

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 adding Sections  
5 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50 new)

7 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority  
9 until January 1, 2005 may and on and after January 1, 2005  
10 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters  
11 during the period from the close of registration for a primary  
12 or election and until the 14th day before the primary or  
13 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified  
14 elector may register to vote in person in the office of the  
15 election authority or at a voter registration location  
16 specifically designated for this purpose by the election  
17 authority. A registered voter may submit a change of address  
18 form during this period as well. The election authority shall  
19 register that individual in the manner provided by law.

20 If a voter who registers during this grace period wishes to  
21 vote at the first election or primary occurring after the grace  
22 period, he or she must do so by absentee ballot, either in  
23 person or by mail at the discretion of the election authority.

24 (10 ILCS 5/5-50 new)

25 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
26 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority  
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11 (10 ILCS 5/6-100 new)

12 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
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29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.