



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1786

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Maura Hirschauer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-26 new

Amends the Election Code. Creates the Ranked-Choice Voting in State and Local Elections Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall study the possibility of implementing ranked-choice voting for State and local elections. Directs the Task Force (1) to engage election officials, interested groups, and members of the public for the purpose of assessing the adoption and implementation of ranked-choice voting in State and local elections beginning in the 2029 consolidated election; (2) to review standards used to certify or approve the use of a voting system, including the standards adopted by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the State Board of Elections; (3) to advise whether the voting system used by this State's election authorities would be able to accommodate alternative methods of voting, including, but not limited to, ranked-choice voting; and (4) to make recommendations or suggestions for changes to the Election Code or administrative rules for certification of voting systems in Illinois to accommodate alternative methods of voting, including ranked-choice voting. Provides that, on or before June 30, 2027, the Task Force shall publish a final report of its findings and recommendations and other specified information. Sets forth provisions concerning membership and administrative support. Dissolves the Task Force and repeals the provision on July 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

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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 1-26 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-26 new)

7 Sec. 1-26. Ranked-Choice Voting in State and Local
8 Elections Task Force.

9 (a) The Ranked-Choice Voting in State and Local Elections
10 Task Force is created. The Task Force shall study the
11 possibility of implementing ranked-choice voting for State and
12 local elections. The Task Force shall have the following
13 duties:

14 (1) to engage election officials, interested groups,
15 and members of the public for the purpose of assessing the
16 adoption and implementation of ranked-choice voting in
17 State and local elections, beginning in the 2029
18 consolidated election;

19 (2) to review standards used to certify or approve the
20 use of a voting system, including the standards adopted by
21 the United States Election Assistance Commission and the
22 State Board of Elections;

23 (3) to advise whether the voting system used by this

1 State's election authorities would be able to accommodate
2 alternative methods of voting, including, but not limited
3 to, ranked-choice voting; and

4 (4) to make recommendations or suggestions for changes
5 to the Election Code or administrative rules for
6 certification of voting systems in this State to
7 accommodate alternative methods of voting, including
8 ranked-choice voting.

9 (b) On or before June 30, 2027, the Task Force shall
10 publish a final report of its findings and recommendations.
11 The report shall, at a minimum, detail findings and
12 recommendations related to the duties of the Task Force and
13 set out a realistic timeline for implementation of
14 ranked-choice voting for State and local elections. The
15 ranked-choice voting implementation timeline shall account for
16 the time needed and costs incurred to upgrade or replace
17 current election systems, conduct a rigorous public education
18 campaign, and enact legislation and propose and adopt
19 administrative rules or guidelines that would result in the
20 transparent and timely production of election results and
21 audits.

22 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

23 (1) 4 members appointed by the Senate President,
24 including 2 members of the Senate and 2 members of the
25 public;

26 (2) 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, including 2 members of the House of
2 Representatives and 2 members of the public;

3 (3) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
4 Senate, including 2 members of the Senate and 2 members of
5 the public;

6 (4) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
7 House of Representatives, including 2 members of the House
8 of Representatives and 2 members of the public; and

9 (5) 4 members appointed by the Governor, including at
10 least 2 members with knowledge and experience
11 administering elections.

12 (d) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within 30
13 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
14 104th General Assembly. Members shall serve without
15 compensation.

16 (e) The Task Force shall meet at the call of a co-chair at
17 least quarterly to fulfill its duties. At the first meeting of
18 the Task Force, the Task Force shall elect one co-chair from
19 the members appointed by the Senate President and one co-chair
20 from the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives.

22 (f) The State Board of Elections shall provide
23 administrative support for the Task Force.

24 (g) This Section is repealed, and the Task Force is
25 dissolved, on July 1, 2027.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.