



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB0195

by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-2.3 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that for the 2020 general primary election, each election authority shall mail to every registered voter within that election authority's jurisdiction a vote by mail ballot. Provides that this provision is inoperative the day after the date of the 2020 general primary election. Provides that for any local election following the 2020 general primary election, a city may adopt an ordinance or resolution permitting the election authority with jurisdiction over the city to send every registered voter residing within that city a vote by mail ballot. Provides that if a city adopts the ordinance or resolution, then the election authority with jurisdiction over the city must mail every registered voter residing within that city a vote by mail ballot. Provides that ballots under the provisions must be mailed to voters a reasonable amount of time before the date of the election. Provides that the receipt of a ballot under the provisions does not prevent a voter from instead casting a ballot in person. Provides that the State Board of Elections may adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions.

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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 adding Section
5 19-2.3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.3 new)

7 Sec. 19-2.3. All-mail elections.

8 (a) For the 2020 general primary election, each election
9 authority shall mail to every registered voter within that
10 election authority's jurisdiction a vote by mail ballot that
11 meets the requirements of this Article.

12 (b) Subsection (a) is inoperative the day after the date of
13 the 2020 general primary election.

14 (c) For any local election following the 2020 general
15 primary election, a city may adopt an ordinance or resolution
16 permitting the election authority with jurisdiction over the
17 city to send every registered voter residing within that city a
18 vote by mail ballot. If a city adopts an ordinance or
19 resolution under this subsection, then the election authority
20 with jurisdiction over the city must mail every registered
21 voter residing within that city a vote by mail ballot that
22 meets the requirements of this Article.

23 (d) Ballots mailed under this Section must be sent to

1 voters in a reasonable amount of time before the date of the
2 election. The receipt of a ballot under this Section does not
3 prevent a voter from instead casting a ballot in person.

4 (e) The State Board of Elections may adopt any rules
5 necessary to implement this Section.