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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 282

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 282 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 19-2.6 and by adding Section 20-16 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.6)

7 Sec. 19-2.6. Vote by mail; voters with a print disability.

8 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section, unless the  
9 context otherwise requires:

10 "Assistive technology" means any equipment, software, or  
11 product used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional  
12 capabilities of individuals with disabilities, including, but  
13 not limited to, screen reading and magnification software,  
14 refreshable Braille displays, and speech recognition programs.

15 "Certified remote accessible vote by mail system" means,  
16 for elections that occur before the 2024 primary election, a

1 process approved by the State Board of Elections through which  
2 an election authority provides for the electronic transmission  
3 of a vote by mail ballot to a voter with a print disability and  
4 through which the voter with a print disability marks and  
5 verifies the voter's ballot using assistive technology.  
6 "Certified remote accessible vote by mail system" means, for  
7 the 2024 primary election and all subsequent elections, a  
8 process approved by the State Board of Elections through which  
9 an election authority provides for the electronic transmission  
10 of a vote by mail ballot to a voter with a print disability and  
11 through which the voter with a print disability marks,  
12 verifies, and returns the voter's ballot to the election  
13 authority electronically using assistive technology.

14 "Electronic transmission" means the transfer of data or  
15 information through an authorized electronic data interchange  
16 system.

17 "Voter with a print disability" means a person having a  
18 temporary or permanent physical or mental impairment, such as  
19 blindness, low vision, physical dexterity limitations, or  
20 learning or cognitive disabilities, that prevents the person  
21 from effective reading, writing, or use of printed material.

22 (b) The State Board of Elections shall provide a certified  
23 remote accessible vote by mail system for the General Election  
24 of November 8, 2022 and all subsequent elections that occur  
25 before the 2024 primary election, through which a vote by mail  
26 ballot can be delivered by electronic transmission to voters

1 with print disabilities and through which voters with print  
2 disabilities are able to mark and verify their ballots using  
3 assistive technology.

4 (c) For the November 8, 2022 general election and all  
5 subsequent elections that occur before the 2024 primary  
6 election, election ~~Election~~ authorities shall permit voters  
7 with a print disability to receive and mark their vote by mail  
8 ballots (i) through the certified remote accessible vote by  
9 mail system provided by the State Board of Elections pursuant  
10 to subsection (b) of this Section or (ii) through a certified  
11 remote accessible vote by mail system provided by the election  
12 authority.

13 (d) If a vote by mail ballot application from a voter with  
14 a print disability arrives after the jurisdiction begins  
15 transmitting vote by mail ballots and instructions to voters,  
16 the election authority shall electronically transmit the  
17 ballot, instructions, and balloting materials to the voter  
18 within two business days after receipt of the application.

19 (e) Ballots received and marked pursuant to subsections  
20 (b) and (c) of this Section must be printed by the voter and  
21 returned to the election authority as provided in Section  
22 19-6.

23 For the 2024 primary election and all subsequent  
24 elections, the State Board of Elections shall provide a  
25 certified remote accessible vote by mail system through which  
26 an election authority can deliver a vote by mail ballot

1 through electronic transmission to voters with a print  
2 disability and through which voters with a print disability  
3 can mark, verify, and return a vote by mail ballot to the  
4 election authority electronically.

5 (g) To ensure that voters with a print disability are able  
6 to complete all aspects of the vote by mail process privately  
7 and independently, the State Board of Elections shall  
8 establish a method that allows voters with a print disability  
9 to electronically authenticate a vote by mail ballot without  
10 assistance and election authorities shall use that method of  
11 authentication.

12 (h) All electronic documents and web pages that must be  
13 used as part of the certified remote accessible vote by mail  
14 system provided by the State Board of Elections or election  
15 authorities shall be compliant with the Web Content  
16 Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level AA standards and updated as  
17 necessary to comply with any subsequent Web Content  
18 Accessibility Guidelines standards.

19 (i) ~~(f)~~ The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules,  
20 including emergency rules, necessary for the implementation of  
21 this Section. The State Board of Elections' adopted rules  
22 shall include certification standards for a remote accessible  
23 vote by mail system and a method subject to the provisions in  
24 Sections 19-2 and 19-3 of this Article by which a voter with a  
25 print disability may request to use a certified remote  
26 accessible vote by mail system and apply for an accessible

1 vote by mail ballot.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-819, eff. 5-13-22.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/20-16 new)

4 Sec. 20-16. Certified remote accessible vote by mail  
5 system. An election authority shall provide a certified remote  
6 accessible vote by mail system that complies with Section  
7 19-2.6, or use the certified remote accessible vote by mail  
8 system provided by the State Board of Elections under Section  
9 19-2.6, through which a vote by mail ballot can be delivered by  
10 electronic transmission to any voter eligible to receive a  
11 vote by mail ballot under this Article and through which a  
12 voter can mark, verify, and return a vote by mail ballot to the  
13 election authority electronically. The certified remote  
14 accessible vote by mail system shall comply with the  
15 requirements of Section 19-2.6, except subsection (h) of  
16 Section 19-2.6.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
18 1, 2024."