

# HB3079



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3079

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-50  
10 ILCS 5/5-50  
10 ILCS 5/6-100

Amends the Election Code. Provides that grace period voting may be conducted until the day of the primary or election.

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A BILL FOR

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 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

7 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority  
9 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and  
10 for change of address during the period from the close of  
11 registration for a primary or election and until the day of 3rd  
12 ~~day before~~ the primary or election. During this grace period,  
13 an unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a  
14 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person  
15 in the office of the election authority or at a voter  
16 registration location specifically designated for this purpose  
17 by the election authority. The election authority shall  
18 register that individual, or change a registered voter's  
19 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this  
20 Article for registration and change of address.

21 If a voter who registers or changes address during this  
22 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary  
23 occurring on or after the last day of the grace period, he or

1 she must do so by grace period voting, either in person in the  
2 office of the election authority or at a location specifically  
3 designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace  
4 period voting may be conducted, ~~or~~ by mail, at the discretion  
5 of the election authority; however, ballots that are  
6 transmitted by mail must be postmarked no later than 3 days  
7 prior to the primary or election. Grace period voting shall be  
8 in a manner substantially similar to voting under Article 19.

9 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,  
10 but not later than the day of the primary or election, the  
11 election authority shall transmit the voter's name, street  
12 address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as  
13 the case may be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall  
14 maintain those names and that information in an electronic  
15 format on its website, arranged by county and accessible to  
16 State and local political committees. The name of each person  
17 issued a grace period ballot shall also be placed on the  
18 appropriate precinct list of persons to whom absentee and early  
19 ballots have been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9  
20 and 18-5.

21 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be  
22 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with  
23 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons  
24 who register or change address during the grace period must be  
25 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central  
26 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and

1 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots  
2 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for  
3 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which  
4 the ballots were opened.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

7 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority  
9 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and  
10 for change of address during the period from the close of  
11 registration for a primary or election and until the day of 3rd  
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15 in the office of the election authority or at a voter  
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19 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this  
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22 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary  
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2 the ballots were opened.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-441, eff. 1-1-10; 97-766, eff. 7-6-12.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

5 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other  
6 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority  
7 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and  
8 for change of address during the period from the close of  
9 registration for a primary or election and until the day of 3rd  
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18 Article for registration and change of address.

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20 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary  
21 occurring on or after the last day of the grace period, he or  
22 she must do so by grace period voting, either in person in the  
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