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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1 10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2 10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7 10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8 625 ILCS 5/2-105

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105

Amends the Election Code. For specified applications, change of address forms, or recertifications of a driver's license or State identification card, provides that the application, form, or recertification shall serve as a dual-purpose application when the applicant presents specified identification (rather than meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005). Modifies requirements of the dual-purpose application. Modifies the content of the written notice required to be given by the Office of the Secretary of State to each applicant and requires the Office of the Secretary of State to determine whether each applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois and the applicant's registration address. Provides that, if an applicant provides the Secretary of State with an identification document which demonstrates that the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application shall not serve as a dual-purpose application. Makes conforming and other changes. Provides that changes made by the amendatory Act that require implementation shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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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 1A-16.1, 1A-16.2, 1A-16.7, and 1A-16.8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary ofState.

9 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State 10 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and 11 <u>jointly adopted</u> <del>jointly-adopted</del> rules, shall establish an 12 automatic voter registration program that satisfies the 13 requirements of this Section and other applicable law.

14 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form 15 16 for a driver's license, other than a temporary visitor's driver's license, or a State identification card issued by the 17 Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant presents an 18 19 identification document which demonstrates that the applicant 20 is a United States citizen and is of age to register to vote or 21 if the information provided to the Office of the Secretary of 22 State pursuant to subsection (c) indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois, meets the 23

requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, then that
application shall serve as a dual-purpose application <u>unless</u>
the applicant declines in accordance with subsection (g) of
Section 1A-16.7 or the information provided indicates no
change in the existing voter registration. The dual-purpose
application shall:

7 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote 8 in Illinois;

9 (2) allow an applicant to change <u>the applicant's</u> his 10 <del>or her</del> registered residence address or name as it appears 11 on the voter registration rolls; <u>and</u>

12 (3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation 13 required for a driver's license or State identification 14 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of information 15 16 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is 17 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to register to vote or to change the applicant's registered 18 residence address or name as it appears on the voter 19 20 registration rolls. provide the applicant with an 21 opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote 22 or to change his or her registered residence address or 23 name by providing a check box on the application form 24 without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and

25 (4) unless the applicant declines to register to vote
 26 or change his or her registered residence address or name,

require the applicant to attest, by signature under
penalty of perjury as described in subsection (c) of this
Section, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote
in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated
on his or her driver's license or identification card
dual purpose application.

7 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for 8 renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form 9 for a driver's license, other than a temporary visitor's 10 driver's license, or a State identification card issued by the 11 Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant presents an 12 identification document which neither demonstrates that the applicant is a United States citizen nor demonstrates that the 13 14 applicant is not a United States citizen and the information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to 15 16 subsection (c) does not indicate that the applicant is 17 currently registered to vote in Illinois, does not meet the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, then that 18 19 application shall serve as a dual-purpose application. The 20 dual-purpose application shall:

(1) also serve as an application to register to vote
 in Illinois;

(2) (blank); and allow an applicant to change his or
 her registered residence address or name as it appears on
 the voter registration rolls; and

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(3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to

change his or her registered residence address or name, then require the applicant to attest, by a separate signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at <u>the</u> <u>applicant's his or her</u> residence address as indicated on <u>the his or her</u> dual-purpose application.

7 (b-10) The Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the 8 9 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois, (ii) of the 10 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter 11 registration application, and (iii) that, unless the applicant 12 declines to register to vote or update his or her voter registration, his or her dual-purpose application shall 13 serve as both an application to register to vote and his or her 14 attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements 15 16 for voter registration, and that his or her application to 17 register to vote or update his or her registration will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of 18 19 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be 20 indicated on his or her driver's license or identification card, and (iv) that declining to register to vote is 21 22 confidential and will not affect any services the person may 23 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional 24 25 instructions specific to applicants under either subsection 26 (b) or subsection (b-5).

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(c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review 1 2 information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State by the State Board of Elections to determine whether each 3 inform each applicant for a driver's license or permit, other 4 5 than a temporary visitor's driver's license, or a State 6 identification card issued by the Office of the Secretary of 7 State whether the applicant under subsections (b) and (b-5) is 8 currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if registered, 9 at what address.

10 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require 11 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification 12 card to provide duplicate identification or information in order to complete an application to register to vote or change 13 his or her registered residence address or name. Before 14 15 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to 16 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of 17 State shall review its records of the identification documents the applicant provided in order to complete the application 18 for a driver's license or State identification card, to 19 20 confirm that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant does not satisfy the qualifications to register to 21 22 vote in Illinois at his or her residence address. If an 23 applicant provides the Office of the Secretary of State with 24 an identification document which demonstrates that the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application 25 shall not serve as a dual-purpose application under this 26

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Section. If the individual provides the Office of the 1 2 Secretary of State with an address designated by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under Section 15 of 3 the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, 4 Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, that 5 information shall not be forwarded to the State Board of 6 Elections to electronically transmit a voter registration 7 application for the individual. 8

9 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's 10 license or permit, other than a temporary visitor's driver's 11 license, or a State identification card issued by the Office 12 of the Secretary of State that includes the presentation of an identification document which demonstrates that the applicant 13 14 is a United States citizen and is of age to register to vote or for which the information provided to the Office of the 15 16 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (c) indicates that 17 the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois, that meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; 18 or (ii) a completed application under subsection (b-5) of this 19 20 Section with a separate signature attesting the applicant meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at 21 22 his or her residence address as indicated on his or her 23 application shall constitute a signed application to register to vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the 24 25 application unless the person affirmatively declined in the 26 application to register to vote or to change his

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registered residence address or name. If the identification documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application indicate that he or she does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address, the application shall be marked as incomplete.

6 (f) For each completed and signed application that 7 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or 8 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence 9 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall 10 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections 11 personal information needed to complete the person's 12 registration to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address, including the applicant's choice of a language other 13 14 than English if the Office of the Secretary of State collects this information during the permitting, licensing, or 15 16 identification card transaction. The application to register 17 to vote shall be processed in accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

(g) <u>Documents that demonstrate that the applicant is a</u> <u>United States citizen may include, but are not limited to,</u> <u>valid, unexpired documents described in the federal REAL ID</u> <u>Act of 2005 and in 6 CFR 37.11(c)(1)(i) through (ii) and</u> (c)(1)(vii) through (viii).

If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, 6 CFR 37.11(c)(1)(i) through (ii), or 6 CFR 37.11(c)(1)(vii) through (viii) are is repealed, abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect, then the State Board of Elections shall establish

criteria for determining reliable personal information
 indicating citizenship status and shall adopt rules as
 necessary for the Secretary of State to continue processing
 dual-purpose applications under this Section.

5 (h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application" means an application, an application for renewal, a change of 6 7 address form, or a recertification form for driver's license 8 or permit, other than a temporary visitor's driver's license, 9 or a State identification card offered by the Secretary of 10 State that also serves as an application to register to vote in 11 Illinois. "Dual-purpose application" does not mean an 12 application under subsection (c) of Section 6-109 of the 13 Illinois Vehicle Code.

14 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory
 15 Act of the 103rd General Assembly that require implementation
 16 shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2025.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

Sec. 1A-16.2. Automatic voter registration; designated
 automatic voter registration agencies.

(a) Each designated automatic voter registration agency
shall, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly adopted
jointly-adopted rules with the State Board of Elections, agree
to participate in an automatic voter registration program
established by the State Board of Elections that satisfies the

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requirements of this Section and other applicable law. If the 1 2 designated automatic voter registration agency provides 3 applications, applications for renewal, change of address forms, filing, or recertification forms to individuals for 4 5 services offered by another agency, then the State Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter agency shall 6 consult with the other agency. The State Board of Elections 7 8 shall consider the current technological capabilities of the 9 designated voter registration agency when drafting interagency 10 contracts and jointly adopted jointly adopted rules. The State 11 Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter 12 registration agency shall amend these contracts and rules as 13 the technological capabilities of the designated voter 14 registration agencies improve.

(b) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, each designated automatic voter registration agency that collects or cross-references reliable personal information indicating citizenship status may provide that an application for a license, permit, program, or service shall serve as a dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application shall:

(1) also serve as an application to register to vote
 in Illinois; <u>and</u>

(2) allow an applicant to change the applicant's his
 or her registered residence address or name as it appears
 on the voter registration rolls; and

(3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation

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1	required for the designated automatic voter registration
2	agency's application, allow the applicant to affirm, under
3	penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of
4	information submitted in the dual-purpose application that
5	is necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to
6	register to vote or to change the applicant's registered
7	residence address or name as it appears on the voter
8	registration rolls. provide the applicant with an
9	opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote
10	or change his or her registered residence address or name
11	by providing a check box on the application form without
12	requiring the applicant to state the reason; and

13 unless the applicant declines to (4)register or to change his or her registered residence address or 14 15 name, require the applicant to attest, by signature under 16 penalty of perjury, to meeting the qualifications <del>to</del> 17 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence 18 indicated on his addressas her dual purpose or application. 19

(c) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, each designated automatic voter registration agency that does not collect or cross-reference records containing reliable personal information indicating citizenship status may provide that an application, an application for renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form for a license, permit, program, or service shall serve as a dual-purpose application. - 11 - LRB103 24817 AWJ 51148 b

1 The dual-purpose application shall:

2 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote
3 in Illinois;

4 (2) allow an applicant to change his or her registered 5 residence address or name as it appears on the voter 6 registration rolls; and

7 (3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to change his or her registered residence address or name, 8 9 then require the applicant to attest, by a separate 10 signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting the 11 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his or 12 her residence address as indicated on his or her 13 dual-purpose application.

(c-5) The designated automatic voter registration agency 14 15 shall clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in 16 writing: (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in 17 Illinois, (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter registration application, (iii) that, unless 18 19 the applicant declines to register to vote or update his or her 20 voter registration, his or her application shall also serve as 21 both an application to register to vote and his or her 22 attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements 23 for voter registration, and that his or her application to register to vote or update his or her registration will be 24 25 transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of 26 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be

indicated on the dual-purpose application, (iv) 1 that 2 information identifying the agency at which he or she applied to register to vote is confidential, (iv) (v) that declining 3 to register to vote is confidential and will not affect any 4 services the person may be seeking from the agency, and (v)5 (vi) any additional information needed in order to comply with 6 7 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of 8 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may 9 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under 10 either subsection (b) or subsection (c).

(d) The designated automatic voter registration agency shall review information provided to the agency by the State Board of Elections to inform each applicant <u>covered by</u> <u>subsection (c)</u> whether the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if registered, at what address.

16 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency 17 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application to provide duplicate identification or information in order to 18 19 complete an application to register to vote or change his or 20 her registered residence address or name. Before transmitting any personal information about an applicant to the State Board 21 22 of Elections, the agency shall review its records of the 23 identification documents the applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in order to complete the dual-purpose 24 25 application, to confirm that nothing in those documents 26 indicates that the applicant does not satisfy the

qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his or her 1 2 residence address. A completed and signed dual-purpose 3 application, including а completed application under subsection (c) of this Section with a separate signature 4 5 attesting that the applicant meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address as 6 7 indicated on his or her application, shall constitute an 8 application to register to vote in Illinois at the residence 9 address indicated in the application unless the person 10 affirmatively declined in the application to register to vote 11 or to change his or her registered residence address or name. 12 If the identification documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application, or that the agency cross-references, 13 indicate that he or she does not satisfy the qualifications to 14 15 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address, 16 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the 17 individual provides a designated automatic voter registration agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a 18 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address 19 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual 20 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, that information 21 22 shall not be forwarded to the State Board of Elections to 23 electronically transmit a voter registration application for 24 said individual.

25 (f) For each completed and signed dual-purpose application 26 that constitutes an application to register to vote in 1 Illinois or provides for a change in the applicant's 2 registered residence address or name, the designated automatic 3 voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to the 4 State Board of Elections personal information needed to 5 complete the person's registration to vote in Illinois at his 6 or her residence address. The application to register to vote 7 shall be processed in accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

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(g) As used in this Section:

9 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or 10 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community 11 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of 12 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the 13 14 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the 15 local, tribal, State, or federal government that has been 16 determined by the State Board of Elections to have access 17 to reliable personal information and has entered into an interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to 18 19 participate in the automatic voter registration program 20 under this Section.

21 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an 22 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a 23 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or 24 service offered by a designated automatic voter 25 registration agency that also serves as an application to 26 register to vote in Illinois.

1 "Reliable personal information" means information 2 about individuals obtained from government sources that 3 may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to 4 register to vote.

5 (h) <u>(Blank)</u>. This Section shall be implemented no later 6 than July 1, 2019.

7 (i) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
 8 implement, as permitted by applicable federal law, an
 9 automatic voter registration system under this Section for
 10 applicants for Illinois Medicaid no later than July 1, 2025.

11 (j) If an agency under this Section collects or 12 cross-references reliable personal information indicating 13 citizenship status for more than one person listed on an application for a license, permit, program, or service, each 14 person for whom the agency collects or cross-references 15 16 reliable personal information indicating citizenship status 17 may be considered an applicant under this Section and the application may serve as a dual-purpose application for each 18 19 such person.

(k) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory
 Act of the 103rd General Assembly that require implementation
 shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2025.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

25 Sec. 1A-16.7. Automatic voter registration.

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The State Board of Elections shall establish and 1 (a) 2 maintain a portal for automatic government agency voter 3 registration that permits an eligible person to electronically apply to register to vote or to update his or her existing 4 5 voter registration as provided in Section 1A-16.1 or Section 1A-16.2. The portal shall interface with the online voter 6 registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this 7 8 Code and shall be capable of receiving and processing voter 9 registration application information, including electronic 10 signatures, from the Office of the Secretary of State and each 11 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined in 12 Section 1A-16.2. The State Board of Elections may 13 cross-reference voter registration information from any 14 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined 15 under Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, with information contained in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under 16 17 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration 18 19 system as necessary to implement this Section.

20 (b) Voter registration data received from the Office of 21 the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter 22 registration agency through the online registration 23 application system shall be processed as provided in Section 24 1A-16.5 of this Code.

(c) The State Board of Elections shall establish technical
 specifications applicable to each automatic government

registration program, including data format and transmission specifications. The Office of the Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter registration agency shall maintain a data transfer mechanism capable of transmitting voter registration application information, including electronic signatures where available, to the online voter registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this Code.

8 (d) The State Board of Elections shall, by rule, establish 9 criteria and procedures for determining whether an agency of 10 the State or federal government seeking to become a designated 11 automatic voter registration agency has access to reliable 12 personal information, as defined under this subsection (d) and 13 subsection (f) of Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, and otherwise 14 meets the requirements to enter into an interagency contract 15 and to operate as a designated automatic voter registration 16 agency. The State Board of Elections shall approve each 17 interagency contract upon affirmative vote of a majority of its members. 18

As used in this subsection (d), "reliable personal information" means information about individuals obtained from government sources that may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to register to vote.

(e) Whenever an applicant's data is transferred from the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter registration agency, the agency must transmit a signature image if available. If no signature image was

provided by the agency <u>and</u>, or if no signature image is available in the Office of the Secretary of State's database, or the statewide voter registration database, <u>or other</u> database available to the State Board of Elections, the applicant must be notified that his or her registration will remain in a pending status <u>until the applicant:</u>, and the applicant will be required to

8 <u>(i) provides</u> provide identification that 9 complies with the federal Help America Vote Act of 10 2002 and a signature to the election authority on 11 election day in the polling place or during early 12 voting; -

13(ii) provides identification that complies14with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and15a signature with a mail ballot, or provides a16signature according to the procedures in17subsection (q-5) of Section 19-8; or18(iii) provides a signature in response to the

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 (111) provides a signature in response to the

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 notice described in subsection (g) or by other

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 paper or electronic means determined by the State

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 Board of Elections.

(f) Upon receipt of personal information collected and transferred by the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter registration agency, the State Board of Elections shall check the information against the statewide voter registration database. The State Board of

1 Elections shall create and electronically transmit to the 2 election appropriate authority a voter registration application for any individual who is not registered to vote 3 4 in Illinois and is not disqualified as provided in this 5 Section or whose information reliably indicates a more recent update to the name or address of a person already included in 6 7 the statewide voter database. The election authority shall 8 application accordingly. If the individual process the 9 provides the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated 10 automatic voter registration agency with an address designated 11 by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under 12 Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of 13 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or 14 Stalking Act, or if the State Board of Elections otherwise determines that the individual is a program participant under 15 Section 10 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of 16 17 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, the State Board of Elections shall not create or 18 19 electronically transmit to an election authority a voter registration application for such individual. The State Board 20 of Elections may provide alternative voter registration 21 22 procedures for such individuals.

(g) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that any applicant <u>under subsection (f)</u> who is registered to vote or whose existing voter registration is updated under this Section is promptly sent written notice of the change. The

notice required by this subsection (g) may be sent or combined 1 2 with other notices required or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any notices sent pursuant to Section 3 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any notice required by this subsection 4 5 (g) shall contain, at a minimum: (i) the applicant's name and residential address as reflected on the voter registration 6 7 list; (ii) a statement notifying the applicant to contact the 8 appropriate election authority if his or her voter 9 registration has been updated in error; (ii) (iii) the 10 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (iv) a 11 statement notifying the applicant that he or she may opt out of 12 voter registration or request a change to his or her registration information at any time by contacting an election 13 official; and (iii) (v) contact information for 14 the appropriate election authority, including a phone number, 15 16 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

17 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is not currently 18 registered to vote in Illinois, the notice shall contain: (i) 19 a notice that the individual will be registered to vote unless 20 the individual declines to be registered and that if the 21 22 individual wishes to decline to be registered, the individual 23 may return a postage prepaid notice of declination; (ii) the 24 notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the National Voter 25 Registration Act of 1993; and (iii) an opportunity to provide a signature pursuant to subsection (e) and to select a 26

## 1 <u>language for election materials if applicable to the</u> 2 jurisdiction, by prepaid postage.

3 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently 4 5 registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains a change in the applicant's registered residence address or 6 name, the notice shall contain: (i) a notice that the 7 8 individual's voter registration will be updated unless the 9 individual declines the update and that if the individual 10 wishes to decline or correct the update, the individual may 11 return a postage prepaid notice declining or correcting the 12 update; (ii) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and (iii) an 13 14 opportunity to provide a signature pursuant to subsection (e), 15 and to select a language for election materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid postage. 16

17 (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the 18 19 notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered, the applicant's voter registration record shall be canceled in 20 the statewide voter registration database and if such 21 22 declination form is received back to the election authority 23 within 21 days after mailing the notice, the applicant shall 24 be deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If a 25 person sent the notice required under subsection (q) does not 26 return the postage prepaid notice declining to be registered

or to have the person's registration updated within 21 days after the mailing of such a notice, then the person shall be registered to vote under the name and address contained in the dual-purpose application.

5 (h) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that 6 any applicant whose voter registration application is not 7 accepted or deemed incomplete is promptly sent written notice 8 of the application's status. The notice required by this 9 subsection may be sent or combined with other notices required 10 or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any 11 notices sent pursuant to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any 12 notice required by this subsection (h) shall contain, at a minimum, the reason the application was not accepted or deemed 13 14 incomplete and contact information for the appropriate 15 election authority, including a phone number, address, 16 electronic mail address, and website address.

(i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter registration application, for a person who does not qualify as an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed voter registration form, and the person shall not be considered to have registered to vote.

(j) If the registration is processed by any election authority, then it shall be presumed to have been effected and officially authorized by the State, and that person shall not

be found on that basis to have made a false claim to 1 2 citizenship or to have committed an act of moral turpitude, 3 nor shall that person be subject to penalty under any relevant laws, including, but not limited to, Sections 29-10 and 29-19 4 5 of this Code. This subsection (j) does not apply to a person who knows that he or she is not entitled to register to vote 6 and who willfully votes, registers to vote, or attests under 7 8 penalty of perjury that he or she is eligible to register to 9 vote or willfully attempts to vote or to register to vote.

10 (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the 11 Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter 12 registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is 13 14 acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including 15 policies for the retention and preservation of voter 16 information. Information designated as confidential under this 17 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary 18 19 State, and designated automatic voter registration of 20 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the 21 22 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and 23 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The following information shall be designated as confidential: 24

25 (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security 26 number;

(2) any portion of an applicant's driver's license
 number or State identification number;

3 (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter 4 registration;

5 (4) the identity of the person providing information 6 relating to a specific applicant; and

7 (5) the personal residence and contact information of
8 any applicant for whom notice has been given by an
9 appropriate legal authority; and -

10 <u>(6) the personal residence and contact information</u> 11 <u>relating to an applicant who returns a notice under</u> 12 <u>subsection (g) declining to register to vote that was</u> 13 <u>received by the election authority within 21 days after</u> 14 <u>mailing such a notice or for whom such a 21-day period has</u> 15 <u>not passed.</u>

16 This subsection (k) shall not apply to information the 17 State Board of Elections is required to share with the 18 Electronic Registration Information Center.

(1) The voter registration procedures implemented under this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically require that the State Board of Elections track registration data received through the online registration system that originated from a designated automatic voter registration agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

26 Nothing in this Code shall require designated voter

1 registration agencies to transmit information that is 2 confidential client information under State or federal law 3 without the consent of the applicant.

(m) The State Board of Elections, each election authority 4 5 that maintains a website, the Office of the Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter registration agency 6 7 that maintains a website shall provide information on their 8 websites informing the public about the new registration 9 procedures described in this Section. The Office of the 10 Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter 11 registration agency shall display signage or provide 12 literature for the public containing information about the new 13 registration procedures described in this Section.

(n) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, the State Board of Elections shall hold at least one public hearing on implementing this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly at which the public may provide input.

(o) The State Board of Elections shall submit an annual 19 20 public report to the General Assembly and the Governor detailing the progress made to implement this Section. The 21 22 report shall include all of the following: the number of 23 records transferred under this Section by agency, the number of voters newly added to the statewide voter registration list 24 25 because of records transferred under this Section by agency, 26 the number of updated registrations under this Section by

agency, the number of persons who opted out of voter 1 2 registration, and the number of voters who submitted voter registration forms using the online procedure described in 3 Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The 2018 and 2019 annual reports 4 5 may include less detail if election authorities are not equipped to provide complete information to the State Board of 6 7 Elections. Any report produced under this subsection (o) shall 8 exclude any information that identifies any individual 9 personally.

10 (p) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with 11 election authorities, the Office of the Secretary of State, 12 designated automatic voter registration agencies, and 13 community organizations, shall adopt rules as necessary to 14 implement the provisions of this Section.

15 (q) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory
16 Act of the 103rd General Assembly that require implementation
17 shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2025.
18 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

20 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based 21 upon information from the National Change of Address database 22 and designated automatic voter registration agencies.

(a) The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the
 statewide voter registration database against the United
 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database

twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 1 in 2 April 15 and odd-numbered years and December 1 in 3 even-numbered years or with the same frequency in as subsection (b) of this Section, and shall share the findings 4 5 with the election authorities.

(b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1, 6 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided 7 8 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration 9 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide 10 voter registration database against databases of relevant 11 personal information kept by designated automatic voter 12 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's 13 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with 14 15 election authorities.

16 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections 17 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as State Board of Elections. Upon 18 determined by the а determination by the State Board of Elections of 19 f11]] 20 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code, the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full 21 22 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b) 23 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of 24 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative 25 Reference Bureau.

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(b-5) The State Board of Elections shall not be required

to share any data on any voter attained using the National 1 2 Change of Address database under subsection (a) of this 3 Section if that voter has a more recent government transaction indicated using the cross-reference under subsection (b) of 4 5 this Section. If there is contradictory or unclear data between data obtained under subsections (a) and (b) of this 6 7 Section, then data obtained under subsection (b) of this 8 Section shall take priority.

9 (c) An election authority shall automatically register any 10 voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from another 11 jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction 12 provided that:

(1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes the new registration address provides the voter an opportunity to reject the change in registration address through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new registration address, and

(2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction
includes the previous registration address is a different
election authority, then that election authority provides
the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by
forwardable mail, to the previous registration address.

This change in registration shall trigger the same inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if the voter completed a new registration card, including the cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the

registration of a voter be changed from one address to another 1 2 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting 3 that the prior registration address is the true current 4 5 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as having been registered at the prior registration address and 6 7 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall 8 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration 9 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable 10 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be 11 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that 12 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm 13 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements 14 15 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a 16 provisional ballot.

17 (c-5) An agency that does not collect or cross-reference reliable personal information indicating citizenship status 18 19 may enter into an agreement with the State Board of Elections 20 to transmit information that shall serve only to update an 21 applicant's existing voter registration record. Under such an 22 agreement, the agency shall transmit information on all 23 clients who may be registered to vote with a clear indication 24 that the information shall be used only for updates. The State Board of Elections shall determine which applicants are 25 26 already registered to vote and, for any voter whose

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information provided to the agency differs from that on the voter registration record, provide that information to the voter's local election authority who shall update a registered voter's records in accordance with the procedures in Section 1A-16.7. The State Board of Election and local election authority shall take no action under this subsection for any applicant not already registered to vote.

8 <u>This subsection shall be implemented no later than January</u>
9 <u>1, 2025.</u>

10 (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an 11 error relating to an update of registration under this 12 Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 2-105 as follows:

16 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

17 Sec. 2-105. Offices of Secretary of State.

(a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the
State capital and in such other places in the State as he may
deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties
vested in him.

(b) The Secretary of State may construct and equip one or more buildings in the State of Illinois outside of the County of Sangamon as he deems necessary to properly carry out the

powers and duties vested in him. The Secretary of State may, on 1 2 behalf of the State of Illinois, acquire public or private 3 property needed therefor by lease, purchase or eminent domain. The care, custody and control of such sites and buildings 4 5 constructed thereon shall be vested in the Secretary of State. Expenditures for the construction and equipping of any of such 6 7 buildings upon premises owned by another public entity shall not be subject to the provisions of any State law requiring 8 that the State be vested with absolute fee title to the 9 10 premises. The exercise of the authority vested in the 11 Secretary of State by this Section is subject to the 12 appropriation of the necessary funds.

13 (c) Pursuant to Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.7, and 1A-25 of 14 the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall make driver 15 services facilities available for use as places of accepting 16 applications for voter registration.

17 (d) (Blank).

(e) Each person applying at a driver services facility for 18 a driver's license or permit, a corrected driver's license or 19 Illinois Identification Card 20 permit, an **Illinois** identification card or a corrected Illinois Identification 21 22 Card Illinois identification card shall be notified, under the 23 procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code, that unless he or she affirmatively declines, 24 25 his or her personal information shall be transferred to the 26 State Board of Elections for the purpose of creating an

electronic voter registration application. Such notification
 may be made in writing or verbally issued by an employee or the
 Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the efficient execution of his duties and the duties of his employees under this Section.

7 (f) Any person applying at a driver services facility for issuance or renewal of a driver's 8 license or Illinois 9 Identification Card shall be provided, without charge, with a 10 brochure warning the person of the dangers of financial 11 identity theft. The Department of Financial and Professional 12 Regulation shall prepare these brochures and provide them to the Secretary of State for distribution. The brochures shall 13 14 (i) identify signs warning the reader that he or she might be an intended victim of the crime of financial identity theft, 15 16 (ii) instruct the reader in how to proceed if the reader 17 believes that he or she is the victim of the crime of identity theft, and (iii) provide the reader with names and telephone 18 numbers of law enforcement and other governmental agencies 19 20 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity theft. 21

(g) (Blank). The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly shall be implemented no later than July 1, 2018.

(h) The change made to this Section by this amendatory Act
 of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no later

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- 1 <u>than January 1, 2025.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)
- 3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 4 becoming law.