

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 Section  
5 1A-17 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-17)

7 Sec. 1A-17. Voter registration outreach.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, the Department of Human  
9 Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, the  
10 Department of Public Aid, the Department of Employment  
11 Security, and each public institution of higher learning in  
12 Illinois must make available on its World Wide Web site a  
13 downloadable, printable voter registration form that complies  
14 with the requirements in subsection (d) of Section 1A-16 for  
15 the State Board of Elections' voter registration form.

16 (b) Each public institution of higher learning in Illinois  
17 must include voter registration information and a voter  
18 registration form supplied by the State Board of Elections  
19 under subsection (e) of Section 1A-16 in any mailing of student  
20 registration materials to an address located in Illinois. Each  
21 public institution of higher learning must provide voter  
22 registration information and a voter registration form  
23 supplied by the State Board of Elections under subsection (e)

1 of Section 1A-16 to each person with whom the institution  
2 conducts in-person student registration.

3 (c) As used in this Section, a public institution of higher  
4 learning means a public university, college, or community  
5 college in Illinois.

6 (d) In addition to any other requirements of this Section,  
7 each public institution of higher learning shall send an  
8 electronic message devoted exclusively to information on voter  
9 registration to each student enrolled in the institution at an  
10 e-mail address provided by the student. This electronic message  
11 shall include a link to the websites for the local election  
12 authority and the State Board of Elections, and a downloadable  
13 voter registration application. The electronic message shall  
14 contain information on grace period voter registration. This  
15 electronic message shall be sent between September 15 and  
16 September 25 of each even-numbered year during which a general  
17 election is held. Each public institution of higher learning  
18 shall submit a copy of their electronic message, along with the  
19 date that it was sent, to the Board of Higher Education.

20 (e) The Board of Higher Education shall maintain on its  
21 Internet website a page devoted to the ongoing compliance with  
22 subsection (d) of this Section. The page shall contain: (i) a  
23 list of all public institutions of higher learning; (ii) a link  
24 to the page on each institution's website that contains  
25 information on voter registration; (iii) suggested language  
26 for the electronic message that each institution must send; and

1 (iv) the date that each institution sent the required  
2 electronic message, as reported to the Board. The Board shall  
3 issue a notice to each public institution of higher learning of  
4 the requirements of subsection (d) of this Section in August of  
5 each even-numbered year during which a general election is  
6 held.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; incorporates P.A. 94-492,  
8 eff. 1-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

9 Section 20. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by  
10 adding Section 20 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 205/20 new)

12 Sec. 20. College voter registration; website. The Board  
13 shall include on its Internet website all information required  
14 pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 1A-17 of the Election  
15 Code.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
17 1, 2014.