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Dear Members of the General Assembly,

Public Act 100-0464 (SB1933), established Automatic Voter Registration (AVR), and mandates that the Illinois State Board of Elections submit an annual public report to the General Assembly and the Governor detailing the progress made towards implementing AVR. In addition to a progress update, this report shall provide certain statistics regarding AVR applications, as well as the number of those who submitted an application through the State Board of Elections' Online Voter Application (OVA) website (see 10ILCS 5/1A-16.7(o)). Enclosed herewith, please find an update on the progress to implement AVR at each designated AVR agency and the requested statistics for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 27, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at dschultz@elections.il.gov or 217.782.1568.

Sincerely,

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Public Act 100-0464, otherwise known as Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on August 28, 2017. This report will overview the progress of the State Board of Elections' (SBE) efforts to implement AVR, as well as offer a status update for each agency required to participate in AVR.

The SBE has developed and offers three different platforms, batch, webservice, and website transfer, for agencies to submit voter registration application information to the SBE. Each agency is provided technical specifications for a batch, webservice, and website transfer connection so the agency is able to consider their current technological abilities and statutory requirements when determining which platform to connect with the SBE for registration application submission. Batch and webservice processing requires the agency to collect all relevant registration information, while a website transfer allows registration information to be transferred and pre-populated to the SBE online voter registration website for completion by the applicant.

In addition, the SBE has had to modify the statewide registration database, otherwise known as the Illinois Voter Registration System (IVRS) to accommodate applications submitted directly to the SBE from agencies. Prior to AVR, agencies such the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) would submit voter registration applications directly from Driver Services facilities to one of 108 election authorities by a paper process through the United States Postal Service. This application process was an inefficient and time consuming method of registration that required each election authority to data enter the voter registration application information into their local registration database. The implementation of AVR has created an electronic pathway whereby all registration applications originating from an agency are transmitted directly to the SBE, who then immediately distributes the registration application to the appropriate election authority electronically. In order for the SBE to serve as a conduit of application information to election authorities, the data distribution portion of IVRS also had to be modified. One small such example is if an agency application does not have an electronic signature, the IVRS database is automatically searched for an existing registration that may be on file for the applicant from which the signature for the applicant can be obtained.

The numerous updates to IVRS required the SBE to update policies and procedures for election authorities to process electronic agency applications. The updated procedures for the registration of agency applications has been very well received by election authorities as each election authority no longer has to handle paper, and in many cases, no data entry is required on the part of the election authority due to connectivity between their local registration system and IVRS.

AVR also places additional requirements on the SBE. Some examples are to propose Administrative Rules, submit annual reports, and create website content about AVR. This annual report

will be the third annual AVR report submitted since AVR was enacted into law. Although progress to implement AVR at each required agency is ongoing in some cases, the SBE has met its AVR requirements and has fulfilled numerous audit requests pertaining to AVR implementation. Ongoing maintenance and enhancements continue constantly to improve the deployment of AVR by the SBE. The remainder of this report will overview implementation of AVR at each required agency.

Secretary of State (SOS)

The Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) has played a key role in voter registration for many years due to requirements under the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), however the AVR statute established several new requirements for the SOS. Most significantly are the directive to inform the applicant for services of their current voter registration status and the requirement to submit voter registration applications electronically to the SBE. As a result, voter registration has been completely incorporated into the Driver's Services process for the applicant. The SBE and SOS went to production with an electronic opt-in (whereby voters attest to eligibility) voter registration application process by the due date of July 2018. Unfortunately, opt-out registration (whereby applicants are automatically registered to vote unless they opt out) was not able to go into production until July 2019. This delay was due to the fusion of opt-out registration with the implementation of REAL ID and an adjustment to the intended implementation regarding SOS's front end processing. Over the past three years, the SBE and SOS have worked cooperatively to resolve any technical hurdles that have presented. As of this date, over 1,011,366 new or updated voter registration applications have been electronically transmitted to the SBE from the SOS. In addition, a data sharing agreement has been executed and jointly adopted rules have been submitted to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR), but have not been implemented due to ongoing litigation. SOS has reported that between December 1, 2019 through November 13, 2020, 330,232 people have opted out of voter registration while obtaining a REAL ID.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is unique among the agencies required to connect for AVR because the statute specifically designated just two divisions within DHS (Family and Community Services and Rehabilitation Services) as being required to connect. Although communication began with DHS early in the fall of 2017, progress on implementing AVR with DHS was stalled until early summer of 2019. Since that time, however, a data sharing agreement was executed with DHS. DHS- Rehabilitation Services went to production with an AVR compliant web service connection utilizing opt-in registration and DHS- Family and Community Services implemented a website transfer mechanism

(whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration website) for their applicants utilizing their online process. DHS – Family and Community Services is currently considering their technical options for in person applications.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The SBE and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began discussing AVR soon after the initiation of AVR. DNR indicated the current agreement with their vendor for hunting and fishing license applications was near its end of life and as such they would not be able to initiate any required AVR changes within their current system. DNR would be looking to meet the AVR requirements through their new Enterprise Licensing System. The agreement for a statement of work on Enterprise has been delayed significantly and was agreed upon in August 2019. The SBE has been in discussions with DNR, and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to incorporate a fully AVR compliant web service with the Enterprise system when it is released. DNR, in a good faith effort to comply with the spirit of AVR, was able to put into production a website transfer mechanism (whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration application website) for DNR's duck, goose, dove, upland game, and pheasant hunting license systems. In addition, DNR added functionality to their current hunting and fishing license application to uniquely link applicants to the SBE online voter registration website. The SBE and DNR have agreed on the principles for a data sharing agreement and DNR indicated a desire for DoIT to also be included as a party to the agreement. Said agreement is currently under review by DoIT.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)

The SBE and IDFPR have held several discussions regarding the implementation of AVR. IDFPR has a good understanding of the requirements of AVR, but find themselves in the same position as DNR, with an end of life licensing system, and are awaiting the implementation of the Enterprise Licensing System. IDFPR has indicated a willingness to include the website transfer mechanism (whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration application website) with their current system and have been in discussions with their vendor to initiate the scope of work required.

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

The SBE and IDES have held discussions regarding AVR implementation. The SBE has provided IDES with technical specifications and a sample data sharing agreement. IDES has requested

to be the agency responsible for drafting the data sharing agreement, to which the SBE agreed. As recently as November 2, 2020, the SBE and IDES have reengaged discussions in an effort to bring IDES into compliance with the AVR statute.

Statistics

The remainder of this annual report will provide certain statistics as required by 10ILCS 1A-16.7(o). Among the requirements are to provide the number of records transmitted to the SBE by agency, the number of new and updated voter registrations by agency, and the number of applications received through the online voter application (OVA) system. The number of persons who opted out of registration is also required to be reported. Since this information is collected by each agency, the number is reported with the agency update. SOS is the only agency participating in opt-out registration at this time, so the number of individuals who opted out of registration is only reported for SOS.

Name	SOS App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications	SOS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	327544	292202	123376	168826	21676
Adams County	2071	2015	944	1071	40
Alexander County	98	88	44	44	6
Bond County	475	391	113	278	59
Boone County	1368	1332	728	604	33
Brown County	135	133	39	94	0
Bureau County	905	825	258	567	19
Calhoun County	96	92	19	73	1
Carroll County	438	350	167	183	85
Cass County	316	306	130	176	10
Champaign County	6980	6099	2864	3235	853
Christian County	944	863	270	593	10
Clark County	445	439	191	248	6
Clay County	502	495	133	362	3
Clinton County	991	833	299	534	50
Coles County	1624	1601	435	1166	21
Cook County	54588	50331	22988	27343	345
Crawford County	800	679	291	388	120
Cumberland County	302	300	79	221	0
DeKalb County	3617	2825	931	1894	792
DeWitt County	388	317	103	214	64
Douglas County	519	469	111	358	50
DuPage County	22887	21959	9436	12523	360
Edgar County	462	415	179	236	7
Edwards County	147	144	49	95	1
Effingham County	1183	1164	288	876	16
Fayette County	742	647	212	435	43
Ford County	439	406	174	232	7

Name	SOS App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications	SOS App's Rejected
Franklin County	1197	860	205	655	230
Fulton County	1204	1194	260	934	6
Gallatin County	132	126	41	85	1
Greene County	357	324	80	244	11
Grundy County	1244	1134	334	800	11
Hamilton County	214	187	42	145	19
Hancock County	527	474	204	270	21
Hardin County	113	107	30	77	6
Henderson County	210	201	60	141	2
Henry County	1372	1182	495	687	89
Iroquois County	752	736	311	425	16
Jackson County	2125	2078	698	1380	30
Jasper County	270	266	70	196	3
Jefferson County	995	895	324	571	44
Jersey County	553	547	155	392	5
JoDaviess County	738	685	353	332	53
Johnson County	292	233	100	133	45
Kane County	12198	11603	4747	6856	594
Kankakee County	2675	2331	862	1469	301
Kendall County	3968	3676	1339	2337	289
Knox County	628	471	172	299	1
Lake County	17225	15770	7540	8230	314
LaSalle County	3125	2851	971	1880	42
Lawrence County	575	562	182	380	4
Lee County	819	717	279	438	93
Livingston County	729	601	283	318	78
Logan County	762	680	246	434	80
Macon County	3119	2697	830	1867	407

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Macoupin County	1292	1268	378	890	10
Madison County	8288	7618	2763	4855	266
Marion County	1328	1110	331	779	207
Marshall County	384	331	91	240	27
Mason County	431	422	141	281	9
Massac County	463	446	194	252	4
McDonough County	734	689	187	502	29
McHenry County	8682	7842	3024	4818	375
McLean County	2488	2389	978	1411	13
Menard County	356	318	92	226	30
Mercer County	532	369	156	213	0
Monroe County	1110	801	422	379	269
Montgomery County	558	539	173	366	12
Morgan County	1186	1127	317	810	4
Moultrie County	342	291	79	212	51
Ogle County	1386	1331	459	872	31
Peoria County	5109	4738	1486	3252	115
Perry County	526	471	112	359	0
Piatt County	556	402	152	250	124
Pike County	415	348	101	247	15
Pope County	92	87	39	48	1
Pulaski County	82	49	26	23	17
Putnam County	154	143	38	105	4
Randolph County	1039	850	299	551	102
Richland County	492	464	118	346	7
Rock Island County	3241	3057	1651	1406	86
Saline County	740	645	205	440	93

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Sangamon County	7768	7190	2385	4805	121
Schuyler County	162	119	31	88	33
Scott County	141	117	32	85	16
Shelby County	705	700	178	522	5
Stark County	203	142	36	106	61
St. Clair County	7969	7279	3374	3905	269
Stephenson County	1756	1602	369	1233	16
Tazewell County	3925	3418	1023	2395	6
Union County	488	442	192	250	3
Vermilion County	981	950	348	602	30
Wabash County	312	128	72	56	172
Warren County	513	439	142	297	26
Washington County	340	331	135	196	4
Wayne County	433	365	137	228	40
White County	384	342	118	224	41
Whiteside County	1454	1434	615	819	15
Will County	18111	16458	6574	9884	215
Williamson County	2173	2017	665	1352	155
Winnebago County	3924	3589	1481	2108	79
Woodford County	998	972	325	647	19
City of Bloomington	2945	2772	1130	1642	108
City of Chicago	62393	49053	24853	24200	12315
City of Danville	578	461	175	286	113
City of East St Louis	555	528	230	298	17
City of Galesburg	901	878	383	495	19
City of Rockford	3846	3625	1673	1952	81

Name	DNR App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	DNR App's Registered	Newly Registered 422 DNR Applications	Updated DNR Applications	DNR App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	1402	1159	644	515	128

Name	IDES App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	IDES App's Registered	Newly Registered IDES Applications	Updated IDES Applications	IDES App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	890	685	383	302	79

Name	IDFPR App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	IDFPR App's Registered	Newly Registered IDFPR Applications	Updated IDFPR Applications	IDFPR App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	33	22	9	13	6

Name	DHS-FCS App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	DHS-FCS App's Registered	Newly Registered DHS-FCS Applications	Updated DHS-FCS Applications	DHS-FCS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	1509	1176	660	516	121

Name	DHS-Rehab Services App's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	DHS-Rehab Services App's Registered	Newly Registered DHS-Rehab Services Applications	Updated DHS-Rehab Services Applications	DHS-Rehab Services App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	556	417	417	0	69

Name	OVA's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	688241	567053	51481
Adams County	2194	1824	137
Alexander County	105	68	14
Bond County	333	231	52
Boone County	2260	1912	212
Brown County	130	98	3
Bureau County	875	750	121
Calhoun County	115	100	14
Carroll County	415	341	34
Cass County	371	288	83
Champaign County	15775	12821	2868
Christian County	926	708	8
Clark County	448	378	70
Clay County	383	318	3
Clinton County	1373	1147	81
Coles County	1901	1668	129
Cook County	160482	130107	1326
Crawford County	370	282	88
Cumberland County	262	226	1
DeKalb County	5704	4568	1136
DeWitt County	502	403	96
Douglas County	686	547	82
DuPage County	61371	54489	360
Edgar County	431	309	17
Edwards County	124	101	3
Effingham County	892	763	129
Fayette County	482	392	37
Ford County	563	480	15
Franklin County	1141	756	220
Fulton County	979	845	29
Gallatin County	112	100	12
Greene County	329	276	9
Grundy County	2387	2049	51
Hamilton County	218	175	39
Hancock County	473	408	36
Hardin County	76	67	9
Henderson County	162	137	22
Henry County	1874	1595	174
Iroquois County	946	819	127
Jackson County	2531	2225	119

Name	OVA's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
Jasper County	220	192	1
Jefferson County	1344	1029	136
Jersey County	668	573	15
JoDaviess County	688	577	111
Johnson County	200	135	65
Kane County	27844	24034	3809
Kankakee County	4491	3566	417
Kendall County	7135	6210	922
Knox County	837	375	6
Lake County	40435	35845	282
LaSalle County	3844	3338	59
Lawrence County	342	301	3
Lee County	1214	985	79
Livingston County	1361	1145	172
Logan County	818	654	157
Macon County	3592	2706	858
Macoupin County	1579	1397	180
Madison County	12694	10990	1646
Marion County	1106	788	173
Marshall County	306	242	63
Mason County	373	338	35
Massac County	340	287	11
McDonough County	1152	964	55
McHenry County	18054	16035	1965
McLean County	6427	5658	189
Menard County	412	331	36
Mercer County	516	361	0
Monroe County	1273	939	287
Montgomery County	729	485	156
Morgan County	1032	921	42
Moultrie County	422	336	86
Ogle County	2177	1856	264
Peoria County	9221	7954	129
Perry County	451	363	7
Piatt County	666	531	131
Pike County	342	287	14
Pope County	70	56	4
Pulaski County	91	55	16
Putnam County	147	124	21
Randolph County	704	574	64

Name	OVA's Received 12/01/2019 - 11/27/2020	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
Richland County	337	278	6
Rock Island County	6057	5146	196
Saline County	573	425	134
Sangamon County	8657	7534	1045
Schuylar County	147	115	19
Scott County	107	89	13
Shelby County	593	521	72
Stark County	157	107	50
St. Clair County	9956	8388	1468
Stephenson County	1531	1116	35
Tazewell County	5926	3411	31
Union County	515	428	14
Vermilion County	1725	1417	306
Wabash County	261	145	114
Warren County	411	345	11
Washington County	341	294	10
Wayne County	326	261	22
White County	305	256	29
Whiteside County	2003	1777	22
Will County	39110	34551	772
Williamson County	2727	2342	385
Winnebago County	6697	5738	191
Woodford County	1644	1476	35
City of Bloomington	4556	3834	86
City of Chicago	159469	121936	24728
City of Danville	891	638	176
City of East St Louis	439	351	9
City of Galesburg	807	737	28
City of Rockford	5955	5089	842