



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2717

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/11-2  
10 ILCS 5/11-3

from Ch. 46, par. 11-2  
from Ch. 46, par. 11-3

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the County Board in each county, except in counties having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, shall, at its regular meeting in June or an adjourned meeting in July, divide its election precincts so that each precinct shall contain, as near as may be practicable, 1,800 registered voters (rather than 1,200 registered voters). Provides that the Board of Election Commissioners shall change the boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census as soon as is practicable following the completion of congressional and legislative redistricting and such precincts shall contain as nearly as practicable 1,800 registered voters (rather than 1,200 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants; or 1,800 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants). Makes conforming changes.

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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 11-2 and 11-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-2)

7 Sec. 11-2. Election precincts.

8 (a) The County Board in each county, except in counties  
9 having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, shall,  
10 at its regular meeting in June or an adjourned meeting in July,  
11 divide its election precincts so that each precinct shall  
12 contain, as near as may be practicable, 1,800 ~~1,200~~ registered  
13 voters. Insofar as is practicable, each precinct shall be  
14 situated within a single congressional, legislative and  
15 representative district and in not more than one County Board  
16 district and one municipal ward. In order to situate each  
17 precinct within a single district or ward, the County Board  
18 shall change the boundaries of election precincts after each  
19 decennial census as soon as is practicable following the  
20 completion of congressional and legislative redistricting,  
21 except that, in 2021, the county board shall change the  
22 boundaries at a regular or special meeting within 60 days  
23 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd

1 General Assembly. In determining whether a division of  
2 precincts should be made, the county board may anticipate  
3 increased voter registration in any precinct in which there is  
4 in progress new construction of dwelling units which will be  
5 occupied by voters more than 30 days before the next election.  
6 Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory in as  
7 compact form as can be for the convenience of the electors  
8 voting therein. The several county boards in establishing  
9 districts shall describe them by metes and bounds and number  
10 them.

11 (b) The ~~And so often thereafter as it shall appear by the~~  
12 ~~number of votes cast at the general election held in November~~  
13 ~~of any year, that any election district or undivided election~~  
14 ~~precinct contains more than 1,200 registered voters, the~~  
15 County Board of the county in which an election ~~the district or~~  
16 precinct or election precincts are located may ~~be, shall~~ at  
17 its regular meeting in June, or an adjourned meeting in July  
18 next, after such November election, redivide, consolidate, or  
19 readjust such ~~election district or election precinct or~~  
20 election precincts, so that no ~~district or~~ election precinct  
21 shall contain more than the number of votes ~~above~~ specified in  
22 subsection (a).

23 If for any reason the County Board fails in any year to  
24 redivide or readjust the election districts or election  
25 precinct, then the districts or precincts as then existing  
26 shall continue until the next regular June meeting of the

1 County Board; at which regular June meeting or an adjourned  
2 meeting in July the County Board shall redivide or readjust  
3 the election districts or election precincts in manner as  
4 herein required. When at any meeting of the County Board any  
5 redivision, readjustment or change in name or number of  
6 election districts or election precincts is made by the County  
7 Board, the County Clerk shall immediately notify the State  
8 Board of Elections of such redivision, readjustment or change.  
9 The County Board in every case shall fix and establish the  
10 places for holding elections in its respective county and all  
11 elections shall be held at the places so fixed. The polling  
12 places shall in all cases be upon the ground floor in the front  
13 room, the entrance to which is in a highway or public street  
14 which is at least 40 feet wide, and is as near the center of  
15 the voting population of the precinct as is practicable, and  
16 for the convenience of the greatest number of electors to vote  
17 thereat; provided, however, where the County Board is unable  
18 to secure a suitable polling place within the boundaries of a  
19 precinct, it may select a polling place at the most  
20 conveniently located suitable place outside the precinct; but  
21 in no case shall an election be held in any room used or  
22 occupied as a saloon, dramshop, bowling alley or as a place of  
23 resort for idlers and disreputable persons, billiard hall or  
24 in any room connected therewith by doors or hallways. No  
25 person shall be permitted to vote at any election except at the  
26 polling place for the precinct in which he resides, except as

1 otherwise provided in this Section or Article 19 of this Act.  
2 In counties having a population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or  
3 over the County Board shall divide its election precincts and  
4 shall fix and establish places for holding elections as  
5 hereinbefore provided during the month of January instead of  
6 at its regular meeting in June or at an adjourned meeting in  
7 July.

8 However, in the event that additional divisions of  
9 election precincts are indicated after a division made by the  
10 County Board in the month of January, such additional  
11 divisions may be made by the County Board in counties having a  
12 population of 3,000,000 inhabitants or over, at the regular  
13 meeting in June or at adjourned meeting in July. The county  
14 board of such county may divide or readjust precincts at any  
15 meeting of the county board when the voter registration in a  
16 precinct has increased beyond 1,800 registered voters and an  
17 election is scheduled before the next regular January or June  
18 meeting of the county board.

19 (c) When in any city, village or incorporated town  
20 territory has been annexed thereto or disconnected therefrom,  
21 which annexation or disconnection becomes effective after  
22 election precincts or election districts have been established  
23 as ~~above~~ provided in this Section, the clerk of the  
24 municipality shall inform the county clerk thereof as provided  
25 in Section 4-21, 5-28.1, or 6-31.1, whichever is applicable.  
26 In the event that a regular meeting of the County Board is to

1 be held after such notification and before any election, the  
2 County Board shall, at its next regular meeting establish new  
3 election precinct lines in affected territory. In the event  
4 that no regular meeting of the County Board is to be held  
5 before such election the county clerk shall, within 5 days  
6 after being so informed, call a special meeting of the county  
7 board on a day fixed by him not more than 20 days thereafter  
8 for the purpose of establishing election precincts or election  
9 districts in the affected territory for the ensuing elections.

10 At any consolidated primary or consolidated election at  
11 which municipal officers are to be elected, and at any  
12 emergency referendum at which a public question relating to a  
13 municipality is to be voted on, notwithstanding any other  
14 provision of this Code, the election authority shall establish  
15 a polling place within such municipality, upon the request of  
16 the municipal council or board of trustees at least 60 days  
17 before the election and provided that the municipality  
18 provides a suitable polling place. To accomplish this purpose,  
19 the election authority may establish an election precinct  
20 constituting a single municipality of under 500 population for  
21 all elections, notwithstanding the minimum precinct size  
22 otherwise specified herein.

23 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section  
24 ~~the above~~, when there are no more than 50 registered voters in  
25 a precinct who are entitled to vote in a local government or  
26 school district election, the election authority having

1 jurisdiction over the precinct is authorized to reassign such  
2 voters to one or more polling places in adjacent precincts,  
3 within or without the election authority's jurisdiction, for  
4 that election. For the purposes of such local government or  
5 school district election only, the votes of the reassigned  
6 voters shall be tallied and canvassed as votes from the  
7 precinct of the polling place to which such voters have been  
8 reassigned. The election authority having jurisdiction over  
9 the precinct shall approve all administrative and polling  
10 place procedures. Such procedures shall take into account  
11 voter convenience, and ensure that the integrity of the  
12 election process is maintained and that the secrecy of the  
13 ballot is not violated.

14 (e) Except in the event of a fire, flood or total loss of  
15 heat in a place fixed or established by any county board or  
16 election authority pursuant to this Section as a polling place  
17 for an election, no election authority shall change the  
18 location of a polling place so established for any precinct  
19 after notice of the place of holding the election for that  
20 precinct has been given as required under Article 12 unless  
21 the election authority notifies all registered voters in the  
22 precinct of the change in location by first class mail in  
23 sufficient time for such notice to be received by the  
24 registered voters in the precinct at least one day prior to the  
25 date of the election.

26 (f) The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,

1 including those where voting machines or electronic voting  
2 systems are used.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/11-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-3)

5 Sec. 11-3. Election precincts.

6 (a) It shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners  
7 established by Article 6 of this Act, within 2 months after its  
8 first organization, to divide the city, village or  
9 incorporated town which may adopt or is operating under  
10 Article 6, into election precincts, each of which shall be  
11 situated within a single congressional, legislative and  
12 representative district insofar as is practicable and in not  
13 more than one County Board district and one municipal ward; in  
14 order to situate each precinct within a single district or  
15 ward, the Board of Election Commissioners shall change the  
16 boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census  
17 as soon as is practicable following the completion of  
18 congressional and legislative redistricting and such precincts  
19 shall contain as nearly as practicable 1,800 registered  
20 voters: ~~(i) 1,200 registered voters if the precinct is located~~  
21 ~~in a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants; or (ii)~~  
22 ~~1,800 registered voters if the precinct is located in a county~~  
23 ~~with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.~~

24 (b) Within 90 days after each presidential election, such  
25 board in a city with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants, village

1 or incorporated town shall revise and rearrange such precincts  
2 on the basis of the votes cast at such election, making such  
3 precincts to contain, as near as practicable, ~~1,200 registered~~  
4 ~~voters or 1,800 registered voters, as applicable.~~ However, any  
5 apartment building in which more than ~~1,200 or 1,800~~  
6 ~~registered voters, as applicable,~~ reside may be made a single  
7 precinct even though the vote in such precinct exceeds ~~1,200~~  
8 ~~or 1,800 registered voters, as applicable.~~

9 (c) Within 90 days after each presidential election, a  
10 board in a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants shall  
11 revise and rearrange such precincts on the basis of the votes  
12 cast at such election, making such precincts to contain, as  
13 near as practicable: ~~(i) 1,200 registered voters if the~~  
14 ~~precinct is located in a county with fewer than 3,000,000~~  
15 ~~inhabitants; or (ii) 1,800 registered voters if the precinct~~  
16 ~~is located in a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.~~  
17 However, any apartment building in which more than ~~1,200~~  
18 ~~registered voters or 1,800 registered voters, as applicable,~~  
19 reside may be made a single precinct even though the vote in  
20 such precinct exceeds ~~1,200 or 1,800 registered voters, as~~  
21 ~~applicable.~~

22 (d) Immediately after the annexation of territory to the  
23 city, village or incorporated town becomes effective the Board  
24 of Election Commissioners shall revise and rearrange election  
25 precincts therein to include such annexed territory.

26 (e) Provided, however, that at any election where but one

1 candidate is nominated and is to be voted upon at any election  
2 held in any political subdivision of a city, village or  
3 incorporated town, the Board of Election Commissioners shall  
4 have the power in such political subdivision to determine the  
5 number of voting precincts to be established in such political  
6 subdivision at such election, without reference to the number  
7 of qualified voters therein. The precincts in each ward,  
8 village or incorporated town shall be numbered from one  
9 upwards, consecutively, with no omission.

10 (f) The provisions of this Section apply to all precincts,  
11 including those where voting machines or electronic voting  
12 systems are used.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-668, eff. 11-15-21.)