

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 SB0352

Introduced 2/15/2005, by Sen. Susan Garrett

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-1

from Ch. 46, par. 19-1

Amends the Election Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning absentee voting.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section 19-1 as follows:
- 6 (10 ILCS 5/19-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-1)

7 Sec. 19-1. Any qualified elector of the State State of Illinois having duly registered where such registration is 8 required who expects to be absent from the county in which he 9 is a qualified elector or who because of being appointed a 10 judge of election in a precinct other than the precinct in 11 which he resides or who because of physical incapacity or the 12 tenets of his religion in the observance of a religious holiday 13 14 or who because of election duties for the office of an Election 15 Authority or the State Board of Elections or who because of election duties for a law enforcement agency, including but not 16 17 limited to the offices of the Attorney General, a State's Attorney, a United States Attorney, or a State, county, or 18 19 municipal police department, or who, because he is temporarily 20 abiding outside the precinct in which he is registered to vote 21 due to the fact he is a student attending an institution of 22 higher education or who is serving as a sequestered juror on a 23 State or federal jury, will be unable to be present at the polls on the day of holding any special, general or primary 24 25 election at which any presidential preference is indicated or 26 any candidates are chosen or elected, for any congressional, 27 State, district, county, town, city, village, precinct or 28 judicial offices or at which questions of public policy are submitted, may vote at such election as hereinafter in this 29 30 Article provided.

Each Election Authority, law enforcement agency, and the

State Board of Elections shall compile and keep current a list

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of his or its officers or employees who are eligible to vote under this Article by reason of election duties.

For purposes of this Article 19, a physically incapacitated voter marks his or her ballot "personally" when the voter exercises his or her physical abilities to their reasonable limit in marking the ballot, and marking personally may include instructing the person assisting the incapacitated voter when giving such instruction represents the reasonable limit of the physical abilities.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-873; 86-875; 86-1028.)