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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2650

AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2650 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Sections 17-11, 17-43, 18-5, 18-40, 19A-35, 24-1, 24A-16, 24B-16, and 24B-20 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/17-11) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-11)

Sec. 17-11. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the inclosed space, retire alone, or accompanied by children as provided in Section 17-8, to one of the voting booths so provided and shall prepare his ballot by making in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) opposite the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, or by writing in the name of the candidate of his choice in a blank space on said ticket, making a cross (X) opposite thereto; and in case of a question submitted to

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the vote of the people, by making in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) against the answer he desires to give. A cross (X) in the square in front of the bracket enclosing the names of a team of candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor counts as one vote for each of such candidates. Before leaving the voting booth the voter shall fold his ballot in such manner as to conceal the marks thereon. He shall then vote forthwith in the manner herein provided, except that the number corresponding to the number of the voter on the poll books shall not be indorsed on the back of his ballot. He shall mark and deliver his ballot without undue delay, and shall quit said inclosed space as soon as he has voted; except that immediately after voting, the voter shall be instructed whether the voting equipment, if used, accepted or rejected the ballot or identified the ballot as under-voted for a statewide constitutional office. A voter whose ballot is identified as under-voted may return to the voting booth and complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the ballot, request and vote another ballot. The voter's surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the election judge and handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing that voting equipment. The voting equipment shall indicate only to the voter if the voter under-voted for a statewide constitutional office. If the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the election authority may petition

the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement. All election authorities shall have voting systems compatible with the under-vote notification requirement by the 2014 general primary election.

No voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting booth already occupied by another, nor remain within said inclosed space more than ten minutes, nor to occupy a voting booth more than five minutes in case all of said voting booths are in use and other voters waiting to occupy the same. No voter not an election officer, shall, after having voted, be allowed to re-enter said inclosed space during said election. No person shall take or remove any ballot from the polling place before the close of the poll. No voter shall vote or offer to vote any ballot except such as he has received from the judges of election in charge of the ballots. Any voter who shall, by accident or mistake, spoil his ballot, may, on returning said spoiled ballot, receive another in place thereof only after the word "spoiled" has been written in ink diagonally across the entire face of the ballot returned by the voter.

Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are used, the provisions of this section may be modified as required or authorized by Article 24, 24A, 24B, or 24C, whichever is applicable, except that the requirements of this Section that (i) the voter must be notified of the voting equipment's acceptance or rejection of the voter's ballot or identification of an under-vote for a statewide constitutional

- office and (ii) the voter shall have the opportunity to correct
- 2 an under-vote or surrender the ballot that was not accepted and
- 3 vote another ballot shall not be modified.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 94-288, eff. 1-1-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)
- 5 (10 ILCS 5/17-43)

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- 6 Sec. 17-43. Voting.
- 7 If the election authority has adopted the use of 8 Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting equipment 9 pursuant to Article 24B of this Code, and the provisions of the 10 Article are in conflict with the provisions of this Article 17, the provisions of Article 24B shall govern the procedures 11 followed by the election authority, its judges of elections, 12 13 and all employees and agents. In following the provisions of 14 Article 24B, the election authority is authorized to develop 15 and implement procedures to fully utilize Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting equipment authorized by the 16 17 State Board of Elections as long as the procedure is not in conflict with either Article 24B or the administrative rules of 18 19 the State Board of Elections.
 - (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), when voting equipment governed by any Article of this Code is used, the requirements of Section 7-11 that (i) the voter must be notified of the voting equipment's acceptance or rejection of the ballot or identification of an under-vote for a statewide constitutional office and (ii) the voter shall have the opportunity to correct

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1 under-vote for a statewide constitutional office or surrender the ballot that was not accepted and vote another 2 3 ballot shall not be modified. The voting equipment shall 4 indicate only to the voter if the voter under-voted for a 5 statewide constitutional office. If the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification 6 requirement, the election authority may petition the State 7 Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote 8 9 notification requirement. All election authorities shall have 10 voting systems compatible with the under-vote notification 11 requirement by the 2014 general primary election.

13 (10 ILCS 5/18-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 18-5)

(Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

Sec. 18-5. Any person desiring to vote and whose name is found upon the register of voters by the person having charge thereof, shall then be questioned by one of the judges as to his nativity, his term of residence at present address, precinct, State and United States, his age, whether naturalized and if so the date of naturalization papers and court from which secured, and he shall be asked to state his residence when last previously registered and the date of the election for which he then registered. The judges of elections shall check each application for ballot against the list of voters registered in that precinct to whom grace period, absentee, and early ballots have been issued for that election, which shall

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be provided by the election authority and which list shall be available for inspection by pollwatchers. A voter applying to vote in the precinct on election day whose name appears on the list as having been issued a grace period, absentee, or early ballot shall not be permitted to vote in the precinct, except that a voter to whom an absentee ballot was issued may vote in the precinct if the voter submits to the election judges that absentee ballot for cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the absentee ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit to the election judges (i) a portion of the absentee ballot if the absentee ballot was torn or mutilated or an affidavit executed before the election specifying that (A) the voter never received an absentee ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned an absentee ballot and was informed that the election authority did not receive that absentee ballot. If such person so registered shall be challenged as disqualified, the party challenging shall assign his reasons therefor, and thereupon one of the judges shall administer to him an oath to answer questions, and if he shall take the oath he shall then be questioned by the judge or judges touching such cause of challenge, and touching any other cause of disqualification. And he may also be questioned by the person challenging him in regard to his qualifications and identity. But if a majority of the judges are of the opinion that he is the person so registered and a qualified voter, his vote shall then be received accordingly. But if his vote be

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rejected by such judges, such person may afterward produce and deliver an affidavit to such judges, subscribed and sworn to by him before one of the judges, in which it shall be stated how long he has resided in such precinct, and state; that he is a citizen of the United States, and is a duly qualified voter in such precinct, and that he is the identical person so registered. In addition to such an affidavit, the person so challenged shall provide to the judges of election proof of residence by producing 2 forms of identification showing the person's current residence address, provided that such identification may include a lease or contract for a residence and not more than one piece of mail addressed to the person at his current residence address and postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of the election, or the person shall procure a witness personally known to the judges of election, and resident in the precinct (or district), or who shall be proved by some legal voter of such precinct or district, known to the judges to be such, who shall take the oath following, viz:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of this election precinct (or district), and entitled to vote at this election, and that I have been a resident of this State for 30 days last past, and am well acquainted with the person whose vote is now offered; that he is an actual and bona fide resident of this election precinct (or district), and has resided herein 30 days, and as I verily believe, in this State,

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The oath in each case may be administered by one of the judges of election, or by any officer, resident in the precinct or district, authorized by law to administer oaths. Also supported by an affidavit by a registered voter residing in such precinct, stating his own residence, and that he knows such person; and that he does reside at the place mentioned and has resided in such precinct and state for the length of time as stated by such person, which shall be subscribed and sworn to in the same way. For purposes of this Section, the submission of a photo identification issued by a college or university, accompanied by either (i) a copy of the applicant's contract or lease for a residence or (ii) one piece of mail addressed to the person at his or her current residence address and postmarked not earlier than 30 days prior to the date of the election, shall be sufficient to establish proof of residence. Whereupon the vote of such person shall be received, and entered as other votes. But such judges, having charge of such registers, shall state in their respective books the facts in such case, and the affidavits, so delivered to the judges, shall be preserved and returned to the office of the commissioners of election. Blank affidavits of the character aforesaid shall be sent out to the judges of all the precincts, and the judges of election shall furnish the same on demand and administer the oaths without criticism. Such oaths, administered by any other officer than such judge of election,

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shall not be received. Whenever a proposal for a constitutional amendment or for the calling of a constitutional convention is to be voted upon at the election, the separate blue ballot or ballots pertaining thereto shall be placed on top of the other ballots to be voted at the election in such manner that the legend appearing on the back thereof, as prescribed in Section 16-6 of this Act, shall be plainly visible to the voter, and in this fashion the ballots shall be handed to the voter by the judge.

Immediately after voting, the voter shall be instructed whether the voting equipment, if used, accepted or rejected the ballot or identified the ballot as under-voted. A voter whose ballot is identified as under-voted for a statewide constitutional office may return to the voting booth and complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the another ballot. ballot, request and vote The surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the election judge and handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing that voting equipment. The voting equipment shall indicate only to the voter if the voter under-voted for a statewide constitutional office. If the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the election authority may petition the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement. All election authorities shall have voting systems compatible with

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1 the under-vote notification requirement by the 2014 general primary election. 2

The voter shall, upon quitting the voting booth, deliver to one of the judges of election all of the ballots, properly folded, which he received. The judge of election to whom the voter delivers his ballots shall not accept the same unless all of the ballots given to the voter are returned by him. If a voter delivers less than all of the ballots given to him, the judge to whom the same are offered shall advise him in a voice clearly audible to the other judges of election that the voter must return the remainder of the ballots. The statement of the judge to the voter shall clearly express the fact that the voter is not required to vote such remaining ballots but that whether or not he votes them he must fold and deliver them to the judge. In making such statement the judge of election shall not indicate by word, gesture or intonation of voice that the unreturned ballots shall be voted in any particular manner. No new voter shall be permitted to enter the voting booth of a voter who has failed to deliver the total number of ballots received by him until such voter has returned to the voting booth pursuant to the judge's request and again quit the booth with all of the ballots required to be returned by him. Upon receipt of all such ballots the judges of election shall enter the name of the voter, and his number, as above provided in this Section, and the judge to whom the ballots are delivered shall immediately put the ballots into the ballot box. If any

voter who has failed to deliver all the ballots received by him refuses to return to the voting booth after being advised by the judge of election as herein provided, the judge shall inform the other judges of such refusal, and thereupon the ballot or ballots returned to the judge shall be deposited in the ballot box, the voter shall be permitted to depart from the polling place, and a new voter shall be permitted to enter the voting booth.

The judge of election who receives the ballot or ballots from the voter shall announce the residence and name of such voter in a loud voice. The judge shall put the ballot or ballots received from the voter into the ballot box in the presence of the voter and the judges of election, and in plain view of the public. The judges having charge of such registers shall then, in a column prepared thereon, in the same line of, the name of the voter, mark "Voted" or the letter "V".

No judge of election shall accept from any voter less than the full number of ballots received by such voter without first advising the voter in the manner above provided of the necessity of returning all of the ballots, nor shall any such judge advise such voter in a manner contrary to that which is herein permitted, or in any other manner violate the provisions of this Section; provided, that the acceptance by a judge of election of less than the full number of ballots delivered to a voter who refuses to return to the voting booth after being properly advised by such judge shall not be a violation of this

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- 2 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (10 ILCS 5/18-40)
- 4 Sec. 18-40. Voting equipment.
- 5 (a) If the election authority has adopted the use of Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting equipment 6 pursuant to Article 24B of this Code, and the provisions of the 7 8 Article are in conflict with the provisions of this Article 18, 9 the provisions of Article 24B shall govern the procedures 10 followed by the election authority, its judges of elections, and all employees and agents. In following the provisions of 11 12 Article 24B, the election authority is authorized to develop and implement procedures to fully utilize Precinct Tabulation 13 14 Optical Scan Technology voting equipment authorized by the 15 State Board of Elections as long as the procedure is not in conflict with either Article 24B or the administrative rules of 16 17 the State Board of Elections.
 - (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), when voting equipment governed by any Article of this Code is used, the requirements of Section 18-5 that (i) the voter must be notified of the voting equipment's acceptance or rejection of the ballot or identification of an under-vote for a statewide constitutional office and (ii) the voter shall have the opportunity to correct under-vote for a statewide constitutional office or surrender the ballot that was not accepted and vote another

1 ballot shall not be modified. The voting equipment shall indicate only to the voter if the voter under-voted for a 2 statewide constitutional office. If the existing voting 3 4 equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification 5 requirement, the election authority may petition the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote 6 notification requirement. All election authorities shall have 7

voting systems compatible with the under-vote notification

- 9 requirement by the 2014 general primary election.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)
- (10 ILCS 5/19A-35) 11

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- 12 Sec. 19A-35. Procedure for voting.
- 13 (a) Not more than 23 days before the start of the election, 14 the county clerk shall make available to the election official 15 conducting early voting by personal appearance a sufficient number of early ballots, envelopes, and printed voting 16 instruction slips for the use of early voters. The election 17 official shall receipt for all ballots received and shall 18 19 return unused or spoiled ballots at the close of the early voting period to the county clerk and must strictly account for 20 all ballots received. The ballots delivered to the election 21 22 official must include early ballots for each precinct in the 23 election authority's jurisdiction and must include separate 24 ballots for each political subdivision conducting an election

of officers or a referendum at that election.

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(b) In conducting early voting under this Article, the election judge or official is required to verify the signature of the early voter by comparison with the signature on the official registration card, and the judge or official must verify (i) the identity of the applicant, (ii) that the applicant is a registered voter, (iii) the precinct in which the applicant is registered, and (iv) the proper ballots of the political subdivision in which the applicant resides and is entitled to vote before providing an early ballot to the applicant. The applicant's identity must be verified by the applicant's presentation of an Illinois driver's license, a issued by the non-driver identification card Secretary of State, a photo identification card issued by a university or college, or another government-issued identification document containing the applicant's photograph. The election judge or official must verify the applicant's registration from the most recent poll list provided by the election authority, and if the applicant is not listed on that poll list, by telephoning the office of the election authority.

(b-5) A person requesting an early voting ballot to whom an absentee ballot was issued may vote early if the person submits that absentee ballot to the judges of election or official conducting early voting for cancellation. If the voter is unable to submit the absentee ballot, it shall be sufficient for the voter to submit to the judges or official (i) a portion of the absentee ballot if the absentee ballot was torn or

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1 mutilated or (ii) an affidavit executed before the judges or 2 official specifying that (A) the voter never received an absentee ballot or (B) the voter completed and returned an 3 4 absentee ballot and was informed that the election authority

did not receive that absentee ballot.

(b-10) Within one day after a voter casts an early voting ballot, the election authority shall transmit the voter's name, street address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those names and that information in an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local political committees.

(b-15) Immediately after voting an early ballot, the voter shall be instructed whether the voting equipment accepted or rejected the ballot or identified that ballot as under-voted for a statewide constitutional office. A voter whose ballot is identified as under-voted may return to the voting booth and complete the voting of that ballot. A voter whose early voting ballot is not accepted by the voting equipment may, upon surrendering the ballot, request and vote another early voting ballot. The voting equipment shall indicate only to the voter if the voter under-voted for a statewide constitutional office. If the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the election authority may petition the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement. All election authorities

- 1 shall have voting systems compatible with the under-vote
- notification requirement by the 2014 general primary election. 2
- The voter's surrendered ballot shall be initialed by the 3
- 4 election judge or official conducting the early voting and
- 5 handled as provided in the appropriate Article governing the
- 6 voting equipment used.
- (c) The sealed early ballots in their carrier envelope 7
- 8 shall be delivered by the election authority to the central
- 9 ballot counting location before the close of the polls on the
- 10 day of the election.
- (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07; 96-317, eff. 1-1-10.) 11
- 12 (10 ILCS 5/24-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 24-1)
- 13 Sec. 24-1. The election authority in all jurisdictions when
- 14 voting machines are used shall, except as otherwise provided in
- 15 this Code, provide a voting machine or voting machines for any
- or all of the election precincts or election districts, as the 16
- case may be, for which the election authority is by law charged 17
- with the duty of conducting an election or elections. A voting 18
- 19 machine or machines sufficient in number to provide a machine
- for each 400 voters or fraction thereof shall be supplied for 20
- 21 use at all elections. However, no such voting machine shall be
- 22 used, purchased, or adopted, and no person or entity may have a
- written contract, including a contract contingent upon 23
- 24 certification of the voting machines, to sell, lease, or loan
- 25 voting machines to an election authority, until the board of

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voting machine commissioners hereinafter provided for, or a majority thereof, shall have made and filed a report certifying that they have examined such machine; that it affords each elector an opportunity to vote in absolute secrecy; that it enables each elector to vote a ticket selected in part from the nominees of one party, and in part from the nominees of any or all other parties, and in part from independent nominees printed in the columns of candidates for public office, and in part of persons not in nomination by any party or upon any independent ticket; that it enables each elector to vote a written or printed ballot of his own selection, for any person for any office for whom he may desire to vote; that it enables each elector to vote for all candidates for whom he is entitled to vote, and prevents him from voting for any candidate for any office more than once, unless he is lawfully entitled to cast more than one vote for one candidate, and in that event permits him to cast only as many votes for that candidate as he is by law entitled, and no more; that it prevents the elector from voting for more than one person for the same office, unless he is lawfully entitled to vote for more than one person therefor, and in that event permits him to vote for as many persons for that office as he is by law entitled, and no more; that it identifies when an elector has not voted for all statewide constitutional offices by indicating only to the voter which office the voter under-voted (if the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the

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group; that the machine is provided with a lock or locks by the use of which any movement of the voting or registering mechanism is absolutely prevented so that it cannot be tampered with or manipulated for any purpose; that the machine is susceptible of being closed during the progress of the voting so that no person can see or know the number of votes registered for any candidate; that each elector is permitted to vote for or against any question, proposition or amendment upon which he is entitled to vote, and is prevented from voting for or against any question, proposition or amendment upon which he is not entitled to vote; that the machine is capable of adjustment by the election authority, so as to permit the elector, at a party primary election, to vote only for the candidates seeking nomination by the political party in which primary he is entitled to vote: Provided, also that no such machine or machines shall be purchased, unless the party or parties making the sale shall quarantee in writing to keep the machine or machines in good working order for 5 years without additional cost and shall give a sufficient bond conditioned to that effect.

- (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.) 21
- 22 (10 ILCS 5/24A-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 24A-16)
- 23 Sec. 24A-16. The State Board of Elections shall approve all
- 24 voting systems provided by this Article.
- 25 No voting system shall be approved unless it fulfills the

1	following	requirements:
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- (1) It enables a voter to vote in absolute secrecy;
- 3 (2) (Blank);

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- (3) It enables a voter to vote a ticket selected in part from the nominees of one party, and in part from the nominees of any or all parties, and in part from independent candidates and in part of candidates whose names are written in by the voter;
- (4) It enables a voter to vote a written or printed ticket of his own selection for any person for any office for whom he may desire to vote;
- (5) It will reject all votes for an office or upon a proposition when the voter has cast more votes for such office or upon such proposition than he is entitled to cast;
- (5.5) It will identify when a voter has not voted for all statewide constitutional offices by indicating only to the voter which office the voter under-voted (if the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the election authority may petition the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement; all election authorities shall have voting systems compatible with the under-vote notification requirement by the 2014 general primary election);
 - (6) It will accommodate all propositions to be

1 submitted to the voters in the form provided by law or,

where no such form is provided, then in brief form, not to 2

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4 The State Board of Elections shall not approve any voting 5 equipment or system that includes an external Infrared Data Association (IrDA) communications port. 6

The State Board of Elections is authorized to withdraw its approval of a voting system if the system fails to fulfill the above requirements.

The vendor, person, or other private entity shall be solely responsible for the production and cost of: all application fees; all ballots; additional temporary workers; and other equipment or facilities needed and used in the testing of the vendor's, person's, or other private entity's respective equipment and software.

Any voting system vendor, person, or other private entity seeking the State Board of Elections' approval of a voting system shall, as part of the approval application, submit to the State Board a non-refundable fee. The State Board of Elections by rule shall establish an appropriate fee structure, taking into account the type of voting system approval that is requested (such as approval of a new system, a modification of an existing system, the size of the modification, etc.). No voting system or modification of a voting system shall be approved unless the fee is paid.

No vendor, person, or other entity may sell, lease, or

- 1 loan, or have a written contract, including a contract
- contingent upon State Board approval of the voting system or 2
- voting system component, to sell, lease, or loan, a voting 3
- 4 system or voting system component to any election jurisdiction
- 5 unless the voting system or voting system component is first
- approved by the State Board of Elections pursuant to this 6
- 7 Section.
- (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.) 8
- 9 (10 ILCS 5/24B-16)
- 10 Sec. 24B-16. Approval of Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan
- Technology Voting Systems; Requisites. 11 The State Board of
- Elections shall approve all Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan 12
- 13 Technology voting systems provided by this Article.
- 14 No Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting
- 15 system shall be approved unless it fulfills the following
- 16 requirements:
- 17 (a) It enables a voter to vote in absolute secrecy;
- 18 (b) (Blank);
- 19 (c) It enables a voter to vote a ticket selected in
- 20 part from the nominees of one party, and in part from the
- nominees of 21 any or all parties, and in part from
- independent candidates, and in part of candidates whose 22
- 23 names are written in by the voter;
- 24 (d) It enables a voter to vote a written or printed
- 25 ticket of his or her own selection for any person for any

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office for whom he or she may desire to vote;

- (e) It will reject all votes for an office or upon a proposition when the voter has cast more votes for the office or upon the proposition than he or she is entitled to cast;
- (e-5) It will identify when a voter has not voted for all statewide constitutional offices by indicating only to the voter which office the voter under-voted (if the existing voting equipment cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the election authority may petition the State Board of Elections for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement; all election authorities shall have voting systems compatible with the under-vote notification requirement by the 2014 general primary election); and
- (f) It will accommodate all propositions to submitted to the voters in the form provided by law or, where no form is provided, then in brief form, not to exceed 75 words.

The State Board of Elections shall not approve any voting equipment or system that includes an external Infrared Data Association (IrDA) communications port.

The State Board of Elections is authorized to withdraw its approval of a Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting system if the system fails to fulfill the above requirements.

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The vendor, person, or other private entity shall be solely responsible for the production and cost of: all application fees; all ballots; additional temporary workers; and other equipment or facilities needed and used in the testing of the vendor's, person's, or other private entity's respective equipment and software.

Any voting system vendor, person, or other private entity seeking the State Board of Elections' approval of a voting system shall, as part of the approval application, submit to the State Board a non-refundable fee. The State Board of Elections by rule shall establish an appropriate fee structure, taking into account the type of voting system approval that is requested (such as approval of a new system, a modification of an existing system, the size of the modification, etc.). No voting system or modification of a voting system shall be approved unless the fee is paid.

No vendor, person, or other entity may sell, lease, or loan, or have a written contract, including a contract contingent upon State Board approval of the voting system or voting system component, to sell, lease, or loan, a voting system or Precinct Tabulation Optical Scan Technology voting system component to any election jurisdiction unless the voting system or voting system component is first approved by the State Board of Elections pursuant to this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

- 1 (10 ILCS 5/24B-20)
- 2 Sec. 24B-20. Voting Defect Identification Capabilities.
- 3 An election authority is required to use the Voting Defect
- 4 Identification capabilities of the automatic tabulating
- 5 equipment when used in-precinct, including both the capability
- 6 of identifying an under-vote (by indicating only to the voter
- 7 which office the voter under-voted) and the capability of
- identifying an over-vote. If the existing voting equipment 8
- 9 cannot meet that under-vote notification requirement, the
- 10 election authority may petition the State Board of Elections
- 11 for an exemption from the under-vote notification requirement.
- All election authorities shall have voting systems compatible 12
- with the under-vote notification requirement by the 2014 13
- 14 general primary election.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)
- 16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 17 becoming law.".