

SB2370



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2370

Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to establish and maintain a system for online voter registration, which will allow applicants to register to vote and to change their existing registration.

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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 Section
5 1A-16.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5 new)

7 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online registration.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and
9 maintain a system for online voter registration. Such system
10 shall also permit a registered elector to apply for changes to
11 such elector's existing registration. An applicant may
12 register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's
13 (1) registration information is verifiable in the manner
14 described in subsection (b) of this Section, and (2) signature
15 is in a database described in said subsection (b) and such
16 signature may be imported into such system for online voter
17 registration.

18 (b) A State agency, upon the request of the State Board of
19 Elections, shall provide any information, if available, to the
20 Board that the Board deems necessary to maintain the system for
21 online voter registration. The Board may cross reference the
22 information input into the system by applicants with data or
23 information contained in any State agency's database or a

1 database administered by the federal government, or any voter
2 registration database of another state, in order to verify the
3 information submitted by applicants. The Board shall not use
4 the information obtained from any such database except to
5 verify information submitted by the applicant, provided the
6 applicant's signature, if part of data contained in the State
7 agency's database, shall be included as part of the applicant's
8 information contained in the system for online voter
9 registration.

10 (c) The submission of an online application shall contain
11 all of the information that is required for a paper
12 application, except that a signature may be obtained from
13 another State agency's database pursuant to subsection (b) of
14 this Section.

15 (d) In order for an applicant's registration or change in
16 registration to be approved, the applicant shall mark the box
17 associated with the following statement included as part of the
18 online application:

19 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
20 following under penalty of perjury:

21 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information
22 is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in
23 the State of Illinois.

24 (2) All of the information I have provided on this form is
25 true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

26 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State or other Illinois

1 State agency to transmit to the State Board of Elections or my
2 local election authority my signature that is on file with such
3 agency and understand that such signature will be used by the
4 Board of Elections or my local election authority on this
5 online application for admission as an elector as if I had
6 signed this form personally."