



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/30/2014, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-50
10 ILCS 5/5-50
10 ILCS 5/6-100

Amends the Election Code. Provides that grace period voting may be conducted until the day of the primary or election.

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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 changing
5 Sections 4-50, 5-50, and 6-100 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

7 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
9 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
10 for change of address during the period from the close of
11 registration for a primary or election and until the day of 3rd
12 ~~day before~~ the primary or election. During this grace period,
13 an unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a
14 registered voter may submit a change of address form, in person
15 in the office of the election authority or at a voter
16 registration location specifically designated for this purpose
17 by the election authority. The election authority shall
18 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
19 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
20 Article for registration and change of address.

21 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
22 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
23 occurring on or after the last day of the grace period, he or

1 she must do so by grace period voting. The election authority
2 shall offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's
3 office and may offer in-person grace period voting at
4 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
5 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
6 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
7 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's
8 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
9 similar to voting under Article 19.

10 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
11 but not later than the day of the primary or election, or
12 within one day after the ballot is received by the election
13 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
14 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
15 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
16 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
17 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
18 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
19 names and that information in an electronic format on its
20 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
21 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
22 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
23 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
24 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

25 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
26 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with

1 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
2 who register or change address during the grace period must be
3 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
4 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
5 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
6 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
7 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
8 the ballots were opened.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

11 Sec. 5-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
13 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
14 for change of address during the period from the close of
15 registration for a primary or election and until the day of 3rd
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11 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)

12 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

13 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
15 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
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