

1 AN ACT in relation to voting equipment.

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 adding
5 Section 1A-16 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16 new)

7 Sec. 1A-16. Grants for voting equipment. Subject to
8 appropriation, the State Board of Elections must establish a
9 program to make grants to counties and boards of election
10 commissioners for the purpose of upgrading voting equipment
11 or machines. The State Board of Elections must, by rule,
12 establish criteria for the types of voting equipment or
13 machines that are eligible for moneys under the program.
14 Preference in awarding grants must be given to proposals that
15 the Board determines will (i) best foster the expeditious,
16 accurate, and reliable recording and tabulation of votes;
17 (ii) reduce the potential for fraud or human error in the
18 casting and counting of votes; and (iii) help ensure fair
19 election results.

20 A county or a board of election commissioners may apply
21 for grant funds under this Section on any forms and in any
22 format, and by any deadline, that the State Board of
23 Elections requires.

24 The State Board of Elections may accept federal moneys
25 for the purposes of this Section.

26 The State Board of Elections must report to the Governor
27 and the General Assembly on the program's effectiveness in
28 assisting counties and boards of election commissioners in
29 upgrading voting equipment and machines.

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.