

AN ACT concerning elections.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Sections 19-3, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, and 20-3 as follows:

(10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

Sec. 19-3. Application for such ballot shall be made on blanks to be furnished by the election authority and duplication of such application for ballot is prohibited, except by the election authority. The application for ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY ELECTOR WHO EXPECTS TO BE

ABSENT FROM COUNTY

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully

entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I expect to be absent from the county of my residence on the date of holding such election, and that I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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However, if application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY ELECTOR WHO IS JUDGE OF ELECTION

IN A PRECINCT OTHER THAN THE PRECINCT
IN WHICH HE RESIDES

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I am a judge of election in precinct or the (1) *.... ward in the city of or (2) *township of or (3) *city, village or incorporated town of in such county and that I will have no opportunity of voting in person on that day:

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I serve as a judge of election in such last named precinct, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

....

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED ELECTOR

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I shall be physically incapable of being present at the polls of such precinct on the date of holding such election for the following reasons:

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am so physically incapacitated, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing

of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

.....

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY CHILD SEX OFFENDER ELECTOR

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that my assigned precinct polling place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the polling

place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election because my assigned precinct polling place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the polling place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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*fill in either (1), (2), or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY ELECTOR OBSERVING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

To be voted at the election in the county of State of Illinois, in the precinct (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be

used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) past, that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I shall be unable to be present at the polls of such precinct on the date of holding such election because of the tenets of my religion in the observance of a religious holiday.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am so unable to be present at the polls of such precinct on the date of the election because of the tenets of my religion in the observance of a religious holiday, and I agree that I shall return the ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

.....

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

BY ELECTOR WHO IS AN ELECTION EMPLOYEE

OF STATE'S ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK OR

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I am employed in the office of the (State's Attorney of County) (County Clerk of County) (Board of Election Commissioners of the (City) (County) of and that because of election duties on the date of holding such election I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight

preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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Provided, that if application be made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

APPLICATION FOR

TEMPORARILY ABSENT STUDENT BALLOT

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be held therein on; that I am temporarily abiding outside such precinct in the (1) *township of (2) *City of in

the county of and State of due to the fact I am a student attending an institution of higher education, and for that reason do not expect to have an opportunity to vote in person on that day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the precinct of my residence, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

.....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

.....

However, if application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

In lieu of the separate application blanks heretofore prescribed, the election authority may adopt a standard application blank in substantially the following form for all

categories of absentee voters:

APPLICATION FOR
ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

To be voted at the election in the County of and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *..... ward in the City of

I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *..... ward in the City of residing at in such city or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such address for months last past; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at a election to be held therein on; and that I will be unable to vote in person at the polls of such precinct for the following reasons:

(Check One)

I expect to be absent from my county of residence.

I expect to be temporarily absent from the country.

I shall be serving as a judge of election in the precinct which is not my precinct of residence.

I shall be observing a religious holiday in accordance with the tenets of my religion.

I shall be performing official election duties for an Election Authority,

(election authority)

..... or the State Board of

Elections.

(location)

I shall be performing election law enforcement
duties in the employment of,
(law enforcement agency)

.....

(location)

I am temporarily abiding in the (1) *township of
(2) *city of in the county of and State of due to
the fact I am a student attending an institution of higher
education.

I am physically incapacitated.

Reason(s):

I have been called for jury duty on said day by
.....

(court jurisdiction)

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
to be voted by me at such election and agree that I shall
return the ballot or ballots to the election official issuing
the same ~~in sufficient time for such official to deliver the
ballot or ballots to the proper polling place~~ prior to the
closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if
returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding
election day, for counting no later than during the period for

counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

.....

*fill in either (1), (2) or (3). Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

.....

Provided, that if application is made for a primary election, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which applicant is affiliated.

(Source: P.A. 95-440, eff. 8-27-07.)

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

Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service, otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the day of holding any election may make application for an absentee ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the election. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be

kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. ~~Ballots voted under this Section must be returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.~~

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who

expect to be absent from their county of residence during the periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for an absentee registration and absentee ballot not less than 30 days before the election. Such application may be made on the official postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original application for ballot.

Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section. However, if the election authority receives one of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for that election shall be waived.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this

Article and not otherwise.

Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.

~~Ballots under this Section must be returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.~~

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise qualified to vote, may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices only not less than 10 days before a Federal election. Such application may be made only on the official postcard. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year at which Federal offices are filled. The original application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that calendar year at which

Federal offices are filled. A certified copy of such application for ballot shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location to be used in lieu of the original application for ballot. No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section. Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. ~~Ballots under this Section must be returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the closing of the polls on the day of the election.~~

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces. Any member of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty, otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his or her duties to be absent from the county in which he or she resides on the day of holding any election, in addition to any other method of making application for an absentee ballot under this

Article, may make application for an absentee ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his or her precinct of residence by a facsimile machine or electronic transmission not less than 10 days before the election.

Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and received for counting at the central ballot counting location of the election authority during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day. ~~Ballots voted under this Section must be returned to the election authority before the closing of the polls on the day of election and must be counted at the election authority's central ballot counting location.~~

(Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

(10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the following applications for absentee registration or absentee ballot which shall be considered a method of application in lieu of the official postcard.

1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and certified program participants under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic

Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such application shall be substantially in the following form:

"APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in which is located my residence at....., in the city/village/township of(insert home address) County of..... and State of Illinois.

I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election; that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

1. () a member of the United States Service,
2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the date of holding such election, and that I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that day.
3. () a certified program participant under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later

than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day ~~prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election~~ or shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

(Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously registered)

() I hereby make application to become registered as a voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for registration to the election authority not later than 30 days before the election.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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Post office address or service address to which registration materials or ballot should be mailed

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If application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

Such applications may be obtained from the election authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of

residence.

2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in the county, may make application on behalf of said person in the office of the election authority within the periods prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the following form:

"APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person for whom this application is made at.....(insert residence address) in the city/village/township of..... County of..... and State of Illinois.

I certify that the following named person..... (insert name of person) is a member of the United States Service.

I state that said person is a citizen of the United States; that on (insert date of election) said person shall have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above; that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election; that said person is a member of the United States Service, and that in the course of his duties said person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the date of holding such election, and that said person will have no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots to be voted by said person at such election and said person agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day ~~prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election,~~ or shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister, brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a registered voter in the election precinct for which this application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

Name of applicant

Residence address

City/village/township.....

Service address to which ballot should be mailed:

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If application is made for a primary election ballot, such application shall designate the name of the political party

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with which the person for whom application is made is affiliated.

Such applications may be obtained from the election authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

(Source: P.A. 91-494, eff. 1-1-00.)