 duplicate registration record card.

8 Signature of deputy registrar.

9 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
10 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the registration  
11 officer shall write a detailed description of the applicant in  
12 the space provided at the bottom of the card or sheet; and  
13 shall ask the following questions and record the answers  
14 thereto:

15 ~~Father's first name .....~~

16 ~~Mother's first name .....~~

17 From what address did you last register? ....

18 Reason for inability to sign name .....

19 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in  
20 substantially the following form:

21 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

22 State of Illinois )

23 )ss

24 County of ..... )

25 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the  
26 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall

1 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election  
2 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my  
3 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the  
4 above statements are true.

5 .....  
6 (His or her signature or mark)

7 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

8 .....

9 Signature of registration officer  
10 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

11 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
12 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
13 registered thereon.

14 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
15 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be serially  
16 or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the  
17 Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

18 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
19 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
20 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
21 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
22 intending to object to a petition, the election authority  
23 shall extend its hours for inspection of registration cards  
24 and other records of the election authority during the period  
25 beginning with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10,  
26 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and continuing through the termination of

1 electoral board hearings on any objections to petitions  
2 containing signatures of registered voters in the jurisdiction  
3 of the election authority. The extension shall be for a period  
4 of hours sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for  
5 examination of the records but the election authority is not  
6 required to extend its hours beyond the period beginning at  
7 its normal opening for business and ending at midnight. If the  
8 business hours are so extended, the election authority shall  
9 post a public notice of such extended hours. Registration  
10 record cards may also be inspected, upon approval of the  
11 officer in charge of the cards, during the 27 days immediately  
12 preceding any election. Registration record cards shall also  
13 be open to inspection by certified judges and poll watchers  
14 and challengers at the polling place on election day, but only  
15 to the extent necessary to determine the question of the right  
16 of a person to vote or to serve as a judge of election. At no  
17 time shall poll watchers or challengers be allowed to  
18 physically handle the registration record cards.

19 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or  
20 other electronic data processing information containing voter  
21 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of  
22 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and  
23 May 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration  
24 period is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form  
25 prescribed by the State Board. For the purposes of this  
26 Section, a registration period is closed 27 days before the

1 date of any regular or special election. Registration  
2 information shall include, but not be limited to, the  
3 following information: name, sex, residence, telephone number,  
4 if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable, precinct, ward,  
5 township, county, and representative, legislative and  
6 congressional districts. In the event of noncompliance, the  
7 State Board of Elections is directed to obtain compliance  
8 forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of the election  
9 authority by instituting legal proceedings in the circuit  
10 court of the county in which the election authority maintains  
11 the registration information. The costs of furnishing updated  
12 copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a rate of \$.00034 per  
13 name of registered voters in the election jurisdiction, but  
14 not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall be paid from  
15 appropriations made to the State Board of Elections for  
16 reimbursement to the election authority for such purpose. The  
17 State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes, discs, other  
18 electronic data or compilations thereof to state political  
19 committees registered pursuant to the Illinois Campaign  
20 Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and to  
21 governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
22 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
23 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
24 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
25 State or local political committee and other than to a  
26 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically

1 prohibited except as prescribed in Section 6.106 or follows:  
2 subject to security measures adopted by the State Board of  
3 Elections which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a  
4 catalog or database, available for public view, including the  
5 name, address, and telephone number of the person viewing the  
6 list as well as the date ~~time~~ of that viewing, any person may  
7 view the centralized statewide voter registration list on a  
8 computer screen at the Springfield office of the State Board  
9 of Elections, during normal business hours other than during  
10 the 27 days before an election, but the person viewing the list  
11 under this exception may not print, duplicate, transmit, or  
12 alter the list. Copies of the tapes, discs or other electronic  
13 data shall be furnished by the Board of Election Commissioners  
14 to local political committees and governmental entities at  
15 their request and at a reasonable cost. ~~Reasonable cost of the~~  
16 ~~tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be the cost of~~  
17 ~~duplication plus 15% for administration.~~ The individual  
18 representing a political committee requesting copies of such  
19 records ~~tapes~~ shall make a sworn affidavit that the  
20 information shall be used only for bona fide political  
21 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or  
22 incumbent office holders. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs,  
23 et cetera for this purpose would be the cost of duplication  
24 plus 15% for administration.

25 Voter registration records or ~~Such tapes, discs or other~~  
26 ~~electronic~~ data shall not be used under any circumstances for

1 any personal, private, or commercial purpose, including but  
2 not limited to the intimidation, threat, or deception of any  
3 person or the advertising, solicitation, sale, or marketing of  
4 products or services by any political committee or individuals  
5 for purposes of commercial solicitation or other business  
6 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county  
7 residents related to the operations of county government in  
8 addition to registration information, that information shall  
9 not be used under any circumstances for commercial  
10 solicitation or other business purposes. Voter registration  
11 records or data shall not be placed for unrestricted access on  
12 the internet. Notwithstanding any other law, the Illinois  
13 driver's license number, the Illinois identification card  
14 number, the social security number, and any other unique  
15 identifier used by the State of Illinois for purposes of voter  
16 identification or added to voter registration records to  
17 comply with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote  
18 Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) are confidential and  
19 shall not be disclosed to any person. Voter registration  
20 records or data shall not be furnished to any person residing  
21 outside of the United States. Any person who knowingly  
22 violates this provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. A  
23 governmental entity, or officer or employee thereof, shall not  
24 be held civilly liable as a result of disclosure of the  
25 information referred to in this Section, unless by a showing  
26 of gross negligence or willfulness. The prohibition in this



1 ~~Section against using the computer tapes or computer discs or~~  
2 ~~other electronic data processing information containing voter~~  
3 ~~registration information for purposes of commercial~~  
4 ~~solicitation or other business purposes shall be prospective~~  
5 ~~only from the effective date of this amended Act of 1979.~~ Any  
6 person who violates this provision shall be guilty of a Class 4  
7 felony.

8       The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
9 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
10 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
11 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
12 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for  
13 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to  
14 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
15 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
16 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
17 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
18 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

19       If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
20 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
21 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
22 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
23 following form:

24 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois.

25 To the Election Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

26       This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)

1 (city) and that my residence was ..... Having moved out of your  
2 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that  
3 registration in your office.

4 Dated at ....., Illinois, on (insert date).

5 .....

6 (Signature of Voter)

7 Attest ....., Clerk, Election Commission of the City  
8 of....., Illinois.

9 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
10 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,  
11 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the  
12 applicant was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate  
13 shall be full authority for cancellation of any previous  
14 registration.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13; 99-522, eff. 6-30-16.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/6-106 new)

17 Sec. 6-106. Voter registration records for bona fide  
18 election, scholarly, or journalistic purposes. Electronic  
19 voter registration records shall be furnished at a reasonable  
20 cost to any person who makes a sworn affidavit that the list  
21 will solely be used for bona fide election, scholarly, or  
22 journalistic purposes, as determined by the State Board of  
23 Elections. Electronic voter registration records furnished to  
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16 purposes of this paragraph, "commercial benefit" shall not  
17 apply to requests made by news media. In setting the amount of  
18 the waiver or reduction, the State Board of Elections or the  
19 county clerk may take into consideration the amount of  
20 materials requested and the cost of copying them.

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22 any circumstances for any personal, private, or commercial  
23 purpose, including but not limited to the intimidation,  
24 threat, or deception of any person or the advertising,  
25 solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services.

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2 registration information, that information shall not be used  
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5 not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet.  
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8 security number, and any other unique identifier used by the  
9 State of Illinois for purposes of voter identification or  
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11 requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52  
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17 entity, or officer or employee thereof, shall not be held  
18 civilly liable as a result of disclosure of the information  
19 referred to in this Section, unless by a showing of gross  
20 negligence or willfulness.