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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-14 new	
10 ILCS 5/3-8 new	
10 ILCS 5/17-9	from Ch. 46, par. 17-9
10 ILCS 5/18-5	from Ch. 46, par. 18-5
10 ILCS 5/18A-5	
10 ILCS 5/18A-15	
10 ILCS 5/19-7	from Ch. 46, par. 19-7
10 ILCS 5/19A-35	

Amends the Election Code. Requires Voters Identification Cards for those who do not have an acceptable photo ID. Sets forth requirements and exemptions. Provides that any person desiring to vote shall present to the judges of election for verification of the person's identity a government-issued photo identification card or his or her Voter Identification Card. In provisions concerning the receipt of vote by mail ballots, provides that an election authority shall appoint panels as needed of 3 election judges from the list of election judges submitted by the county parties to compare the voter's signature on the certification envelope of the vote by mail ballot with the signature of the voter on file in the office of the election authority. Provides the procedure for verifying or rejecting the signature. Provides that if a vote by mail ballot is rejected, the election authority shall notify the voter within 2 days after the rejection or within one day if the rejection occurs after election day and in all cases before the close of the period for counting provisional ballots. Allows a voter to submit a statement confirming the vote if the signature was rejected. Allows a voter to cast a new ballot if the vote by mail ballot was rejected because the envelope was delivered opened.

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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 17-9, 18-5, 18A-5, 18A-15, 19-7, and 19A-35 and by
6 adding Sections 1-14 and 3-8 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-14 new)

8 Sec. 1-14. Voter Identification Card.

9 (a) Issuance. The Secretary of State shall issue a Voter
10 Identification Card to each registered voter who does not have
11 an acceptable form of photo identification card as defined in
12 Section 3-8. The Voter Identification Card shall include at
13 least: (i) the voter's name, signature, and photograph; (ii)
14 the State seal; and (iii) the voter's current residence
15 address. A Voter Identification Card is valid for as long as
16 the registered voter maintains the name and residence on the
17 Card. A Voter Identification Card may not be used for any
18 purpose other than to vote in Illinois.

19 (b) Intent and purpose. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly to provide the Secretary of State with guidance on
21 how to issue the Voter Identification Card to those
22 individuals who do not have an acceptable form of photo
23 identification as defined in Section 3-8.

1 (c) Application for the Voter Identification Card. Within
2 a reasonable time after the effective date of this amendatory
3 Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the Secretary of State
4 shall provide application forms for the Voter Identification
5 Card. Any registered voter who meets the criteria set forth in
6 this Section and who provides the proper documentation
7 required under subsection (d) shall receive a Voter
8 Identification Card.

9 (d) Documentation required. The Secretary of State shall
10 require the presentation and verification of the following
11 information for issuance of a Voter Registration Card:

12 (1) A photo identity document, except that a non-photo
13 identity document, as defined in subsection (e), is
14 acceptable if it includes both the applicant's name and
15 date of birth.

16 (2) Documentation showing the applicant's date of
17 birth.

18 (3) Evidence of voter registration.

19 (4) Documentation, as defined in subsection (f),
20 showing the applicant's name and principal residence
21 address.

22 (e) Non-photo identity document. A non-photo identity
23 document must include the applicant's name and date of birth.
24 Any of the following shall constitute a non-photo identity
25 document in lieu of a photo identity document:

26 (1) An original birth certificate or certified copy of

1 a birth certificate.

2 (2) A voter registration card.

3 (3) A copy of records filed in court by the applicant
4 or on behalf of the applicant by the applicant's counsel.

5 (4) A naturalization document.

6 (5) A copy of the applicant's marriage license.

7 (6) A copy of the State or federal tax return filed by
8 the applicant for the previous calendar year.

9 (7) An original of the annual Social Security
10 statement received by the applicant for the current or
11 preceding calendar year.

12 (8) An original of a Medicare or Medicaid statement
13 received by the applicant.

14 (9) A certified school record or transcript for the
15 current or preceding calendar year.

16 (f) Documentation of name and address. Any of the
17 following documents shall be acceptable as documentation of
18 the applicant's name and current address:

19 (1) A voter registration card.

20 (2) A utility bill or cable bill.

21 (3) A bank statement issued within the last 60 days.

22 (4) A valid and current rental agreement.

23 (5) A copy of the State or federal tax return filed by
24 the applicant for the previous calendar year.

25 (6) A homeowner's insurance policy or bill for the
26 current or preceding year.

1 (7) A mortgage, deed, or property tax bill for the
2 current or preceding year.

3 (8) A W-2 for the preceding calendar year.

4 (g) Exemptions. Voters who are indigent and unable to
5 obtain a Voter Identification Card without a fee and voters
6 who have a religious objection to being photographed may vote
7 a provisional ballot and sign an affidavit that indicates one
8 of the exemptions stated in this subsection. An indigent
9 person is defined as an individual whose income is 125% or less
10 of current federal poverty income guidelines.

11 (10 ILCS 5/3-8 new)

12 Sec. 3-8. Acceptable forms of photo identification for
13 voting purposes. As used in this Code, acceptable forms of
14 photo identification for voting purposes include:

15 (1) An Illinois Driver's License.

16 (2) A State Identification Card.

17 (3) An Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card.

18 (4) A Senior Citizen Identification Card.

19 (5) A FOID Card.

20 (6) A U.S. Passport with the voter's current address.

21 (7) Any other government-issued identification card
22 that includes the voter's name, current photograph, and
23 current address.

24 All photo identification cards must be valid and current.

1 (10 ILCS 5/17-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-9)

2 Sec. 17-9. Any person desiring to vote shall (i) present
3 to the judges of election for verification of the person's
4 identity a government-issued photo identification card, as
5 defined in Section 3-8, or his or her Voter Identification
6 Card and (ii) give his name and, if required to do so, his
7 residence to the judges of election, one of whom shall
8 thereupon announce the same in a loud and distinct tone of
9 voice, clear, and audible; the judges of elections shall check
10 each application for ballot against the list of voters
11 registered in that precinct to whom grace period, vote by
12 mail, or early ballots have been issued for that election,
13 which shall be provided by the election authority and which
14 list shall be available for inspection by pollwatchers. A
15 voter applying to vote in the precinct on election day whose
16 name appears on the list as having been issued a grace period,
17 vote by mail, or early ballot shall not be permitted to vote in
18 the precinct, except that a voter to whom a vote by mail ballot
19 was issued may vote in the precinct if the voter submits to the
20 election judges that vote by mail ballot for cancellation. If
21 the voter is unable to submit the vote by mail ballot, it shall
22 be sufficient for the voter to submit to the election judges
23 (i) a portion of the vote by mail ballot if the vote by mail
24 ballot was torn or mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed
25 before the election judges specifying that (A) the voter never
26 received a vote by mail ballot or (B) the voter completed and

1 returned a vote by mail ballot and was informed that the
2 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ballot.
3 All applicable provisions of Articles 4, 5 or 6 shall be
4 complied with and if such name is found on the register of
5 voters by the officer having charge thereof, he shall likewise
6 repeat said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter
7 within the proximity of the voting booths, as above provided.
8 One of the judges shall give the voter one, and only one of
9 each ballot to be voted at the election, on the back of which
10 ballots such judge shall indorse his initials in such manner
11 that they may be seen when each such ballot is properly folded,
12 and the voter's name shall be immediately checked on the
13 register list. In those election jurisdictions where
14 perforated ballot cards are utilized of the type on which
15 write-in votes can be cast above the perforation, the election
16 authority shall provide a space both above and below the
17 perforation for the judge's initials, and the judge shall
18 endorse his or her initials in both spaces. Whenever a
19 proposal for a constitutional amendment or for the calling of
20 a constitutional convention is to be voted upon at the
21 election, the separate blue ballot or ballots pertaining
22 thereto shall, when being handed to the voter, be placed on top
23 of the other ballots to be voted at the election in such manner
24 that the legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed
25 in Section 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the
26 voter. At all elections, when a registry may be required, if

1 the name of any person so desiring to vote at such election is
2 not found on the register of voters, he or she shall not
3 receive a ballot until he or she shall have complied with the
4 law prescribing the manner and conditions of voting by
5 unregistered voters. If any person desiring to vote at any
6 election shall be challenged, he or she shall not receive a
7 ballot until he or she shall have established his right to vote
8 in the manner provided hereinafter; and if he or she shall be
9 challenged after he has received his ballot, he shall not be
10 permitted to vote until he or she has fully complied with such
11 requirements of the law upon being challenged. Besides the
12 election officer, not more than 2 voters in excess of the whole
13 number of voting booths provided shall be allowed within the
14 proximity of the voting booths at one time. The provisions of
15 this Act, so far as they require the registration of voters as
16 a condition to their being allowed to vote shall not apply to
17 persons otherwise entitled to vote, who are, at the time of the
18 election, or at any time within 60 days prior to such election
19 have been engaged in the military or naval service of the
20 United States, and who appear personally at the polling place
21 on election day and produce to the judges of election
22 satisfactory evidence thereof, but such persons, if otherwise
23 qualified to vote, shall be permitted to vote at such election
24 without previous registration.

25 All such persons shall also make an affidavit which shall
26 be in substantially the following form:

1 State of Illinois,)

2) ss.

3 County of)

4 Precinct Ward

5 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen
6 of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, and that
7 within the past 60 days prior to the date of this election at
8 which I am applying to vote, I have been engaged in the
9 (military or naval) service of the United States; and I am
10 qualified to vote under and by virtue of the Constitution and
11 laws of the State of Illinois, and that I am a legally
12 qualified voter of this precinct and ward except that I have,
13 because of such service, been unable to register as a voter;
14 that I now reside at (insert street and number, if any) in
15 this precinct and ward; that I have maintained a legal
16 residence in this precinct and ward for 30 days and in this
17 State 30 days next preceding this election.

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

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21 Judge of Election.

22 The affidavit of any such person shall be supported by the
23 affidavit of a resident and qualified voter of any such
24 precinct and ward, which affidavit shall be in substantially
25 the following form:

1 State of Illinois,)

2) ss.

3 County of)

4 Precinct Ward

5 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I am a
6 resident of this precinct and ward and entitled to vote at this
7 election; that I am acquainted with (name of the
8 applicant); that I verily believe him to be an actual bona fide
9 resident of this precinct and ward and that I verily believe
10 that he or she has maintained a legal residence therein 30 days
11 and in this State 30 days next preceding this election.

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

14

15 Judge of Election.

16 All affidavits made under the provisions of this Section
17 shall be enclosed in a separate envelope securely sealed, and
18 shall be transmitted with the returns of the elections to the
19 county clerk or to the board of election commissioners, who
20 shall preserve the said affidavits for the period of 6 months,
21 during which period such affidavits shall be deemed public
22 records and shall be freely open to examination as such.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/18-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-5)

1 Sec. 18-5. Any person desiring to vote and whose name is
2 found upon the register of voters by the person having charge
3 thereof, shall (i) present to the judges of election for
4 verification of the person's identity a government-issued
5 photo identification card, as defined in Section 3-8, or his
6 or her Voter Identification Card, (ii) ~~shall then~~ be
7 questioned by one of the judges as to his nativity, his term of
8 residence at present address, precinct, State and United
9 States, his age, whether naturalized and if so the date of
10 naturalization papers and court from which secured, and (iii)
11 ~~he shall~~ be asked to state his residence when last previously
12 registered and the date of the election for which he then
13 registered. The judges of elections shall check each
14 application for ballot against the list of voters registered
15 in that precinct to whom grace period, vote by mail, and early
16 ballots have been issued for that election, which shall be
17 provided by the election authority and which list shall be
18 available for inspection by pollwatchers. A voter applying to
19 vote in the precinct on election day whose name appears on the
20 list as having been issued a grace period, vote by mail, or
21 early ballot shall not be permitted to vote in the precinct,
22 except that a voter to whom a vote by mail ballot was issued
23 may vote in the precinct if the voter submits to the election
24 judges that vote by mail ballot for cancellation. If the voter
25 is unable to submit the vote by mail ballot, it shall be
26 sufficient for the voter to submit to the election judges (i) a

1 portion of the vote by mail ballot if the vote by mail ballot
2 was torn or mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the
3 election judges specifying that (A) the voter never received a
4 vote by mail ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned a
5 vote by mail ballot and was informed that the election
6 authority did not receive that vote by mail ballot. If such
7 person so registered shall be challenged as disqualified, the
8 party challenging shall assign his reasons therefor, and
9 thereupon one of the judges shall administer to him an oath to
10 answer questions, and if he shall take the oath he shall then
11 be questioned by the judge or judges touching such cause of
12 challenge, and touching any other cause of disqualification.
13 And he may also be questioned by the person challenging him in
14 regard to his qualifications and identity. But if a majority
15 of the judges are of the opinion that he is the person so
16 registered and a qualified voter, his vote shall then be
17 received accordingly. But if his vote be rejected by such
18 judges, such person may afterward produce and deliver an
19 affidavit to such judges, subscribed and sworn to by him
20 before one of the judges, in which it shall be stated how long
21 he has resided in such precinct, and state; that he is a
22 citizen of the United States, and is a duly qualified voter in
23 such precinct, and that he is the identical person so
24 registered. In addition to such an affidavit, the person so
25 challenged shall provide to the judges of election proof of
26 residence by producing 2 forms of identification showing the

1 person's current residence address, provided that such
2 identification may include a lease or contract for a residence
3 and not more than one piece of mail addressed to the person at
4 his current residence address and postmarked not earlier than
5 30 days prior to the date of the election, or the person shall
6 procure a witness personally known to the judges of election,
7 and resident in the precinct (or district), or who shall be
8 proved by some legal voter of such precinct or district, known
9 to the judges to be such, who shall take the oath following,
10 viz:

11 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of
12 this election precinct (or district), and entitled to vote at
13 this election, and that I have been a resident of this State
14 for 30 days last past, and am well acquainted with the person
15 whose vote is now offered; that he is an actual and bona fide
16 resident of this election precinct (or district), and has
17 resided herein 30 days, and as I verily believe, in this State,
18 30 days next preceding this election.

19 The oath in each case may be administered by one of the
20 judges of election, or by any officer, resident in the
21 precinct or district, authorized by law to administer oaths.
22 Also supported by an affidavit by a registered voter residing
23 in such precinct, stating his own residence, and that he knows
24 such person; and that he does reside at the place mentioned and
25 has resided in such precinct and state for the length of time
26 as stated by such person, which shall be subscribed and sworn

1 to in the same way. For purposes of this Section, the
2 submission of a photo identification issued by a college or
3 university, accompanied by either (i) a copy of the
4 applicant's contract or lease for a residence or (ii) one
5 piece of mail addressed to the person at his or her current
6 residence address and postmarked not earlier than 30 days
7 prior to the date of the election, shall be sufficient to
8 establish proof of residence. Whereupon the vote of such
9 person shall be received, and entered as other votes. But such
10 judges, having charge of such registers, shall state in their
11 respective books the facts in such case, and the affidavits,
12 so delivered to the judges, shall be preserved and returned to
13 the office of the commissioners of election. Blank affidavits
14 of the character aforesaid shall be sent out to the judges of
15 all the precincts, and the judges of election shall furnish
16 the same on demand and administer the oaths without criticism.
17 Such oaths, if administered by any other officer than such
18 judge of election, shall not be received. Whenever a proposal
19 for a constitutional amendment or for the calling of a
20 constitutional convention is to be voted upon at the election,
21 the separate blue ballot or ballots pertaining thereto shall
22 be placed on top of the other ballots to be voted at the
23 election in such manner that the legend appearing on the back
24 thereof, as prescribed in Section 16-6 of this Act, shall be
25 plainly visible to the voter, and in this fashion the ballots
26 shall be handed to the voter by the judge.

1 Immediately after voting, the voter shall be instructed
2 whether the voting equipment, if used, accepted or rejected
3 the ballot or identified the ballot as under-voted. A voter
4 whose ballot is identified as under-voted for a statewide
5 constitutional office may return to the voting booth and
6 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose ballot is not
7 accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the
8 ballot, request and vote another ballot. The voter's
9 surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the election judge
10 and handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing
11 that voting equipment.

12 The voter shall, upon quitting the voting booth, deliver
13 to one of the judges of election all of the ballots, properly
14 folded, which he received. The judge of election to whom the
15 voter delivers his ballots shall not accept the same unless
16 all of the ballots given to the voter are returned by him. If a
17 voter delivers less than all of the ballots given to him, the
18 judge to whom the same are offered shall advise him in a voice
19 clearly audible to the other judges of election that the voter
20 must return the remainder of the ballots. The statement of the
21 judge to the voter shall clearly express the fact that the
22 voter is not required to vote such remaining ballots but that
23 whether or not he votes them he must fold and deliver them to
24 the judge. In making such statement the judge of election
25 shall not indicate by word, gesture or intonation of voice
26 that the unreturned ballots shall be voted in any particular

1 manner. No new voter shall be permitted to enter the voting
2 booth of a voter who has failed to deliver the total number of
3 ballots received by him until such voter has returned to the
4 voting booth pursuant to the judge's request and again quit
5 the booth with all of the ballots required to be returned by
6 him. Upon receipt of all such ballots the judges of election
7 shall enter the name of the voter, and his number, as above
8 provided in this Section, and the judge to whom the ballots are
9 delivered shall immediately put the ballots into the ballot
10 box. If any voter who has failed to deliver all the ballots
11 received by him refuses to return to the voting booth after
12 being advised by the judge of election as herein provided, the
13 judge shall inform the other judges of such refusal, and
14 thereupon the ballot or ballots returned to the judge shall be
15 deposited in the ballot box, the voter shall be permitted to
16 depart from the polling place, and a new voter shall be
17 permitted to enter the voting booth.

18 The judge of election who receives the ballot or ballots
19 from the voter shall announce the residence and name of such
20 voter in a loud voice. The judge shall put the ballot or
21 ballots received from the voter into the ballot box in the
22 presence of the voter and the judges of election, and in plain
23 view of the public. The judges having charge of such registers
24 shall then, in a column prepared thereon, in the same line of,
25 the name of the voter, mark "Voted" or the letter "V".

26 No judge of election shall accept from any voter less than

1 the full number of ballots received by such voter without
2 first advising the voter in the manner above provided of the
3 necessity of returning all of the ballots, nor shall any such
4 judge advise such voter in a manner contrary to that which is
5 herein permitted, or in any other manner violate the
6 provisions of this Section; provided, that the acceptance by a
7 judge of election of less than the full number of ballots
8 delivered to a voter who refuses to return to the voting booth
9 after being properly advised by such judge shall not be a
10 violation of this Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/18A-5)

13 Sec. 18A-5. Provisional voting; general provisions.

14 (a) A person who claims to be a registered voter is
15 entitled to cast a provisional ballot under the following
16 circumstances:

17 (1) The person's name does not appear on the official
18 list of eligible voters for the precinct in which the
19 person seeks to vote and the person has refused an
20 opportunity to register at the polling location or another
21 grace period registration site. The official list is the
22 centralized statewide voter registration list established
23 and maintained in accordance with Section 1A-25;

24 (2) The person's voting status has been challenged by
25 an election judge, a pollwatcher, or any legal voter and

1 that challenge has been sustained by a majority of the
2 election judges;

3 (3) A federal or State court order extends the time
4 for closing the polls beyond the time period established
5 by State law and the person votes during the extended time
6 period;

7 (4) The voter ~~registered to vote by mail~~ and is
8 required by law to present identification when voting
9 either in person, in the case of a voter who registered by
10 mail, when voting or by early voting ballot, but fails to
11 provide an acceptable form of photo identification as
12 described in Section 3-8, or a Voter Identification Card
13 issued under Section 1-14 ~~do so~~;

14 (5) The voter's name appears on the list of voters who
15 voted during the early voting period, but the voter claims
16 not to have voted during the early voting period;

17 (6) The voter received a vote by mail ballot but did
18 not return the vote by mail ballot to the election
19 authority; or

20 (7) The voter attempted to register to vote on
21 election day, but failed to provide the necessary
22 documentation.

23 (b) The procedure for obtaining and casting a provisional
24 ballot at the polling place shall be as follows:

25 (1) After first verifying through an examination of
26 the precinct register that the person's address is within

1 the precinct boundaries, an election judge at the polling
 2 place shall notify a person who is entitled to cast a
 3 provisional ballot pursuant to subsection (a) that he or
 4 she may cast a provisional ballot in that election. An
 5 election judge must accept any information provided by a
 6 person who casts a provisional ballot that the person
 7 believes supports his or her claim that he or she is a duly
 8 registered voter and qualified to vote in the election.
 9 However, if the person's residence address is outside the
 10 precinct boundaries, the election judge shall inform the
 11 person of that fact, give the person the appropriate
 12 telephone number of the election authority in order to
 13 locate the polling place assigned to serve that address,
 14 and instruct the person to go to the proper polling place
 15 to vote.

16 (2) The person shall execute a written form provided
 17 by the election judge that shall state or contain all of
 18 the following that is available:

19 (i) an affidavit stating the following:
 20 State of Illinois, County of,
 21 Township, Precinct, Ward
 22, I,, do solemnly
 23 swear (or affirm) that: I am a citizen of the
 24 United States; I am 18 years of age or older; I
 25 have resided in this State and in this precinct
 26 for 30 days preceding this election; I have not

1 voted in this election; I am a duly registered
 2 voter in every respect; and I am eligible to vote
 3 in this election. Signature Printed Name of
 4 Voter Printed Residence Address of Voter
 5 City State Zip Code
 6 Telephone Number Date of Birth and
 7 Illinois Driver's License Number or Last 4
 8 digits of Social Security Number or State
 9 Identification Card Number issued to you by the
 10 Illinois Secretary of State

11 (ii) A box for the election judge to check one of
 12 the reasons why the person was given a provisional
 13 ballot under subsection (a) of this Section.

14 (iii) An area for the election judge to affix his
 15 or her signature and to set forth any facts that
 16 support or oppose the allegation that the person is
 17 not qualified to vote in the precinct in which the
 18 person is seeking to vote.

19 The written affidavit form described in this
 20 subsection (b)(2) must be printed on a multi-part form
 21 prescribed by the county clerk or board of election
 22 commissioners, as the case may be.

23 (3) After the person executes the portion of the
 24 written affidavit described in subsection (b)(2)(i) of
 25 this Section, the election judge shall complete the
 26 portion of the written affidavit described in subsection

1 (b) (2) (iii) and (b) (2) (iv).

2 (4) The election judge shall give a copy of the
3 completed written affidavit to the person. The election
4 judge shall place the original written affidavit in a
5 self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelope that
6 must be attached to a separate envelope marked as a
7 "provisional ballot envelope". The election judge shall
8 also place any information provided by the person who
9 casts a provisional ballot in the clear plastic packing
10 list envelope. Each county clerk or board of election
11 commissioners, as the case may be, must design, obtain or
12 procure self-adhesive clear plastic packing list envelopes
13 and provisional ballot envelopes that are suitable for
14 implementing this subsection (b) (4) of this Section.

15 (5) The election judge shall provide the person with a
16 provisional ballot, written instructions for casting a
17 provisional ballot, and the provisional ballot envelope
18 with the clear plastic packing list envelope affixed to
19 it, which contains the person's original written affidavit
20 and, if any, information provided by the provisional voter
21 to support his or her claim that he or she is a duly
22 registered voter. An election judge must also give the
23 person written information that states that any person who
24 casts a provisional ballot shall be able to ascertain,
25 pursuant to guidelines established by the State Board of
26 Elections, whether the provisional vote was counted in the

1 official canvass of votes for that election and, if the
2 provisional vote was not counted, the reason that the vote
3 was not counted.

4 (6) After the person has completed marking his or her
5 provisional ballot, he or she shall place the marked
6 ballot inside of the provisional ballot envelope, close
7 and seal the envelope, and return the envelope to an
8 election judge, who shall then deposit the sealed
9 provisional ballot envelope into a securable container
10 separately identified and utilized for containing sealed
11 provisional ballot envelopes. Ballots that are provisional
12 because they are cast after 7:00 p.m. by court order shall
13 be kept separate from other provisional ballots. Upon the
14 closing of the polls, the securable container shall be
15 sealed with filament tape provided for that purpose, which
16 shall be wrapped around the box lengthwise and crosswise,
17 at least twice each way, and each of the election judges
18 shall sign the seal.

19 (c) Instead of the affidavit form described in subsection
20 (b), the county clerk or board of election commissioners, as
21 the case may be, may design and use a multi-part affidavit form
22 that is imprinted upon or attached to the provisional ballot
23 envelope described in subsection (b). If a county clerk or
24 board of election commissioners elects to design and use its
25 own multi-part affidavit form, then the county clerk or board
26 of election commissioners shall establish a mechanism for

1 accepting any information the provisional voter has supplied
2 to the election judge to support his or her claim that he or
3 she is a duly registered voter. In all other respects, a county
4 clerk or board of election commissioners shall establish
5 procedures consistent with subsection (b).

6 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners,
7 as the case may be, shall use the completed affidavit form
8 described in subsection (b) to update the person's voter
9 registration information in the State voter registration
10 database and voter registration database of the county clerk
11 or board of election commissioners, as the case may be. If a
12 person is later determined not to be a registered voter based
13 on Section 18A-15 of this Code, then the affidavit shall be
14 processed by the county clerk or board of election
15 commissioners, as the case may be, as a voter registration
16 application.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/18A-15)

19 Sec. 18A-15. Validating and counting provisional ballots.

20 (a) The county clerk or board of election commissioners
21 shall complete the validation and counting of provisional
22 ballots within 14 calendar days of the day of the election. The
23 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall have 7
24 calendar days from the completion of the validation and
25 counting of provisional ballots to conduct its final canvass.

1 The State Board of Elections shall complete within 31 calendar
2 days of the election or sooner if all the returns are received,
3 its final canvass of the vote for all public offices.

4 (b) If a county clerk or board of election commissioners
5 determines that all of the following apply, then a provisional
6 ballot is valid and shall be counted as a vote:

7 (1) the provisional voter cast the provisional ballot
8 in the correct precinct based on the address provided by
9 the provisional voter. The provisional voter's affidavit
10 shall serve as a change of address request by that voter
11 for registration purposes for the next ensuing election if
12 it bears an address different from that in the records of
13 the election authority. Votes for federal and statewide
14 offices on a provisional ballot cast in the incorrect
15 precinct that meet the other requirements of this
16 subsection shall be valid and counted in accordance with
17 this Article. As used in this item, "federal office" is
18 defined as provided in Section 20-1 and "statewide office"
19 means the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State,
20 Comptroller, and Treasurer. Votes for General Assembly,
21 countywide, citywide, or township office on a provisional
22 ballot cast in the incorrect precinct but in the correct
23 legislative district, representative district, county,
24 municipality, or township, as the case may be, shall be
25 valid and counted in accordance with this Article. As used
26 in this item, "citywide office" means an office elected by

1 the electors of an entire municipality. As used in this
2 item, "township office" means an office elected by the
3 electors of an entire township;

4 (2) the affidavit executed by the provisional voter
5 pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of Section 18A-5 contains,
6 at a minimum, the provisional voter's first and last name,
7 house number and street name, and signature or mark;

8 (3) except as permitted by item (5) of subsection (b)
9 of this Section, the provisional voter is a registered
10 voter based on information available to the county clerk
11 or board of election commissioners provided by or obtained
12 from any of the following:

13 i. the provisional voter;

14 ii. an election judge;

15 iii. the statewide voter registration database
16 maintained by the State Board of Elections;

17 iv. the records of the county clerk or board of
18 election commissioners' database; or

19 v. the records of the Secretary of State; and

20 (4) for a provisional ballot cast under item (6) of
21 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter did not vote by
22 mail ballot in the election at which the provisional
23 ballot was cast; or

24 (5) for a provisional ballot cast under item (7) of
25 subsection (a) of Section 18A-5, the voter provides the
26 election authority with the necessary documentation within

1 7 days of election day.

2 (c) With respect to subsection (b) (3) of this Section, the
3 county clerk or board of election commissioners shall
4 investigate and record whether or not the specified
5 information is available from each of the 5 identified
6 sources. If the information is available from one or more of
7 the identified sources, then the county clerk or board of
8 election commissioners shall seek to obtain the information
9 from each of those sources until satisfied, with information
10 from at least one of those sources, that the provisional voter
11 is registered and entitled to vote. The county clerk or board
12 of election commissioners shall use any information it obtains
13 as the basis for determining the voter registration status of
14 the provisional voter. If a conflict exists among the
15 information available to the county clerk or board of election
16 commissioners as to the registration status of the provisional
17 voter, then the county clerk or board of election
18 commissioners shall make a determination based on the totality
19 of the circumstances. In a case where the above information
20 equally supports or opposes the registration status of the
21 voter, the county clerk or board of election commissioners
22 shall decide in favor of the provisional voter as being duly
23 registered to vote. If the statewide voter registration
24 database maintained by the State Board of Elections indicates
25 that the provisional voter is registered to vote, but the
26 county clerk's or board of election commissioners' voter

1 registration database indicates that the provisional voter is
2 not registered to vote, then the information found in the
3 statewide voter registration database shall control the matter
4 and the provisional voter shall be deemed to be registered to
5 vote. If the records of the county clerk or board of election
6 commissioners indicates that the provisional voter is
7 registered to vote, but the statewide voter registration
8 database maintained by the State Board of Elections indicates
9 that the provisional voter is not registered to vote, then the
10 information found in the records of the county clerk or board
11 of election commissioners shall control the matter and the
12 provisional voter shall be deemed to be registered to vote. If
13 the provisional voter's signature on his or her provisional
14 ballot request varies from the signature on an otherwise valid
15 registration application solely because of the substitution of
16 initials for the first or middle name, the election authority
17 may not reject the provisional ballot.

18 (d) In validating the registration status of a person
19 casting a provisional ballot, the county clerk or board of
20 election commissioners shall not require a provisional voter
21 to complete any form other than the affidavit executed by the
22 provisional voter under subsection (b) (2) of Section 18A-5. In
23 addition, the county clerk or board of election commissioners
24 shall not require all provisional voters or any particular
25 class or group of provisional voters to appear personally
26 before the county clerk or board of election commissioners or

1 as a matter of policy require provisional voters to submit
2 additional information to verify or otherwise support the
3 information already submitted by the provisional voter. Within
4 2 calendar days after the election, the election authority
5 shall transmit by electronic means pursuant to a process
6 established by the State Board of Elections the name, street
7 address, e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and
8 district numbers, as the case may be, of each person casting a
9 provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections, which
10 shall maintain those names and that information in an
11 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
12 accessible to State and local political committees. The
13 provisional voter may, within 7 calendar days after the
14 election, submit additional information to the county clerk or
15 board of election commissioners, except that in the case of
16 provisional voting under paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of
17 Section 18A-5, the provisional voter has 10 days to provide
18 the county clerk or board of election commissioners with the
19 required photo identification card. This information must be
20 received by the county clerk or board of election
21 commissioners within the applicable 7-calendar-day or
22 10-calendar-day period.

23 (e) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
24 determines that subsection (b) (1), (b) (2), or (b) (3) does not
25 apply, then the provisional ballot is not valid and may not be
26 counted. The provisional ballot envelope containing the ballot

1 cast by the provisional voter may not be opened. The county
2 clerk or board of election commissioners shall write on the
3 provisional ballot envelope the following: "Provisional ballot
4 determined invalid."

5 (f) If the county clerk or board of election commissioners
6 determines that a provisional ballot is valid under this
7 Section, then the provisional ballot envelope shall be opened.
8 The outside of each provisional ballot envelope shall also be
9 marked to identify the precinct and the date of the election.

10 (g) Provisional ballots determined to be valid shall be
11 counted at the election authority's central ballot counting
12 location and shall not be counted in precincts. The
13 provisional ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
14 the vote totals for the precincts from which they were cast in
15 the order in which the ballots were opened. The validation and
16 counting of provisional ballots shall be subject to the
17 provisions of this Code that apply to pollwatchers. If the
18 provisional ballots are a ballot of a punch card voting
19 system, then the provisional ballot shall be counted in a
20 manner consistent with Article 24A. If the provisional ballots
21 are a ballot of optical scan or other type of approved
22 electronic voting system, then the provisional ballots shall
23 be counted in a manner consistent with Article 24B.

24 (h) As soon as the ballots have been counted, the election
25 judges or election officials shall, in the presence of the
26 county clerk or board of election commissioners, place each of

1 the following items in a separate envelope or bag: (1) all
2 provisional ballots, voted or spoiled; (2) all provisional
3 ballot envelopes of provisional ballots voted or spoiled; and
4 (3) all executed affidavits of the provisional ballots voted
5 or spoiled. All provisional ballot envelopes for provisional
6 voters who have been determined not to be registered to vote
7 shall remain sealed. The county clerk or board of election
8 commissioners shall treat the provisional ballot envelope
9 containing the written affidavit as a voter registration
10 application for that person for the next election and process
11 that application. The election judges or election officials
12 shall then securely seal each envelope or bag, initial the
13 envelope or bag, and plainly mark on the outside of the
14 envelope or bag in ink the precinct in which the provisional
15 ballots were cast. The election judges or election officials
16 shall then place each sealed envelope or bag into a box, secure
17 and seal it in the same manner as described in item (6) of
18 subsection (b) of Section 18A-5. Each election judge or
19 election official shall take and subscribe an oath before the
20 county clerk or board of election commissioners that the
21 election judge or election official securely kept the ballots
22 and papers in the box, did not permit any person to open the
23 box or otherwise touch or tamper with the ballots and papers in
24 the box, and has no knowledge of any other person opening the
25 box. For purposes of this Section, the term "election
26 official" means the county clerk, a member of the board of

1 election commissioners, as the case may be, and their
2 respective employees.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
4 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

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

17 (b) Within one day after receipt of such vote by mail
18 voter's ballot, the election authority shall transmit, by
19 electronic means pursuant to a process established by the
20 State Board of Elections, the voter's name, street address,
21 e-mail address, and precinct, ward, township, and district
22 numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of Elections,
23 which shall maintain those names and that information in an
24 electronic format on its website, arranged by county and
25 accessible to State and local political committees.

1 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
2 contrary, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
3 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
4 counting provisional ballots, the election authority shall
5 appoint panels as needed of 3 election judges, of which no more
6 than 2 shall be from the same political party, from the list of
7 election judges submitted by the county parties for this
8 specific purpose to compare the voter's signature on the
9 certification envelope of the vote by mail ballot with the
10 signature of the voter on file in the office of the election
11 authority. The signature shall be presumed to match unless 3
12 out of 3 election judges determine that the 2 signatures do not
13 match. A vote by mail ballot may only be rejected by a vote of
14 3 of 3 election judges and only for the following reasons: (1)
15 the signature on the certification envelope and the signature
16 used by the election authority for verification purposes do
17 not match or the certification envelope contains no signature;
18 (2) the ballot envelope was delivered opened; (3) the voter
19 has already cast a ballot; (4) if the voter voted in person on
20 election day; or (5) the voter is not a duly registered voter
21 in the precinct. If 3 of 3 election judges determine the ballot
22 should be rejected for any reasons stated in this subsection
23 (c), the judges shall mark across the face of the
24 certification envelope the word "rejected" and the date and
25 names of the judges voting to reject the ballot.

26 (d) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected, the election

1 authority shall notify the voter within 2 days after the
2 rejection or within one day if the rejection occurs after
3 election day and in all cases before the close of the period
4 for counting provisional ballots. The voter shall be notified
5 through mail or email, or both, and the notice shall inform the
6 voter of the reason or reasons the ballot was rejected. If the
7 ballot was rejected based on the signature or lack of a
8 signature, the voter shall be permitted to submit a statement
9 the voter cast the ballot, and upon receipt the ballot shall be
10 determined valid and counted before the close of the period
11 for counting provisional ballots. If the ballot was rejected
12 because the envelope was delivered opened, the voter shall be
13 permitted to vote in person or request to receive another vote
14 by mail ballot, provided the voter submits an application and
15 casts a new ballot prior to the close of polls on election day.

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

17 (10 ILCS 5/19A-35)

18 Sec. 19A-35. Procedure for voting.

19 (a) Not more than 23 days before the start of the election,
20 the county clerk shall make available to the election official
21 conducting early voting by personal appearance a sufficient
22 number of early ballots, envelopes, and printed voting
23 instruction slips for the use of early voters. The election
24 official shall receipt for all ballots received and shall
25 return unused or spoiled ballots at the close of the early

1 voting period to the county clerk and must strictly account
2 for all ballots received. The ballots delivered to the
3 election official must include early ballots for each precinct
4 in the election authority's jurisdiction and must include
5 separate ballots for each political subdivision conducting an
6 election of officers or a referendum at that election.

7 (b) In conducting early voting under this Article, the
8 election judge or official is required to verify the signature
9 of the early voter by comparison with the signature on the
10 official registration card, and the judge or official must
11 verify (i) that the applicant is a registered voter, (ii) the
12 precinct in which the applicant is registered, ~~and~~ (iii) the
13 proper ballots of the political subdivision in which the
14 applicant resides and is entitled to vote, and (iv) the
15 applicant's identity, which must be verified by the
16 applicant's presentation of a government-issued photo
17 identification card, as defined in Section 3-8, or his or her
18 Voter Identification Card, before providing an early ballot to
19 the applicant. The election judge or official must verify the
20 applicant's registration from the most recent poll list
21 provided by the election authority, and if the applicant is
22 not listed on that poll list, by telephoning the office of the
23 election authority.

24 (b-5) A person requesting an early voting ballot to whom a
25 vote by mail ballot was issued may vote early if the person
26 submits that vote by mail ballot to the judges of election or

1 official conducting early voting for cancellation. If the
2 voter is unable to submit the vote by mail ballot, it shall be
3 sufficient for the voter to submit to the judges or official
4 (i) a portion of the vote by mail ballot if the vote by mail
5 ballot was torn or mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed
6 before the judges or official specifying that (A) the voter
7 never received a vote by mail ballot or (B) the voter completed
8 and returned a vote by mail ballot and was informed that the
9 election authority did not receive that vote by mail ballot.

10 (b-10) Within one day after a voter casts an early voting
11 ballot, the election authority shall transmit the voter's
12 name, street address, and precinct, ward, township, and
13 district numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of
14 Elections, which shall maintain those names and that
15 information in an electronic format on its website, arranged
16 by county and accessible to State and local political
17 committees.

18 (b-15) Immediately after voting an early ballot, the voter
19 shall be instructed whether the voting equipment accepted or
20 rejected the ballot or identified that ballot as under-voted
21 for a statewide constitutional office. A voter whose ballot is
22 identified as under-voted may return to the voting booth and
23 complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose early voting
24 ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon
25 surrendering the ballot, request and vote another early voting
26 ballot. The voter's surrendered ballot shall be initialed by

1 the election judge or official conducting the early voting and
2 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing the
3 voting equipment used.

4 (c) The sealed early ballots in their carrier envelope
5 shall be delivered by the election authority to the central
6 ballot counting location before the close of the polls on the
7 day of the election.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)