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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-7   from Ch. 46, par. 11-7

Amends the Election Code. Provides that election authorities may cluster up to four contiguous precincts during general elections and general primary elections (previously only allowed during consolidated elections, consolidated primaries, special municipal primary elections, or emergency referenda).

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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   11-7 as follows:

6   (10 ILCS 5/11-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-7)

7   (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

8   Sec. 11-7. For the purpose of the conduct of any <u>general</u>

9   <u>election, general primary election,</u> consolidated election,

10   consolidated primary election, special municipal primary

11   election or emergency referendum, an election authority may

12   cluster up to four contiguous precincts as provided in this

13   Section, which shall constitute a clustered voting zone. The

14   common polling place for the clustered voting zone shall be

15   located   within   the   territory   comprising   the   clustered

16   precincts. Unless the election authority specifies a larger

17   number, only one election judge shall be appointed for each of

18   the precincts in each clustered voting zone.

19   The judges so appointed may not all be affiliated with the

20   same political party.

21   The conduct of an election in a clustered voting zone shall

22   be under the general supervision of all the judges of election

23   designated   to   serve   in   the   clustered   voting   zone.   The

1   designated judges may perform the duties of election judges for

2   the entire clustered voting zone. However, the requirements of

3   Section 17-14 shall apply to voter assistance, the requirements

4   of Section 24-10 shall apply to voter instruction, the

5   requirement of Section 24A-10 shall apply to examination of

6   absentee ballots, and any disputes as to entitlement to vote,

7   challenges, counting of ballots or other matters pertaining

8   directly to voting shall be decided by those designated judges

9   appointed for the precinct in which the affected voter resides

10   or the disputed vote is to be counted.

11   This Section does not apply to any elections   in

12   municipalities with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

13   (Source: P.A. 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

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17 municipalities with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

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

19   Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes

20 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text

21 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section

22 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does

23 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes

24 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other

25 Public Act.