

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 1A-25, 4-8, 5-7, and 6-35 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-25)

7 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
8 delayed effective date)

9 Sec. 1A-25. Centralized statewide voter registration list.  
10 The centralized statewide voter registration list required by  
11 Title III, Subtitle A, Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act  
12 of 2002 shall be created and maintained by the State Board of  
13 Elections as provided in this Section.

14 (1) The centralized statewide voter registration list  
15 shall be compiled from the voter registration data bases of  
16 each election authority in this State.

17 (2) All new voter registration forms and applications  
18 to register to vote shall be transmitted to the appropriate  
19 election authority. The election authority shall process  
20 and verify each voter registration form and electronically  
21 enter verified registrations on an expedited basis onto the  
22 statewide voter registration list. All original  
23 registration cards shall remain permanently in the office  
24 of the election authority as required by Sections 4-20,  
25 5-28, and 6-65.

26 (3) The centralized statewide voter registration list  
27 shall:

28 (i) Be designed to allow election authorities to  
29 utilize the registration data on the statewide voter  
30 registration list pertinent to voters registered in  
31 their election jurisdiction on locally maintained  
32 software programs that are unique to each

1 jurisdiction.

2 (ii) Allow each election authority to perform  
3 essential election management functions, including but  
4 not limited to production of voter lists, processing of  
5 absentee voters, production of individual, pre-printed  
6 applications to vote, administration of election  
7 judges, and polling place administration, but shall  
8 not prevent any election authority from using  
9 information from that election authority's own  
10 systems.

11 (4) The registration information maintained by each  
12 election authority shall at all times be synchronized with  
13 that authority's information on the statewide list on a  
14 constant, real-time basis.

15 To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
16 registration information, the disclosure of any portion of the  
17 centralized statewide voter registration list to any person or  
18 entity other than to a State or local political committee and  
19 other than to a governmental entity for a governmental purpose  
20 is specifically prohibited except as follows: subject to  
21 security measures adopted by the State Board of Elections  
22 which, at a minimum, shall include the keeping of a catalog or  
23 database, available for public view, including the name,  
24 address, and telephone number of the person viewing the list as  
25 well as the time of that viewing, any person may view the list  
26 on a computer screen at the Springfield office of the State  
27 Board of Elections, during normal business hours other than  
28 during the 27 days before an election, but the person viewing  
29 the list under this exception may not print, duplicate,  
30 transmit, or alter the list.

31 (Source: P.A. 93-1071, eff. 6-1-05.)

32 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

33 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
34 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which  
35 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall

1 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to  
2 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter  
3 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable  
4 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration  
5 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration  
6 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

7 The registration record card shall contain the following  
8 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
9 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
10 registration:

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

14 Sex.

15 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
16 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
17 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
18 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
19 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the  
20 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be  
21 determined by street and number, then the section,  
22 congressional township and range number may be used, or such  
23 other description as may be necessary, including post-office  
24 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the  
25 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing  
26 address shall be included on his or her registration record  
27 card.

28 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.  
29 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating  
30 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which  
31 he resided in such place or places during the year next  
32 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

33 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was  
34 born.

35 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
36 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of

1 naturalization.

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

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

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

7 The county and state in which the applicant was last  
8 registered.

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

14 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

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

21 Father's first name.

22 Mother's first name.

23 From what address did the applicant last register?

24 Reason for inability to sign name.

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

27 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

28 STATE OF ILLINOIS

29 COUNTY OF .....

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

36 .....

1 (His or her signature or mark)

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

3 .....

4 Signature of registration officer.

5 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

6 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
7 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
8 registered thereon.

9 Each registration record card shall be numbered according  
10 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for  
11 identification in such manner as the county clerk may  
12 determine.

13 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and  
14 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,  
15 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
16 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person  
17 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall  
18 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other  
19 records of the election authority during the period beginning  
20 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or  
21 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board  
22 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures  
23 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election  
24 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours  
25 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the  
26 records but the election authority is not required to extend  
27 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for  
28 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so  
29 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of  
30 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be  
31 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,  
32 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.  
33 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by  
34 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the  
35 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary

1 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or  
2 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers  
3 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration  
4 record cards.

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

1 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
2 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures  
3 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
4 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
5 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
6 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
7 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
8 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
9 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
10 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
11 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
12 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
13 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the  
14 county clerk to local political committees and governmental  
15 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable  
16 cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be  
17 the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration. The  
18 individual representing a political committee requesting  
19 copies of such tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the  
20 information shall be used only for bona fide political  
21 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or  
22 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic  
23 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political  
24 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial  
25 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain  
26 information on county residents related to the operations of  
27 county government in addition to registration information,  
28 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for  
29 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The  
30 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or  
31 computer discs or other electronic data processing information  
32 containing voter registration information for purposes of  
33 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be  
34 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of  
35 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of  
36 a Class 4 felony.



1           Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient  
2 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which  
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9 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

10           The registration record card shall contain the following  
11 and such other information as the county clerk may think it  
12 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for  
13 registration:

14           Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
15 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
16 for such middle name, if any.

17           Sex.

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

27           Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the  
28 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant  
29 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30  
30 days in the precinct.

31           Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was  
32 born.

33           Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or  
34 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of  
35 naturalization.

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

1 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

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

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

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

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

12 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

13 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix  
14 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered  
15 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed  
16 description of the applicant in the space provided at the  
17 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following  
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33 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence  
34 and that the above statements are true.

35 .....

36 (His or her signature or mark)

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

2           .....

3           Signature of Registration Officer.

4           (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

5           Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration  
6 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person  
7 registered thereon.

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9 to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the case  
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10 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For  
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16 the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be the cost  
17 of duplication plus 15% for administration. The individual  
18 representing a political committee requesting copies of such  
19 tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the information shall  
20 be used only for bona fide political purposes, including by or  
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25 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county residents  
26 related to the operations of county government in addition to  
27 registration information, that information shall not be used  
28 under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other  
29 business purposes. The prohibition in this Section against  
30 using the computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic  
31 data processing information containing voter registration  
32 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
33 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
34 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
35 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

36 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October

1 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure  
 2 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
 3 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
 4 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
 5 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
 6 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
 7 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
 8 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
 9 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
 10 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

11 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
 12 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
 13 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
 14 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
 15 following form:

16 To the County Clerk of .... County, Illinois. To the Election  
 17 Commission of the City of ....., Illinois.

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

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

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

23 .....  
 24 (Signature of Voter)

25 Attest ....., County Clerk, ..... County, Illinois.

26 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
 27 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election commission  
 28 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly  
 29 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority  
 30 for cancellation of any previous registration.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-465, eff. 1-1-02; 92-816, eff. 8-21-02;  
 32 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

33 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

34 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall  
 35 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration

1 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards  
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3 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data  
4 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards  
5 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The  
6 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of  
7 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in  
8 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the  
9 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other  
10 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or  
11 duplications.

12 The registration record card shall contain the following  
13 and such other information as the Board of Election  
14 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the  
15 identification of the applicant for registration:

16 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first  
17 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial  
18 for such middle name, if any.

19 Sex.

20 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or  
21 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit  
22 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot  
23 number, and such additional clear and definite description as  
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3 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time  
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6 registered.

7 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and  
8 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of  
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10 to the affidavit on both the original and the duplicate  
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12 Signature of deputy registrar.

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32 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my  
33 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the  
34 above statements are true.

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

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7 registered thereon.

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20 the election authority maintains the registration information.  
21 The costs of furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall  
22 be paid at a rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in  
23 the election jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or  
24 disc and shall be paid from appropriations made to the State  
25 Board of Elections for reimbursement to the election authority  
26 for such purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such  
27 tapes, discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to  
28 state political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois  
29 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and  
30 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable  
31 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter  
32 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter  
33 registration records to any person or entity other than to a  
34 State or local political committee and other than to a  
35 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically  
36 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures

1 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,  
2 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available  
3 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone  
4 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of  
5 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide  
6 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield  
7 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business  
8 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the  
9 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,  
10 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,  
11 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the Board  
12 of Election Commissioners to local political committees and  
13 governmental entities at their request and at a reasonable  
14 cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this  
15 purpose would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for  
16 administration. The individual representing a political  
17 committee requesting copies of such tapes shall make a sworn  
18 affidavit that the information shall be used only for bona fide  
19 political purposes, including by or for candidates for office  
20 or incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other  
21 electronic data shall not be used under any circumstances by  
22 any political committee or individuals for purposes of  
23 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. If such  
24 tapes contain information on county residents related to the  
25 operations of county government in addition to registration  
26 information, that information shall not be used under any  
27 circumstances for commercial solicitation or other business  
28 purposes. The prohibition in this Section against using the  
29 computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data  
30 processing information containing voter registration  
31 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other  
32 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective  
33 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this  
34 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

35 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October  
36 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure

1 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing  
 2 of voter registration information. The regulations shall  
 3 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform  
 4 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be  
 5 employed by the election authorities of this State in the  
 6 electronic data processing of voter registration information.  
 7 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing  
 8 of voter registration information shall comply with such  
 9 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

10 If the applicant for registration was last registered in  
 11 another county within this State, he shall also sign a  
 12 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former  
 13 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the  
 14 following form:

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

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

17 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)  
 18 (city) and that my residence was ....., Having moved out of your  
 19 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that  
 20 registration in your office.

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

22 .....

23 (Signature of Voter)

24 Attest ....., Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,  
 25 Illinois.

26 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately  
 27 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,  
 28 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant  
 29 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be  
 30 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-465, eff. 1-1-02; 92-816, eff. 8-21-02;  
 32 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

33 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
 34 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
 35 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section

1 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
2 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
3 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
4 Public Act.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.