



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2936

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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

Amends the Election Code. Provides that each election authority shall establish at least one same-day voter registration site. Provides that, for each election authority with a population over 100,000, the election authority shall establish at least one additional same-day voter registration site for every additional 100,000 citizens it represents.

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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 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

8 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
10 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
11 for change of address during the period from the close of
12 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day
13 before the primary or election, except that during the 2014
14 general election the period shall extend until the polls close
15 on election day. During this grace period, an unregistered
16 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
17 may submit a change of address form, in person in the office of
18 the election authority or at a voter registration location
19 specifically designated for this purpose by the election
20 authority. During the 2014 general election, an unregistered
21 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
22 may submit a change of address form, in person at any permanent
23 polling place for early voting established under Section 19A-10

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2 that individual, or change a registered voter's address, in the
3 same manner as otherwise provided by this Article for
4 registration and change of address.

5 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
6 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
7 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
8 period voting. The election authority shall offer in-person
9 grace period voting at the authority's office and any permanent
10 polling place where grace period registration is required by
11 this Section; and may offer in-person grace period voting at
12 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
13 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
14 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
15 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's
16 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
17 similar to voting under Article 19.

18 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
19 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
20 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
21 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
22 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
23 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
24 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
25 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
26 names and that information in an electronic format on its

1 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
2 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
3 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
4 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
5 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

6 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
7 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
8 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
9 who register or change address during the grace period must be
10 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
11 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
12 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
13 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
14 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
15 the ballots were opened.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
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24 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
25 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit

1 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
2 election authority, ~~at a permanent polling place established~~
3 ~~under Section 19A-10, at any other early voting site beginning~~
4 ~~15 days prior to the election, at a polling place on election~~
5 ~~day,~~ or at a voter registration location specifically
6 designated for this purpose by the election authority. The
7 election authority shall register that individual, or change a
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12 the number of same-day voter registration sites that each
13 election authority shall establish is governed only by this
14 paragraph. Each election authority shall establish at least one
15 same-day voter registration site. For each election authority
16 with a population over 100,000, the election authority shall
17 establish at least one additional same-day voter registration
18 site for every additional 100,000 citizens it represents.

19 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
20 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
21 occurring during the grace period, he or she must do so by
22 grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
23 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office, any
24 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10, and
25 at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the
26 election, at a polling place on election day, where grace

1 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
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3 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
4 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
5 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
6 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
7 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
8 under Article 19A.

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13 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
14 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
15 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
16 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
17 names and that information in an electronic format on its
18 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
19 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
20 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
21 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
22 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

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24 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
25 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
26 who register or change address during the grace period at a

1 location other than their designated polling place on election
2 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
3 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
4 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
5 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
6 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
7 the order in which the ballots were opened.

8 In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do
9 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
10 out of registration in the polling place if the election
11 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
12 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
13 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
14 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's residents
15 reside if the election authority's main office is not located
16 in that municipality. The election authority may establish
17 other grace period registration and voting sites on election
18 day provided that the election authority has met the notice
19 requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and temporary
20 early voting sites.

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23 (10 ILCS 5/5-50)

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14 may submit a change of address form, in person at any permanent
15 polling place for early voting established pursuant to Section
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1 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
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6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
7 Public Act.