



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4527

Introduced 1/30/2026, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall adopt rules setting forth standardized reporting protocols for election data. Provides that, no later than July 1, 2027, the State Board of Elections shall publish guidelines for compliance with standardization conventions for data fields related to election districts, precincts, polling places, and other election data. Provides for periodic audits of the election data subject to the standardized reporting protocols. Provides that, beginning with the 2028 general primary election, no less than 75 days before each election, every election authority shall ensure that all data reported by the election authority conforms to the data standardization requirements adopted by the Board.

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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 1A-70 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new)

7 Sec. 1A-70. Data standardization.

8 (a) To streamline the reporting of election results and
9 voter file data, the State Board of Elections shall adopt
10 rules setting forth standardized reporting protocols for
11 election data. The rules shall provide for relevant election
12 data points to have a standard identification, a
13 human-readable name, or both. The rules shall include, but not
14 be limited to:

15 (1) standardization conventions for data fields
16 related to election districts, precincts, polling places,
17 and other election data; and

18 (2) any other requirement that, in the discretion of
19 the State Board of Elections, facilitates efficient
20 interfacing with the statewide voter registration list
21 maintained under Section 1A-25 or the reporting and
22 dissemination of election data as required by law.

23 (b) No later than July 1, 2027, the State Board of

1 Elections shall publish guidelines for compliance with
2 standardization conventions for data fields related to
3 election districts, precincts, polling places, and other
4 election data.

5 (c) Each election authority shall use the standardized
6 reporting conventions and protocols adopted under this
7 Section.

8 (d) No later than October 1, 2027 and October 1 of each
9 odd-numbered year thereafter, the staff of the State Board of
10 Elections shall complete an audit of the data subject to the
11 standardized reporting protocols adopted under this Section
12 and shall verify that the data submissions conform to the
13 standardization requirements. The staff of the State Board of
14 Elections, as part of the audit conducted under this
15 subsection, shall advise the election authority of any needed
16 corrections to the content, formatting, or mode of submission
17 of the data as soon as practicable.

18 (e) Beginning with the 2028 general primary election, no
19 less than 75 days before each election, every election
20 authority shall ensure that all data reported by the election
21 authority that is related to election districts, election
22 precincts, and polling places and is otherwise identified
23 under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) conforms to the
24 guidelines published under subsection (b).

25 (f) If the data standardization requirements of this
26 Section regulating the formatting of data related to election

1 districts, precincts, and polling places conflict with any
2 specific provision of this Code, the requirements of this
3 Section prevail.