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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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| 10 ILCS 5/1-3 | from Ch. 46, par. 1-3 |
| 10 ILCS 5/1-13 new | |
| 10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5 | |
| 10 ILCS 5/4-8 | from Ch. 46, par. 4-8 |
| 10 ILCS 5/4-20 | from Ch. 46, par. 4-20 |
| 10 ILCS 5/4-33 | |
| 10 ILCS 5/5-7 | from Ch. 46, par. 5-7 |
| 10 ILCS 5/5-28 | from Ch. 46, par. 5-28 |
| 10 ILCS 5/5-43 | |
| 10 ILCS 5/6-35 | from Ch. 46, par. 6-35 |
| 10 ILCS 5/6-65 | from Ch. 46, par. 6-65 |
| 10 ILCS 5/6-79 | |
| 10 ILCS 5/20-8 | from Ch. 46, par. 20-8 |

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the making and signing of any form may be by a signature in ink or in digitized form. Provides that all applications submitted on a website maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 16th day (instead of on the final day for voter registration) prior to an election. Provides that each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by the Code, and received by that election authority may be processed by the election authority beginning on the day it is received by the election authority (instead of the 15th day before election day) in the central ballot counting location of the election authority, but the results of the processing may not be counted until the day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as otherwise provided. Provides that voter registration master files may be kept in a computer-based file or paper format. Provides that the digital voter registration files shall be searchable and remain current with all registration activity conducted by the county clerk or election authority. Makes various changes concerning digital signatures. Effective immediately.

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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 1-3, 1A-16.5, 4-8, 4-20, 4-33, 5-7, 5-28, 5-43, 6-35,
6 6-65, 6-79, and 20-8 and by adding Section 1-13 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 1-3)

8 Sec. 1-3. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
9 requires:

10 1. "Election" includes the submission of all questions of
11 public policy, propositions, and all measures submitted to
12 popular vote, and includes primary elections when so indicated
13 by the context.

14 2. "Regular election" means the general, general primary,
15 consolidated and consolidated primary elections regularly
16 scheduled in Article 2A. The even numbered year municipal
17 primary established in Article 2A is a regular election only
18 with respect to those municipalities in which a primary is
19 required to be held on such date.

20 3. "Special election" means an election not regularly
21 recurring at fixed intervals, irrespective of whether it is
22 held at the same time and place and by the same election
23 officers as a regular election.

1 4. "General election" means the biennial election at which
2 members of the General Assembly are elected. "General primary
3 election", "consolidated election" and "consolidated primary
4 election" mean the respective elections or the election dates
5 designated and established in Article 2A of this Code.

6 5. "Municipal election" means an election or primary,
7 either regular or special, in cities, villages, and
8 incorporated towns; and "municipality" means any such city,
9 village or incorporated town.

10 6. "Political or governmental subdivision" means any unit
11 of local government, or school district in which elections are
12 or may be held. "Political or governmental subdivision" also
13 includes, for election purposes, Regional Boards of School
14 Trustees, and Township Boards of School Trustees.

15 7. The word "township" and the word "town" shall apply
16 interchangeably to the type of governmental organization
17 established in accordance with the provisions of the Township
18 Code. The term "incorporated town" shall mean a municipality
19 referred to as an incorporated town in the Illinois Municipal
20 Code, as now or hereafter amended.

21 8. "Election authority" means a county clerk or a Board of
22 Election Commissioners.

23 9. "Election Jurisdiction" means (a) an entire county, in
24 the case of a county in which no city board of election
25 commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of
26 a county board of election commissioners; (b) the territorial

1 jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and (c)
2 the territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city
3 board of election commissioners. In each instance election
4 jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election
5 authority maintains the permanent registration records of
6 qualified electors.

7 10. "Local election official" means the clerk or secretary
8 of a unit of local government or school district, as the case
9 may be, the treasurer of a township board of school trustees,
10 and the regional superintendent of schools with respect to the
11 various school officer elections and school referenda for which
12 the regional superintendent is assigned election duties by The
13 School Code, as now or hereafter amended.

14 11. "Judges of election", "primary judges" and similar
15 terms, as applied to cases where there are 2 sets of judges,
16 when used in connection with duties at an election during the
17 hours the polls are open, refer to the team of judges of
18 election on duty during such hours; and, when used with
19 reference to duties after the closing of the polls, refer to
20 the team of tally judges designated to count the vote after the
21 closing of the polls and the holdover judges designated
22 pursuant to Section 13-6.2 or 14-5.2. In such case, where,
23 after the closing of the polls, any act is required to be
24 performed by each of the judges of election, it shall be
25 performed by each of the tally judges and by each of the
26 holdover judges.

1 12. "Petition" of candidacy as used in Sections 7-10 and
2 7-10.1 shall consist of a statement of candidacy, candidate's
3 statement containing oath, and sheets containing signatures of
4 qualified primary electors bound together.

5 13. "Election district" and "precinct", when used with
6 reference to a 30-day residence requirement, means the smallest
7 constituent territory in which electors vote as a unit at the
8 same polling place in any election governed by this Act.

9 14. "District" means any area which votes as a unit for the
10 election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of
11 local government or school district, and includes, but is not
12 limited to, legislative, congressional and judicial districts,
13 judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and
14 sanitary district wards, school board districts, and
15 precincts.

16 15. "Question of public policy" or "public question" means
17 any question, proposition or measure submitted to the voters at
18 an election dealing with subject matter other than the
19 nomination or election of candidates and shall include, but is
20 not limited to, any bond or tax referendum, and questions
21 relating to the Constitution.

22 16. "Ordinance providing the form of government of a
23 municipality or county pursuant to Article VII of the
24 Constitution" includes ordinances, resolutions and petitions
25 adopted by referendum which provide for the form of government,
26 the officers or the manner of selection or terms of office of

1 officers of such municipality or county, pursuant to the
2 provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of Article VII of the
3 Constitution.

4 17. "List" as used in Sections 4-11, 4-22, 5-14, 5-29,
5 6-60, and 6-66 shall include a computer tape or computer disc
6 or other electronic data processing information containing
7 voter information.

8 18. "Accessible" means accessible to persons with
9 disabilities and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting
10 or registration, as determined by rule of the State Board of
11 Elections.

12 19. "Elderly" means 65 years of age or older.

13 20. "Person with a disability" means a person having a
14 temporary or permanent physical disability.

15 21. "Leading political party" means one of the two
16 political parties whose candidates for governor at the most
17 recent three gubernatorial elections received either the
18 highest or second highest average number of votes. The
19 political party whose candidates for governor received the
20 highest average number of votes shall be known as the first
21 leading political party and the political party whose
22 candidates for governor received the second highest average
23 number of votes shall be known as the second leading political
24 party.

25 22. "Business day" means any day in which the office of an
26 election authority, local election official or the State Board

1 of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of 7 hours.

2 23. "Homeless individual" means any person who has a
3 nontraditional residence, including, but not limited to, a
4 shelter, day shelter, park bench, street corner, or space under
5 a bridge.

6 24. "Signature" means a name signed in ink or in digitized
7 form.

8 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/1-13 new)

10 Sec. 1-13. Forms of signature. The making and signing of
11 any form, including an application to register, a certificate
12 authorizing cancellation of a registration or authorizing a
13 transfer of registration, an application to vote, a provisional
14 ballot, or affidavit, may be by a signature written in ink or
15 in digitized form.

16 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

17 Sec. 1A-16.5. Online voter registration.

18 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and
19 maintain a system for online voter registration that permits a
20 person to apply to register to vote or to update his or her
21 existing voter registration. In accordance with technical
22 specifications provided by the State Board of Elections, each
23 election authority shall maintain a voter registration system
24 capable of receiving and processing voter registration

1 application information, including electronic signatures, from
2 the online voter registration system established by the State
3 Board of Elections.

4 (b) The online voter registration system shall employ
5 security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
6 registration applications submitted electronically pursuant to
7 this Section.

8 (c) The Board may receive voter registration information
9 provided by applicants using the State Board of Elections'
10 website, may cross reference that information with data or
11 information contained in the Secretary of State's database in
12 order to match the information submitted by applicants, and may
13 receive from the Secretary of State the applicant's digitized
14 signature upon a successful match of that applicant's
15 information with that contained in the Secretary of State's
16 database.

17 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
18 who is qualified to register to vote and who has an authentic
19 Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued
20 by the Secretary of State may submit an application to register
21 to vote electronically on a website maintained by the State
22 Board of Elections.

23 (e) An online voter registration application shall contain
24 all of the information that is required for a paper application
25 as provided in Section 1A-16 of this Code, except that the
26 applicant shall be required to provide:

1 (1) the applicant's full Illinois driver's license or
2 State identification card number;

3 (2) the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
4 security number; and

5 (3) the date the Illinois driver's license or State
6 identification card was issued.

7 (f) For an applicant's registration or change in
8 registration to be accepted, the applicant shall mark the box
9 associated with the following statement included as part of the
10 online voter registration application:

11 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the
12 following:

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

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

18 (3) I authorize the Secretary of State to transmit to the
19 State Board of Elections my signature that is on file with the
20 Secretary of State and understand that such signature will be
21 used by my local election authority on this online voter
22 registration application for admission as an elector as if I
23 had signed this form personally."

24 (g) Immediately upon receiving a completed online voter
25 registration application, the online voter registration system
26 shall send, by electronic mail, a confirmation notice that the

1 application has been received. Within 48 hours of receiving
2 such an application, the online voter registration system shall
3 send by electronic mail, a notice informing the applicant of
4 whether the following information has been matched with the
5 Secretary of State database:

6 (1) that the applicant has an authentic Illinois
7 driver's license or State identification card issued by the
8 Secretary of State and that the driver's license or State
9 identification number provided by the applicant matches
10 the driver's license or State identification card number
11 for that person on file with the Secretary of State;

12 (2) that the date of issuance of the Illinois driver's
13 license or State identification card listed on the
14 application matches the date of issuance of that card for
15 that person on file with the Secretary of State;

16 (3) that the date of birth provided by the applicant
17 matches the date of birth for that person on file with the
18 Secretary of State; and

19 (4) that the last 4 digits of the applicant's social
20 security number matches the last 4 digits for that person
21 on file with the Secretary of State.

22 (h) If the information provided by the applicant matches
23 the information on the Secretary of State's databases for any
24 driver's license and State identification card holder and is
25 matched as provided in subsection (g) above, the online voter
26 registration system shall:

1 (1) retrieve from the Secretary of State's database
2 files an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from
3 his or her Illinois driver's license or State
4 identification card and such signature shall be deemed to
5 be the applicant's signature on his or her online voter
6 registration application;

7 (2) within 2 days of receiving the application, forward
8 to the county clerk or board of election commissioners
9 having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
10 registration: (i) the application, along with the
11 applicant's relevant data that can be directly loaded into
12 the jurisdiction's voter registration system and (ii) a
13 copy of the applicant's electronic signature and a
14 certification from the State Board of Elections that the
15 applicant's driver's license or State identification card
16 number, driver's license or State identification card date
17 of issuance, and date of birth and social security
18 information have been successfully matched.

19 (i) Upon receipt of the online voter registration
20 application, the county clerk or board of election
21 commissioners having jurisdiction over the applicant's voter
22 registration shall promptly search its voter registration
23 database to determine whether the applicant is already
24 registered to vote at the address on the application and
25 whether the new registration would create a duplicate
26 registration. If the applicant is already registered to vote at

1 the address on the application, the clerk or board, as the case
2 may be, shall send the applicant by first class mail, and
3 electronic mail if the applicant has provided an electronic
4 mail address on the original voter registration form for that
5 address, a disposition notice as otherwise required by law
6 informing the applicant that he or she is already registered to
7 vote at such address. If the applicant is not already
8 registered to vote at the address on the application and the
9 applicant is otherwise eligible to register to vote, the clerk
10 or board, as the case may be, shall:

11 (1) enter the name and address of the applicant on the
12 list of registered voters in the jurisdiction; and

13 (2) send by mail, and electronic mail if the applicant
14 has provided an electronic mail address on the voter
15 registration form, a disposition notice to the applicant as
16 otherwise provided by law setting forth the applicant's
17 name and address as it appears on the application and
18 stating that the person is registered to vote.

19 (j) An electronic signature of the person submitting a
20 duplicate registration application or a change of address form
21 that is retrieved and imported from the Secretary of State's
22 driver's license or State identification card database as
23 provided herein may, in the discretion of the clerk or board,
24 be substituted for and replace any existing signature for that
25 individual in the voter registration database of the county
26 clerk or board of election commissioners.

1 (k) Any new registration or change of address submitted
2 electronically as provided in this Section shall become
3 effective as of the date it is received by the county clerk or
4 board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over said
5 registration. Disposition notices prescribed in this Section
6 shall be sent within 5 business days of receipt of the online
7 application or change of address by the county clerk or board
8 of election commissioners.

9 (l) All provisions of this Code governing voter
10 registration and applicable thereto and not inconsistent with
11 this Section shall apply to online voter registration under
12 this Section. All applications submitted on a website
13 maintained by the State Board of Elections shall be deemed
14 timely filed if they are submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on
15 the 16th day ~~final day for voter registration~~ prior to an
16 election. After the registration period for an upcoming
17 election has ended and until the 2nd day following such
18 election, the web page containing the online voter registration
19 form on the State Board of Elections website shall inform users
20 of the procedure for grace period voting.

21 (m) The State Board of Elections shall maintain a list of
22 the name, street address, e-mail address, and likely precinct,
23 ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may be, of
24 people who apply to vote online through the voter registration
25 system and those names and that information shall be stored in
26 an electronic format on its website, arranged by county and

1 accessible to State and local political committees.

2 (n) The Illinois State Board of Elections shall develop or
3 cause to be developed an online voter registration system able
4 to be accessed by at least the top two most used mobile
5 electronic operating systems by January 1, 2016.

6 (o) (Blank).

7 (p) Each State department that maintains an Internet
8 website must include a hypertext link to the homepage website
9 maintained and operated pursuant to this Section 1A-16.5. For
10 the purposes of this Section, "State department" means the
11 departments of State Government listed in Section 5-15 of the
12 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (General Provisions and
13 Departments of State Government).

14 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;
15 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

17 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
18 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which
19 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
20 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
21 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
22 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable
23 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration
24 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration
25 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

1 The registration record card shall contain the following
2 and such other information as the county clerk may think it
3 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
4 registration:

5 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
6 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
7 for such middle name, if any.

8 Sex.

9 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
10 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
11 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
12 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
13 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
14 dwelling of the applicant. Where the location cannot be
15 determined by street and number, then the section,
16 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
17 other description as may be necessary, including post-office
18 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the
19 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing
20 address shall be included on his or her registration record
21 card.

22 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.
23 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating
24 the place or places where he resided and the dates during which
25 he resided in such place or places during the year next
26 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

1 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
2 born.

3 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
4 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
5 naturalization.

6 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
7 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

8 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

9 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
10 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

11 The county and state in which the applicant was last
12 registered.

13 Electronic mail address, if any.

14 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration
15 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
16 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
17 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and
18 duplicate registration record cards.

19 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

20 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
21 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered
22 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed
23 description of the applicant in the space provided on the back
24 or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the
25 following questions and record the answers thereto:

26 Father's first name.

1 Mother's first name.

2 From what address did the applicant last register?

3 Reason for inability to sign name.

4 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
5 substantially the following form:

6 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

7 STATE OF ILLINOIS

8 COUNTY OF

9 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
10 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall
11 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
12 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that this
13 location shall be my residence; that I am fully qualified to
14 vote, and that the above statements are true.

15

16 (His or her signature or mark)

17 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

18

19 Signature of registration officer.

20 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

21 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
22 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
23 registered thereon.

24 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
25 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for

1 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
2 determine.

3 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
4 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
5 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
6 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
7 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
8 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
9 records of the election authority during the period beginning
10 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or
11 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
12 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
13 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
14 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
15 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
16 records but the election authority is not required to extend
17 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
18 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
19 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of
20 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
21 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,
22 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
23 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
24 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
25 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
26 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or

1 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
2 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
3 record cards.

4 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
5 electronic data processing information containing voter
6 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk
7 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and
8 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the
9 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For
10 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed
11 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.
12 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,
13 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone
14 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,
15 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,
16 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of
17 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to
18 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of
19 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the
20 circuit court of the county in which the election authority
21 maintains the registration information. The costs of
22 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a
23 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election
24 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall
25 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of
26 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such

1 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,
2 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state
3 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois
4 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
5 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable
6 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
7 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
8 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
9 State or local political committee and other than to a
10 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically
11 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
12 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
13 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
14 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
15 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
16 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
17 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
18 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
19 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the
20 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
21 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,
22 discs, or other electronic data shall be furnished by the
23 county clerk to local political committees and governmental
24 entities at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable
25 cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be
26 the cost of duplication plus 15% for administration. The

1 individual representing a political committee requesting
2 copies of such tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the
3 information shall be used only for bona fide political
4 purposes, including by or for candidates for office or
5 incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other electronic
6 data shall not be used under any circumstances by any political
7 committee or individuals for purposes of commercial
8 solicitation or other business purposes. If such tapes contain
9 information on county residents related to the operations of
10 county government in addition to registration information,
11 that information shall not be used under any circumstances for
12 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. The
13 prohibition in this Section against using the computer tapes or
14 computer discs or other electronic data processing information
15 containing voter registration information for purposes of
16 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be
17 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act of
18 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be guilty of
19 a Class 4 felony.

20 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
21 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
22 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
23 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
24 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
25 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
26 employed by the election authorities of this State in the

1 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
 2 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
 3 of voter registration information shall comply with such
 4 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

5 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
 6 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
 7 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
 8 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
 9 following form:

10 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)

11 To the Election Commission of the City of, Illinois.

12 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
 13 (city) and that my residence was

14 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize
 15 you to cancel said registration in your office.

16 Dated at, Illinois, on (insert date).

17
 18 (Signature of Voter)

19 Attest:, County Clerk,
 20 County, Illinois.

21 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
 22 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election commission
 23 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly
 24 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority
 25 for cancellation of any previous registration.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/4-20) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-20)

2 Sec. 4-20. The original registration cards shall remain
3 permanently in the office of the county clerk or election
4 authority except as destroyed as provided in Section 4-5.01;
5 shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts; and
6 shall be known as the master file. The master file may be kept
7 in a computer-based voter registration file or paper format,
8 provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site. The
9 digital file shall be searchable and remain current with all
10 registration activity conducted by the County Clerk or election
11 authority. The duplicate registration cards shall constitute
12 the official registry of voters for all elections subject to
13 the provisions of this Article 4, shall be filed by precincts
14 alphabetically or geographically so as to correspond with the
15 arrangement of the list for such precincts respectively,
16 compiled pursuant to Section 4-11 of this Article, and shall be
17 known as the precinct file. The duplicate cards for use in
18 conducting elections shall be delivered to the judges of
19 election by the county clerk in a suitable binder or other
20 device, which shall be locked and sealed in accordance with the
21 directions to be given by the county clerk and shall also be
22 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.
23 The duplicate cards shall be delivered to the judges of
24 election for use at the polls for elections at the same time as
25 the official ballots are delivered to them, and shall be

1 returned to the county clerk by the judges of election within
2 the time provided for the return of the official ballots. The
3 county clerk shall determine the manner of delivery and return
4 of such duplicate cards, and shall at all other times retain
5 them at his office except for such use of them as may be made
6 under this Article with respect to registration not at the
7 office of the county clerk.

8 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/4-33)

10 Sec. 4-33. Computerization of voter records.

11 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
12 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
13 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
14 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
15 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
16 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
17 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
18 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
19 required under Sections 4-8 and 4-21; provided that the cards
20 shall also contain: (i) A space for a person to fill in his or
21 her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
22 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
23 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social
24 security number if the person has a social security number.

25 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a

1 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
2 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the
3 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
4 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
5 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
6 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
7 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
8 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
9 original registration cards will include the signature
10 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
11 file shall be the master file.

12 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a
13 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
14 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
15 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
16 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
17 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
18 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
19 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

20 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
21 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
22 standards:

23 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
24 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
25 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
26 voter registration file, other than an access solely for

1 inquiry, shall be recorded.

2 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
3 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
4 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
5 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
6 offices of the election authority.

7 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
8 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
9 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
10 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
11 reproduced.

12 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
13 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
14 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
15 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
16 the registered voter.

17 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
18 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
19 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
20 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
21 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
22 second calendar year following the election in which it was
23 used.

24 (d) Before the first election in which the election
25 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
26 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters

1 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
2 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
3 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
4 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
5 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
6 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
7 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
8 signatures of the registered voters.

9 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
10 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,
11 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
12 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall
13 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

14 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
15 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
16 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
17 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
18 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
19 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
20 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
21 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
22 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
23 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
24 voter registration record.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

2 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
3 number of blank forms for the registration of electors which
4 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
5 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
6 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
7 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of suitable
8 nature to contain the data required thereon. The registration
9 record cards, which shall include an affidavit of registration
10 as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in duplicate.

11 The registration record card shall contain the following
12 and such other information as the county clerk may think it
13 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
14 registration:

15 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
16 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
17 for such middle name, if any.

18 Sex.

19 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
20 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
21 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
22 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
23 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
24 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing
25 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's
26 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be

1 included on his or her registration record card.

2 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
3 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant
4 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of 30
5 days in the precinct.

6 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant was
7 born.

8 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
9 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
10 naturalization.

11 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
12 and year when applicant presented himself for registration.

13 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

14 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
15 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

16 The county and state in which the applicant was last
17 registered.

18 Electronic mail address, if any.

19 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the registration
20 and in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
21 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
22 or digitized form to the affidavit on the original and
23 duplicate registration record card.

24 Signature of Deputy Registrar.

25 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
26 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer empowered

1 to give the registration oath shall write a detailed
2 description of the applicant in the space provided at the
3 bottom of the card or sheet; and shall ask the following
4 questions and record the answers thereto:

5 Father's first name

6 Mother's first name

7 From what address did you last register?

8 Reason for inability to sign name.

9 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
10 substantially the following form:

11 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

12 State of Illinois)

13)ss

14 County of)

15 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
16 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall
17 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
18 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified
19 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my residence
20 and that the above statements are true.

21

(His or her signature or mark)

23 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

24

25 Signature of Registration Officer.

26 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

1 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
2 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
3 registered thereon.

4 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
5 to towns and precincts, wards, cities and villages, as the case
6 may be, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
7 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
8 determine.

9 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
10 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
11 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
12 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
13 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
14 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
15 records of the election authority during the period beginning
16 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or
17 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
18 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
19 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
20 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
21 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
22 records but the election authority is not required to extend
23 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
24 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
25 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of

1 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
2 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,
3 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
4 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
5 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
6 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
7 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or
8 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
9 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
10 record cards.

11 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
12 electronic data processing information containing voter
13 registration information shall be furnished by the county clerk
14 within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year and
15 within 10 days after each registration period is closed to the
16 State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the Board. For
17 the purposes of this Section, a registration period is closed
18 27 days before the date of any regular or special election.
19 Registration information shall include, but not be limited to,
20 the following information: name, sex, residence, telephone
21 number, if any, age, party affiliation, if applicable,
22 precinct, ward, township, county, and representative,
23 legislative and congressional districts. In the event of
24 noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is directed to
25 obtain compliance forthwith with this nondiscretionary duty of
26 the election authority by instituting legal proceedings in the

1 circuit court of the county in which the election authority
2 maintains the registration information. The costs of
3 furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a
4 rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in the election
5 jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall
6 be paid from appropriations made to the State Board of
7 Elections for reimbursement to the election authority for such
8 purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such tapes,
9 discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to state
10 political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois
11 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
12 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable
13 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
14 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
15 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
16 State or local political committee and other than to a
17 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically
18 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
19 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
20 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
21 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
22 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
23 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
24 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
25 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
26 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the

1 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
2 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,
3 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county
4 clerk to local political committees and governmental entities
5 at their request and at a reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of
6 the tapes, discs, et cetera for this purpose would be the cost
7 of duplication plus 15% for administration. The individual
8 representing a political committee requesting copies of such
9 tapes shall make a sworn affidavit that the information shall
10 be used only for bona fide political purposes, including by or
11 for candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such
12 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under
13 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals for
14 purposes of commercial solicitation or other business
15 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county residents
16 related to the operations of county government in addition to
17 registration information, that information shall not be used
18 under any circumstances for commercial solicitation or other
19 business purposes. The prohibition in this Section against
20 using the computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic
21 data processing information containing voter registration
22 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other
23 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective
24 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this
25 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

26 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October

1 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
 2 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
 3 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
 4 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
 5 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
 6 employed by the election authorities of this State in the
 7 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
 8 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
 9 of voter registration information shall comply with such
 10 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

11 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
 12 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
 13 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
 14 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
 15 following form:

16 To the County Clerk of County, Illinois. To the Election
 17 Commission of the City of, Illinois.

18 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
 19 (city) and that my residence was

20 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby
 21 authorize you to cancel said registration in your office.

22 Dated at Illinois, on (insert date).

23
 24 (Signature of Voter)

25 Attest, County Clerk, County, Illinois.

26 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately

1 by the county clerk to the county clerk (or election commission
2 as the case may be) where the applicant was formerly
3 registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be full authority
4 for cancellation of any previous registration.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-28) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-28)

7 Sec. 5-28. The original registration record cards shall
8 remain permanently in the office of the county clerk or
9 election authority except as destroyed as provided in Section
10 5-6; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts;
11 and shall be known as the master file. The master file may be
12 kept in a computer-based voter registration file or paper
13 format, provided a secondary digital back-up is kept off site.
14 The digital file shall be searchable and remain current with
15 all registration activity conducted by the County Clerk or
16 election authority. The duplicate registration record cards
17 shall constitute the official registry of voters for all
18 elections and shall be filed by precincts and townships. The
19 duplicate cards for use in conducting elections shall be
20 delivered to the judges of election by the county clerk in a
21 suitable binder or other device, which shall be locked and
22 sealed in accordance with the directions to be given by the
23 county clerk and shall also be suitably indexed for convenient
24 use by the precinct officers. The precinct files shall be
25 delivered to the judges of election for use at the polls for

1 elections at the same time as the official ballots are
2 delivered to them, and shall be returned to the county clerk by
3 the judges of election within the time provided for the return
4 of the official ballots. The county clerk shall determine the
5 manner of return and delivery of such file.

6 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

8 Sec. 5-43. Computerization of voter records.

9 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
10 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
11 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
12 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
13 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
14 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
15 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
16 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
17 required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided that the cards
18 shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in his
19 or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
20 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
21 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social
22 security number if the person has a social security number.

23 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
24 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
25 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the

1 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
2 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
3 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
4 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
5 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
6 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
7 original registration cards will include the signature
8 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
9 file shall be the master file.

10 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a
11 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
12 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
13 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
14 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
15 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
16 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
17 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

18 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
19 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
20 standards:

21 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
22 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
23 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
24 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
25 inquiry, shall be recorded.

26 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any

1 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
2 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
3 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
4 offices of the election authority.

5 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
6 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
7 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
8 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
9 reproduced.

10 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
11 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
12 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
13 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
14 the registered voter.

15 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
16 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
17 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
18 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
19 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
20 second calendar year following the election in which it was
21 used.

22 (d) Before the first election in which the election
23 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
24 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
25 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
26 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections

1 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
2 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
3 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
4 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
5 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
6 signatures of the registered voters.

7 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
8 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,
9 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
10 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall
11 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

12 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
13 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
14 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
15 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
16 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
17 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
18 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
19 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
20 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
21 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
22 voter registration record.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/6-35) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-35)

25 Sec. 6-35. The Boards of Election Commissioners shall

1 provide a sufficient number of blank forms for the registration
2 of electors which shall be known as registration record cards
3 and which shall consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of
4 suitable size to contain in plain writing and figures the data
5 hereinafter required thereon or shall consist of computer cards
6 of suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The
7 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit of
8 registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in
9 duplicate. The duplicate of which may be a carbon copy of the
10 original or a copy of the original made by the use of other
11 method or material used for making simultaneous true copies or
12 duplications.

13 The registration record card shall contain the following
14 and such other information as the Board of Election
15 Commissioners may think it proper to require for the
16 identification of the applicant for registration:

17 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and first
18 or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the initial
19 for such middle name, if any.

20 Sex.

21 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
22 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
23 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the lot
24 number, and such additional clear and definite description as
25 may be necessary to determine the exact location of the
26 dwelling of the applicant, including post-office mailing

1 address. In the case of a homeless individual, the individual's
2 voting residence that is his or her mailing address shall be
3 included on his or her registration record card.

4 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
5 precinct.

6 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant was
7 born.

8 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
9 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
10 naturalization.

11 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day, month
12 and year when the applicant presented himself for registration.

13 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

14 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
15 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

16 The county and state in which the applicant was last
17 registered.

18 Electronic mail address, if any.

19 Signature of voter. The applicant, after registration and
20 in the presence of a deputy registrar or other officer of
21 registration shall be required to sign his or her name in ink
22 or digitized form to the affidavit on both the original and the
23 duplicate registration record card.

24 Signature of deputy registrar.

25 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may affix
26 his mark to the affidavit. In such case the registration

1 officer shall write a detailed description of the applicant in
2 the space provided at the bottom of the card or sheet; and
3 shall ask the following questions and record the answers
4 thereto:

5 Father's first name

6 Mother's first name

7 From what address did you last register?

8 Reason for inability to sign name

9 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit in
10 substantially the following form:

11 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

12 State of Illinois)

13)ss

14 County of)

15 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
16 United States, that on the day of the next election I shall
17 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
18 precinct 30 days and that I intend that this location is my
19 residence; that I am fully qualified to vote, and that the
20 above statements are true.

21

(His or her signature or mark)

23 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

24

25 Signature of registration officer

26 (to be signed in presence of registrant).

1 Space shall be provided upon the face of each registration
2 record card for the notation of the voting record of the person
3 registered thereon.

4 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
5 to wards or precincts, as the case may be, and may be serially
6 or otherwise marked for identification in such manner as the
7 Board of Election Commissioners may determine.

8 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
9 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
10 except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
11 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person
12 intending to object to a petition, the election authority shall
13 extend its hours for inspection of registration cards and other
14 records of the election authority during the period beginning
15 with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10, 8-8, 10-6 or
16 28-3 and continuing through the termination of electoral board
17 hearings on any objections to petitions containing signatures
18 of registered voters in the jurisdiction of the election
19 authority. The extension shall be for a period of hours
20 sufficient to allow adequate opportunity for examination of the
21 records but the election authority is not required to extend
22 its hours beyond the period beginning at its normal opening for
23 business and ending at midnight. If the business hours are so
24 extended, the election authority shall post a public notice of
25 such extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
26 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the cards,

1 during the 27 days immediately preceding any election.
2 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
3 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
4 polling place on election day, but only to the extent necessary
5 to determine the question of the right of a person to vote or
6 to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall poll watchers
7 or challengers be allowed to physically handle the registration
8 record cards.

9 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other
10 electronic data processing information containing voter
11 registration information shall be furnished by the Board of
12 Election Commissioners within 10 days after December 15 and May
13 15 each year and within 10 days after each registration period
14 is closed to the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed
15 by the State Board. For the purposes of this Section, a
16 registration period is closed 27 days before the date of any
17 regular or special election. Registration information shall
18 include, but not be limited to, the following information:
19 name, sex, residence, telephone number, if any, age, party
20 affiliation, if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county,
21 and representative, legislative and congressional districts.
22 In the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is
23 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this
24 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by instituting
25 legal proceedings in the circuit court of the county in which
26 the election authority maintains the registration information.

1 The costs of furnishing updated copies of tapes or discs shall
2 be paid at a rate of \$.00034 per name of registered voters in
3 the election jurisdiction, but not less than \$50 per tape or
4 disc and shall be paid from appropriations made to the State
5 Board of Elections for reimbursement to the election authority
6 for such purpose. The State Board shall furnish copies of such
7 tapes, discs, other electronic data or compilations thereof to
8 state political committees registered pursuant to the Illinois
9 Campaign Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act and
10 to governmental entities, at their request and at a reasonable
11 cost. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of voter
12 registration information, the disclosure of electronic voter
13 registration records to any person or entity other than to a
14 State or local political committee and other than to a
15 governmental entity for a governmental purpose is specifically
16 prohibited except as follows: subject to security measures
17 adopted by the State Board of Elections which, at a minimum,
18 shall include the keeping of a catalog or database, available
19 for public view, including the name, address, and telephone
20 number of the person viewing the list as well as the time of
21 that viewing, any person may view the centralized statewide
22 voter registration list on a computer screen at the Springfield
23 office of the State Board of Elections, during normal business
24 hours other than during the 27 days before an election, but the
25 person viewing the list under this exception may not print,
26 duplicate, transmit, or alter the list. Copies of the tapes,

1 discs or other electronic data shall be furnished by the Board
2 of Election Commissioners to local political committees and
3 governmental entities at their request and at a reasonable
4 cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et cetera for this
5 purpose would be the cost of duplication plus 15% for
6 administration. The individual representing a political
7 committee requesting copies of such tapes shall make a sworn
8 affidavit that the information shall be used only for bona fide
9 political purposes, including by or for candidates for office
10 or incumbent office holders. Such tapes, discs or other
11 electronic data shall not be used under any circumstances by
12 any political committee or individuals for purposes of
13 commercial solicitation or other business purposes. If such
14 tapes contain information on county residents related to the
15 operations of county government in addition to registration
16 information, that information shall not be used under any
17 circumstances for commercial solicitation or other business
18 purposes. The prohibition in this Section against using the
19 computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data
20 processing information containing voter registration
21 information for purposes of commercial solicitation or other
22 business purposes shall be prospective only from the effective
23 date of this amended Act of 1979. Any person who violates this
24 provision shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

25 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
26 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure

1 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
 2 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
 3 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for uniform
 4 medium, communications protocol and file structure to be
 5 employed by the election authorities of this State in the
 6 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
 7 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
 8 of voter registration information shall comply with such
 9 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

10 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
 11 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
 12 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
 13 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
 14 following form:

15 To the County Clerk of County, Illinois.

16 To the Election Commission of the City of, Illinois.

17 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
 18 (city) and that my residence was, Having moved out of your
 19 (county), (city), I hereby authorize you to cancel that
 20 registration in your office.

21 Dated at, Illinois, on (insert date).

22
 23 (Signature of Voter)

24 Attest, Clerk, Election Commission of the City of.....,
 25 Illinois.

26 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately

1 by the clerk of the Election Commission to the county clerk,
2 (or Election Commission as the case may be) where the applicant
3 was formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be
4 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.
5 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 10-1-13.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/6-65) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-65)
7 Sec. 6-65.

8 The duplicate registration record cards shall remain
9 permanently in the office of the Board of Election
10 Commissioners; shall be filed alphabetically without regard to
11 wards or precincts; and shall be known as the master file. The
12 master file may be kept in a computer-based voter registration
13 file or paper format, provided a secondary digital back-up is
14 kept off site. The digital file shall be searchable and remain
15 current with all registration activity conducted by the Board
16 of Election Commissioners. The original registration record
17 cards shall constitute the official precinct registry of
18 voters; shall be filed by wards and precincts; and shall be
19 known as the precinct file. The original cards shall be
20 delivered to the judges of election by the Board of Election
21 Commissioners in a suitable binder or other device, which shall
22 be locked and sealed in accordance with directions to be given
23 by the Board of Election Commissioners and shall also be
24 suitably indexed for convenient use by the precinct officers.
25 The precinct files shall be delivered to the precinct officers

1 for use at the polls, on the day of election and shall be
2 returned to the Board of Election Commissioners immediately
3 after the close of the polls. The board shall determine by
4 rules the manner of delivery and return to such file. At all
5 other times the precinct file shall be retained at the office
6 of the Board of Election Commissioners except for such use of
7 it as may be made under this Article with respect to
8 registration not at the office of the Board of Election
9 Commissioners.

10 (Source: P.A. 78-934.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

12 Sec. 6-79. Computerization of voter records.

13 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
14 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided in
15 this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
16 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
17 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board shall
18 prescribe the form and specifications, including but not
19 limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the cards.
20 The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the information
21 required under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35; provided that the
22 cards shall also contain: (i) A space for the person to fill in
23 his or her Illinois driver's license number if the person has a
24 driver's license; (ii) A space for a person without a driver's
25 license to fill in the last four digits of his or her social

1 security number if the person has a social security number.

2 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
3 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
4 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of the
5 signature of each voter. The computer-based voter registration
6 file may be used for all purposes for which the original
7 registration cards are to be used, ~~provided that a system for~~
8 ~~the storage of at least one copy of the original registration~~
9 ~~cards remains in effect.~~ In the case of voter registration
10 forms received via an online voter registration system, the
11 original registration cards will include the signature
12 received from the Secretary of State database. The electronic
13 file shall be the master file.

14 (b-2) The election authority may develop and implement a
15 system to maintain registration cards in digital form using
16 digitized signatures, which may be stored in a computer-based
17 voter registration file under subsection (b) of this Section.
18 The making and signing of any form, including an application to
19 register and a certificate authorizing cancellation of a
20 registration or authorizing a transfer of registration may be
21 by a signature written in ink or by a digitized signature.

22 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
23 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
24 standards:

25 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
26 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the

1 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
2 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
3 inquiry, shall be recorded.

4 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
5 computer-based voter registration file that includes any
6 computer-stored image of the signature of any registered
7 voter shall be made available to the public outside of the
8 offices of the election authority.

9 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of any
10 computer-based voter registration file that includes a
11 computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
12 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot be
13 reproduced.

14 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
15 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
16 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
17 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature of
18 the registered voter.

19 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based voter
20 registration file that includes computer-stored images of
21 the signatures of registered voters and is used in a
22 polling place during an election shall be preserved by the
23 election authority in secure storage until the end of the
24 second calendar year following the election in which it was
25 used.

26 (d) Before the first election in which the election

1 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
2 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
3 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
4 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
5 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
6 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
7 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
8 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy of
9 the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of the
10 signatures of the registered voters.

11 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all of
12 its voter signatures into a computer-based registration file,
13 all references in this Act or any other Act to the use, other
14 than storage, of paper-based voter registration records shall
15 be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

16 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election authority
17 from submitting to the State Board of Elections a duplicate
18 copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall determine,
19 or all of the data contained in each voter registration record
20 that is part of the electronic master file. The duplicate copy
21 of the registration record shall be maintained by the State
22 Board of Elections under the same terms and limitations
23 applicable to the election authority and shall be of equal
24 legal dignity with the original registration record maintained
25 by the election authority as proof of any fact contained in the
26 voter registration record.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

3 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

4 (a) (Blank.)

5 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
6 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
7 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
8 election authority beginning on the ~~15th day before election~~
9 day it is received by the election authority in the central
10 ballot counting location of the election authority, but the
11 results of the processing may not be counted until the day of
12 the election after 7:00 p.m., except as provided in subsections
13 (g) and (g-5).

14 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
15 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
16 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
17 close on election day and before the close of the period for
18 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
19 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
20 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
21 location of the election authority during the period for
22 counting provisional ballots.

23 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
24 election authority absent a postmark, but that is received by
25 the election authority after the polls close on election day

1 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
2 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
3 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
4 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
5 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
6 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
7 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
8 of the election authority during the period for counting
9 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
10 ballot shall not be counted.

11 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
12 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
13 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
14 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
15 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
16 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
17 counting location of the election authority during the same
18 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
19 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
20 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
21 and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls
22 on election day, but that are received by the election
23 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
24 closing of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
25 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority
26 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the

1 central ballot counting location of the election authority
2 during the same periods provided for counting vote by mail
3 voters' ballots under subsection (c).

4 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
5 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
6 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
7 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed
8 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of
9 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
10 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
11 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
12 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
13 election.

14 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
15 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
16 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
17 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
18 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
19 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
20 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

21 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
22 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
23 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
24 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
25 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
26 official shall compare the voter's signature on the

1 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
2 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
3 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
4 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
5 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
6 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
7 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
8 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
9 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
10 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
11 under this Article, then without opening the certification
12 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
13 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
14 cast or count the ballot.

15 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
16 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
17 judge or official:

18 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
19 and resealed;

20 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
21 period ballot;

22 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
23 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

24 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

25 If the election judge or official determines that any of
26 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across

1 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
2 shall not cast or count the ballot.

3 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
4 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
5 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
6 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
7 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
8 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
9 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
10 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
11 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
12 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
13 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
14 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
15 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
16 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
17 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
18 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
19 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
20 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
21 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
22 either administratively or judicially.

23 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
24 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
25 counting provisional ballots.

26 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to

1 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
2 the order in which the ballots were opened.

3 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
4 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
5 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.