

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 4-6.2, 5-16.2, and 6-50.2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

7 Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
8 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly  
9 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the  
10 registration of all qualified residents of the State.

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14 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

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23 ~~Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.~~

1           The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named  
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3 persons:

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7 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
8 at such library.

9           2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
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11 vocational school situated within the election  
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21           3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
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1 institution.

2 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
3 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
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6 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide  
7 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
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14 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
15 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
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17 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
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22 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
23 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
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25 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
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1 following the month of the general election, and shall be  
2 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
3 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

4 6. The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or a  
5 reasonable number of employees designated by the Director  
6 and located at public aid offices, who may accept the  
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9 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
10 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
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12 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
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14 8. The president of any corporation as defined by the  
15 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
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18 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
19 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
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21 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
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 5 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
 6 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
 7 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chairman  
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 10 list of applicants to the county clerk by November 30 of each  
 11 year. The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County  
 12 Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

13 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
 14 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
 15 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
 16 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
 17 oath or affirmation:

18 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
 19 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
 20 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
 21 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
 22 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
 23 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
 24 personal application before me.

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 26 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

1           This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
2 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
3 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
4 filed with the county clerk.

5           Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
6 except precinct committeemen, shall be for 2-year terms,  
7 commencing on December 1 following the general election of each  
8 even-numbered year; except that the terms of the initial  
9 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next  
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11 be for 2-year terms commencing on the date of the county  
12 convention following the general primary at which they were  
13 elected. The county clerk shall issue a certificate of  
14 appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in his  
15 office for public inspection a list of the names of all  
16 appointees.

17           (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all  
18 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at  
19 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county  
20 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
21 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
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25           (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
26 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall

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10 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
11 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
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13 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
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