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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-2	from Ch. 46, par. 19-2
10 ILCS 5/19-2.3	
10 ILCS 5/19-2.5	
10 ILCS 5/19-2.6	
10 ILCS 5/19-3	from Ch. 46, par. 19-3
10 ILCS 5/19-4	from Ch. 46, par. 19-4
10 ILCS 5/19-5	from Ch. 46, par. 19-5
10 ILCS 5/19-6.5 new	
10 ILCS 5/19-12.2	from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.2
10 ILCS 5/19-13	from Ch. 46, par. 19-13

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections (rather than each election authority) shall process applications for permanent vote by mail status and administer the permanent vote by mail list. Sets forth provisions concerning communications between the State Board of Elections and each election authority. 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 19-2, 19-2.3, 19-2.5, 19-2.6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5,
6 19-12.2, and 19-13 and by adding Section 19-6.5 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)

8 Sec. 19-2. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, any
9 elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or
10 electronically on the website of the State Board of Elections
11 ~~appropriate election authority, not more than 90 nor less than~~
12 ~~5 days prior to the date of such election, or by personal~~
13 ~~delivery not more than 90 nor less than one day prior to the~~
14 ~~date of such election, make application to the county clerk or~~
15 ~~to the Board of Election Commissioners for an official ballot~~
16 ~~for the voter's precinct to be voted at such election. Such a~~
17 ~~ballot shall be delivered to the elector only upon separate~~
18 ~~application by the elector for each election. Voters who make~~
19 an application for permanent vote by mail ballot status in
20 accordance with ~~shall follow~~ the procedures specified in
21 Section 19-3 and may apply year round. Voters whose
22 application for permanent vote by mail status is accepted by
23 the State Board of Elections ~~election authority~~ shall remain

1 on the permanent vote by mail list until the voter requests to
2 be removed from permanent vote by mail status, the voter
3 provides notice to the State Board of Elections ~~election~~
4 ~~authority~~ of a change in registration that affects their
5 registration status, or the State Board of Elections ~~election~~
6 ~~authority~~ receives confirmation that the voter has
7 subsequently registered to vote in another ~~election authority~~
8 jurisdiction. The URL address at which voters may
9 electronically request an application to the permanent vote by
10 mail list shall be accessible to voters throughout the year a
11 ~~vote by mail ballot shall be fixed no later than 90 calendar~~
12 ~~days before an election and shall not be changed until after~~
13 ~~the election.~~

14 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
15 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.3)

17 Sec. 19-2.3. Vote by mail; jails. The State Board of
18 Elections ~~Each election authority in a county with a~~
19 ~~population under 3,000,000~~ shall collaborate with the primary
20 county jail in a county with a population under 3,000,000
21 where eligible voters are confined or detained ~~who are within~~
22 ~~the jurisdiction of the election authority~~ to facilitate an
23 opportunity for voting by mail for voters eligible to vote in
24 the election jurisdiction who are confined or detained in the
25 county jail.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-442, eff. 1-1-20.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.5)

3 Sec. 19-2.5. Notice for vote by mail ballot. The State
4 Board of Elections ~~An election authority~~ shall notify all
5 qualified voters, except voters ~~who have applied for permanent~~
6 ~~vote by mail status under subsection (b) of Section 19-3 or~~
7 ~~voters~~ who submit a written request to be excluded from the
8 permanent vote by mail status, not more than 90 days nor less
9 than 45 days before a general election of the option for
10 permanent vote by mail status using the following notice and
11 including the application for permanent vote by mail status in
12 subsection (b) of Section 19-3:

13 "You may apply to permanently be placed on vote by mail
14 status using the attached application."

15 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-668, eff. 11-15-21;
16 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/19-2.6)

18 Sec. 19-2.6. Vote by mail; voters with a print disability.

19 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section, unless the
20 context otherwise requires:

21 "Assistive technology" means any equipment, software, or
22 product used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional
23 capabilities of individuals with disabilities, including, but
24 not limited to, screen reading and magnification software,

1 refreshable Braille displays, and speech recognition programs.

2 "Certified remote accessible vote by mail system" means a
3 process approved by the State Board of Elections through which
4 the State Board of Elections ~~an election authority~~ provides
5 for the electronic transmission of a vote by mail ballot to a
6 voter with a print disability and through which the voter with
7 a print disability marks and verifies the voter's ballot using
8 assistive technology.

9 "Electronic transmission" means the transfer of data or
10 information through an authorized electronic data interchange
11 system.

12 "Voter with a print disability" means a person having a
13 temporary or permanent physical or mental impairment, such as
14 blindness, low vision, physical dexterity limitations, or
15 learning or cognitive disabilities, that prevents the person
16 from effective reading, writing, or use of printed material.

17 (b) The State Board of Elections shall provide a certified
18 remote accessible vote by mail system for the General Election
19 of November 8, 2022 and all subsequent elections, through
20 which a vote by mail ballot can be delivered by electronic
21 transmission to voters with print disabilities and through
22 which voters with print disabilities are able to mark and
23 verify their ballots using assistive technology.

24 (c) The State Board of Elections ~~Election authorities~~
25 shall permit voters with a print disability to receive and
26 mark their vote by mail ballots (i) through the certified

1 remote accessible vote by mail system provided by the State
2 Board of Elections pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section
3 or (ii) through a certified remote accessible vote by mail
4 system provided by the State Board of Elections ~~election~~
5 ~~authority~~.

6 (d) If a vote by mail ballot application from a voter with
7 a print disability arrives after the jurisdiction begins
8 transmitting vote by mail ballots and instructions to voters,
9 the State Board of Elections ~~election~~ ~~authority~~ shall
10 electronically transmit the ballot, instructions, and
11 balloting materials to the voter within two business days
12 after receipt of the application.

13 (e) Ballots received and marked pursuant to this Section
14 must be printed by the voter and returned to the election
15 authority as provided in Section 19-6.

16 (f) The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules,
17 including emergency rules, necessary for the implementation of
18 this Section. The State Board of Elections' adopted rules
19 shall include certification standards for a remote accessible
20 vote by mail system and a method subject to the provisions in
21 Sections 19-2 and 19-3 of this Article by which a voter with a
22 print disability may request to use a certified remote
23 accessible vote by mail system and apply for an accessible
24 vote by mail ballot.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-819, eff. 5-13-22.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

2 Sec. 19-3. Application for a vote by permanent mail
3 ballot.

4 (a) (Blank). ~~The application for a vote by mail ballot for~~
5 ~~a single election shall be substantially in the following~~
6 ~~form:~~

7 ~~APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT~~

8 ~~To be voted at the election in the County of and~~
9 ~~State of Illinois.~~

10 ~~I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of~~
11 ~~.... in the county of; that I have resided at such address~~
12 ~~for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at~~
13 ~~the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote~~
14 ~~by mail.~~

15 ~~I hereby make application for an official ballot or~~
16 ~~ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I~~
17 ~~shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing~~
18 ~~the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the~~
19 ~~election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than~~
20 ~~election day, for counting no later than during the period for~~
21 ~~counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the~~
22 ~~14th day following election day.~~

23 ~~I understand that this application is made for an official~~
24 ~~vote by mail ballot or ballots to be voted by me at the~~
25 ~~election specified in this application and that I must submit~~
26 ~~a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot or~~

1 ~~ballots to be voted by me at any subsequent election.~~

2 ~~Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section~~
3 ~~29-10 of the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the~~
4 ~~statements set forth in this application are true and correct.~~

5 ~~....~~

6 ~~*fill in either (1), (2) or (3).~~

7 ~~Post office address to which ballot is mailed:~~

8 ~~.....~~

9 ~~(a 5) The application for a single vote by mail ballot~~
10 ~~transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be~~
11 ~~substantively similar to the application for a vote by mail~~
12 ~~ballot for a single election and shall include:~~

13 ~~I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a print~~
14 ~~disability, and, as a result of this disability, I am~~
15 ~~making a request to receive a vote by mail ballot~~
16 ~~electronically so that I may privately and independently~~
17 ~~mark, verify, and print my vote by mail ballot.~~

18 (b) The application for permanent vote by mail status
19 shall be substantially in the following form:

20 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

21 I am currently a registered voter and wish to apply for
22 permanent vote by mail status.

23 I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of
24 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
25 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to vote at
26 the election to be held on; and that I wish to vote

1 by mail in:

2 all subsequent elections that do not require a party
3 designation.

4 all subsequent elections, and I wish to receive a
5 Party vote by mail ballot in
6 elections that require a party designation.

7 I hereby make application for an official ballot or
8 ballots to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I
9 shall return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing
10 the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the
11 election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than
12 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
13 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
14 14th day following election day.

15 Under penalties as provided by law under Section 29-10 of
16 the Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
17 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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21 (b-5) The application for permanent vote by mail ballots
22 transmitted electronically pursuant to Section 19-2.6 shall be
23 substantively similar to the application for permanent vote by
24 mail status and shall include:

25 I swear or affirm that I am a voter with a
26 non-temporary print disability, and as a result of this

1 disability, I am making a request to receive vote by mail
2 ballots electronically so that I may privately and
3 independently mark, verify, and print my vote by mail
4 ballots.

5 (c) However, if application is made for a primary election
6 ballot, such application shall require the applicant to
7 designate the name of the political party with which the
8 applicant is affiliated. The State Board of Elections ~~election~~
9 ~~authority~~ shall allow any voter on permanent vote by mail
10 status to change his or her party affiliation for a primary
11 election ballot by a method and deadline published and
12 selected by the State Board of Elections ~~election authority~~.

13 (d) If application is made electronically, the applicant
14 shall mark the box associated with the above described
15 statement included as part of the online application
16 certifying that the statements set forth in the application
17 under subsection (a) or (b) are true and correct, and a
18 signature is not required.

19 (e) Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or
20 return to the State Board of Elections ~~an election authority~~
21 an application under this Section. If applications are sent to
22 a post office box controlled by any individual or organization
23 that is not an election authority, those applications shall
24 (i) include a valid and current phone number for the
25 individual or organization controlling the post office box and
26 (ii) be turned over to the State Board of Elections

1 ~~appropriate election authority~~ within 7 days of receipt or, if
2 received within 2 weeks of the election in which an applicant
3 intends to vote, within 2 days of receipt. Failure to turn over
4 the applications in compliance with this paragraph shall
5 constitute a violation of this Code and shall be punishable as
6 a petty offense with a fine of \$100 per application. Removing,
7 tampering with, or otherwise knowingly making the postmark on
8 the application unreadable by the State Board of Elections
9 ~~election authority~~ shall establish a rebuttable presumption of
10 a violation of this paragraph. Upon receipt, the State Board
11 of Elections ~~appropriate election authority~~ shall accept and
12 promptly process any application under this Section submitted
13 in a form substantially similar to that required by this
14 Section, including any substantially similar production or
15 reproduction generated by the applicant.

16 (f) (Blank). ~~An election authority may combine the~~
17 ~~applications in subsections (a) and (b) onto one form, but the~~
18 ~~distinction between the applications must be clear and the~~
19 ~~form must provide check boxes for an applicant to indicate~~
20 ~~whether he or she is applying for a single election vote by~~
21 ~~mail ballot or for permanent vote by mail status.~~

22 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;
23 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/19-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-4)

25 Sec. 19-4. Mailing or delivery of ballots; time.

1 Immediately upon the receipt of such application either by
2 mail or electronic means, ~~not more than 90 days nor less than 5~~
3 ~~days prior to such election, or by personal delivery not more~~
4 ~~than 90 days nor less than one day prior to such election, at~~
5 ~~the office of such election authority,~~ it shall be the duty of
6 the State Board of Elections ~~such election authority~~ to
7 examine the records to ascertain whether or not such applicant
8 is lawfully entitled to vote as requested, including a
9 verification of the applicant's signature on file ~~with the~~
10 ~~office of the election authority,~~ and if found so to be
11 entitled to vote, to maintain a list of ~~post within one~~
12 ~~business day thereafter~~ the name, street address, ward and
13 precinct number or township and district number, as the case
14 may be, of such applicant. No later than 50 days before an
15 election, the State Board of Elections ~~given on a list, the~~
16 ~~pages of which are to be numbered consecutively to be kept by~~
17 ~~such election authority for such purpose in a conspicuous,~~
18 ~~open and public place accessible to the public at the entrance~~
19 ~~of the office of such election authority, and in such a manner~~
20 ~~that such list may be viewed without necessity of requesting~~
21 ~~permission therefor. Within one day after posting the name and~~
22 ~~other information of an applicant for a vote by mail ballot,~~
23 ~~the election authority shall transmit by electronic means~~
24 ~~pursuant to a process established by the State Board of~~
25 ~~Elections that name and other posted information to the State~~
26 ~~Board of Elections, which shall~~ post maintain those names and

1 other information in an electronic format on its website,
2 arranged by county and accessible to State and local political
3 committees. No later than 30 days before ~~Within 2 business~~
4 ~~days after posting a name and other information on the list~~
5 ~~within its office, but no sooner than 40 days before~~ an
6 election, the State Board of Elections ~~election authority~~
7 shall mail, postage prepaid, or deliver in person in such
8 office, or deliver via electronic transmission pursuant to
9 Section 19-2.6, an official ballot or ballots if more than one
10 are to be voted at said election. Mail delivery of Temporarily
11 Absent Student ballot applications pursuant to Section 19-12.3
12 shall be by nonforwardable mail. However, for the consolidated
13 election, vote by mail ballots for certain precincts may be
14 delivered to applicants not less than 25 days before the
15 election if so much time is required to have prepared and
16 printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated
17 for offices at the consolidated primary. The State Board of
18 Elections ~~election authority~~ shall enclose with each vote by
19 mail ballot or application written instructions on how voting
20 assistance shall be provided pursuant to Section 17-14 and a
21 document, ~~written and approved by the State Board of~~
22 ~~Elections,~~ informing the vote by mail voter of the required
23 postage for returning the application and ballot, and
24 enumerating the circumstances under which a person is
25 authorized to vote by vote by mail ballot pursuant to this
26 Article; such document shall also include a statement

1 informing the applicant that if he or she falsifies or is
2 solicited by another to falsify his or her eligibility to cast
3 a vote by mail ballot, such applicant or other is subject to
4 penalties pursuant to Section 29-10 and Section 29-20 of the
5 Election Code. Each election authority shall maintain a list
6 of the name, street address, ward and precinct, or township
7 and district number, as the case may be, of all applicants who
8 have returned vote by mail ballots to such authority, and the
9 name of such vote by mail voter shall be added to such list
10 within one business day from receipt of such ballot. If the
11 vote by mail ballot envelope indicates that the voter was
12 assisted in casting the ballot, the name of the person so
13 assisting shall be included on the list. The list, the pages of
14 which are to be numbered consecutively, shall be kept by each
15 election authority in a conspicuous, open, and public place
16 accessible to the public at the entrance of the office of the
17 election authority and in a manner that the list may be viewed
18 without necessity of requesting permission for viewing.

19 The State Board of Elections ~~Each election authority~~ shall
20 maintain a list for each election of the voters to whom it has
21 issued vote by mail ballots. Prior to the start of early
22 voting, the State Board of Election shall provide a list to
23 each election authority, including every voter in an election
24 authority's jurisdiction who the State Board of Elections
25 issued a vote by mail ballot. The list shall be maintained for
26 each precinct within the jurisdiction of the election

1 authority. Prior to the opening of the polls on election day,
2 the election authority shall deliver to the judges of election
3 in each precinct the list of registered voters in that
4 precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued by mail.

5 The State Board of Elections ~~Each election authority~~ shall
6 maintain a list for each election of voters to whom it has
7 issued temporarily absent student ballots. Prior to the start
8 of early voting, the State Board of Election shall provide the
9 list to each election authority. The list shall be maintained
10 for each election jurisdiction within which such voters
11 temporarily abide. Immediately after the close of the period
12 during which application may be made by mail or electronic
13 means for vote by mail ballots, each election authority shall
14 mail to each other election authority within the State a
15 certified list of all such voters temporarily abiding within
16 the jurisdiction of the other election authority.

17 In the event that the return address of an application for
18 ballot by a physically incapacitated elector is that of a
19 facility licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care
20 Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013,
21 the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, within the
22 jurisdiction of the election authority, and the applicant is a
23 registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is
24 located, the ballots shall be prepared and transmitted to a
25 responsible judge of election no later than 9 a.m. on the
26 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the

1 election as designated by the election authority under Section
2 19-12.2. Such judge shall deliver in person on the designated
3 day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility
4 from which application was made. The election authority shall
5 by mail notify the applicant in such facility that the ballot
6 will be delivered by a judge of election on the designated day.

7 All applications for vote by mail ballots shall be
8 available from the State Board of Elections ~~at the office of~~
9 ~~the election authority~~ for public inspection upon request from
10 the time of receipt thereof by the State Board of Elections
11 ~~election authority~~ until 30 days after the election, except
12 during the time such applications are kept in the office of the
13 election authority pursuant to Section 19-7, and except during
14 the time such applications are in the possession of the judges
15 of election.

16 Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the
17 contrary, pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 30 of the
18 Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence,
19 Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, neither
20 the name nor the address of a program participant under that
21 Act shall be included in any list of registered voters
22 available to the public, including the lists referenced in
23 this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-819, eff. 5-13-22;
25 102-1126, eff. 2-10-23.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/19-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-5)

2 Sec. 19-5. Folding and enclosure of ballots in unsealed
3 envelope; address on envelope; certification; instructions for
4 marking and returning ballots. It shall be the duty of the
5 State Board of Elections ~~election authority~~ to fold the ballot
6 or ballots in the manner specified by the statute for folding
7 ballots prior to their deposit in the ballot box, and to
8 enclose such ballot or ballots in an envelope unsealed to be
9 furnished by the election authority, which envelope shall bear
10 upon the face thereof the name, official title and post office
11 address of the voter's election authority, and upon the other
12 side a printed certification in substantially the following
13 form:

14 I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of
15 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
16 for at least 30 days; and that I am lawfully entitled to cast a
17 ballot.

18 I further state that I personally marked the enclosed
19 ballot in secret.

20 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
21 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
22 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
23 and correct.

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25 If the ballot is to go to an elector who is physically
26 incapacitated and needs assistance marking the ballot, the

1 envelope shall bear upon the back thereof a certification in
2 substantially the following form:

3 I state that I am a resident of in the municipality of
4 in the county of; that I have resided at such address
5 for at least 30 days; that I am lawfully entitled to cast a
6 ballot; and that I am physically incapable of personally
7 marking the ballot for this election.

8 I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in
9 secret with the assistance of

10

11 (Individual rendering assistance)

12

13 (Residence Address)

14 Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to
15 Section 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies
16 that the statements set forth in this certification are true
17 and correct.

18

19 In the case of a voter with a physical incapacity, marking
20 a ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the
21 assistance of another individual, other than a candidate whose
22 name appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
23 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
24 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
25 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
26 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

1 In the case of a physically incapacitated voter, marking a
2 ballot in secret includes marking a ballot with the assistance
3 of another individual, other than a candidate whose name
4 appears on the ballot (unless the voter is the spouse or a
5 parent, child, brother, or sister of the candidate), the
6 voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an officer or
7 agent of the voter's union, when the voter's physical
8 incapacity necessitates such assistance.

9 Provided, that if the ballot enclosed is to be voted at a
10 primary election, the certification shall designate the name
11 of the political party with which the voter is affiliated.

12 In addition to the above, the State Board of Elections
13 ~~election authority~~ shall provide printed slips, or an
14 electronic version thereof for voters voting by mail pursuant
15 to Section 19-2.6, giving full instructions regarding the
16 manner of marking and returning the ballot in order that the
17 same may be counted, and shall furnish one of such printed
18 slips or the electronic version thereof for voters voting by
19 mail pursuant to Section 19-2.6 to each of such applicants at
20 the same time the ballot is delivered to him. Such
21 instructions shall include the following statement: "In
22 signing the certification on the vote by mail ballot envelope,
23 you are attesting that you personally marked this vote by mail
24 ballot in secret. If you are physically unable to mark the
25 ballot, a friend or relative may assist you after completing
26 the enclosed affidavit. Federal and State laws prohibit a

1 candidate whose name appears on the ballot (unless you are the
2 spouse or a parent, child, brother, or sister of the
3 candidate), your employer, your employer's agent or an officer
4 or agent of your union from assisting voters with physical
5 disabilities."

6 In addition to the above, if a ballot to be provided to an
7 elector pursuant to this Section contains a public question
8 described in subsection (b) of Section 28-6 and the territory
9 concerning which the question is to be submitted is not
10 described on the ballot due to the space limitations of such
11 ballot, the election authority shall provide a printed copy of
12 a notice of the public question, which shall include a
13 description of the territory in the manner required by Section
14 16-7. The notice shall be furnished to the elector at the same
15 time the ballot is delivered to the elector.

16 The State Board of Elections ~~Election~~ authorities
17 transmitting ballots by electronic transmission pursuant to
18 Section 19-2.6 shall, to the greatest extent possible, provide
19 those applicants with the same instructions, certifications,
20 and other balloting materials required when sending ballots by
21 mail.

22 (Source: P.A. 102-819, eff. 5-13-22; 103-467, eff. 8-4-23.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/19-6.5 new)

24 Sec. 19-6.5. List of vote by mail applications. Prior to
25 the start of early voting, the State Board of Elections shall

1 provide each election authority with the vote by mail
2 applications of the voters the State Board of Elections mailed
3 a vote by mail ballot to for that election.

4 (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-12.2)

5 Sec. 19-12.2. Voting by physically incapacitated electors
6 who have made proper application to the State Board of
7 Elections ~~election authority~~ not later than 5 days before the
8 regular primary and general election of 1980 and before each
9 election thereafter shall be conducted either through the vote
10 by mail procedures as detailed in this Article or on the
11 premises of (i) federally operated veterans' homes, hospitals,
12 and facilities located in Illinois or (ii) facilities licensed
13 or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the
14 Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the
15 ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act for the sole benefit
16 of residents of such homes, hospitals, and facilities. For the
17 purposes of this Section, "federally operated veterans' home,
18 hospital, or facility" means the long-term care facilities at
19 the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Illiana Health Care System,
20 Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Marion VA Medical Center, and
21 Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Such
22 voting shall be conducted during any continuous period
23 sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots
24 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. either on the Friday,
25 Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the regular

1 election. This vote by mail voting on one of said days
2 designated by the election authority shall be supervised by
3 two election judges who must be selected by the election
4 authority in the following order of priority: (1) from the
5 panel of judges appointed for the precinct in which such home,
6 hospital, or facility is located, or from a panel of judges
7 appointed for any other precinct within the jurisdiction of
8 the election authority in the same ward or township, as the
9 case may be, in which the home, hospital, or facility is
10 located or, only in the case where a judge or judges from the
11 precinct, township or ward are unavailable to serve, (3) from
12 a panel of judges appointed for any other precinct within the
13 jurisdiction of the election authority. The two judges shall
14 be from different political parties. Not less than 30 days
15 before each regular election, the election authority shall
16 have arranged with the chief administrative officer of each
17 home, hospital, or facility in his or its election
18 jurisdiction a mutually convenient time period on the Friday,
19 Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the election
20 for such voting on the premises of the home, hospital, or
21 facility and shall post in a prominent place in his or its
22 office a notice of the agreed day and time period for
23 conducting such voting at each home, hospital, or facility;
24 provided that the election authority shall not later than noon
25 on the Thursday before the election also post the names and
26 addresses of those homes, hospitals, and facilities from which

1 no applications were received and in which no supervised vote
2 by mail voting will be conducted. All provisions of this Code
3 applicable to pollwatchers shall be applicable herein. To the
4 maximum extent feasible, voting booths or screens shall be
5 provided to insure the privacy of the voter. Voting procedures
6 shall be as described in Article 17 of this Code, except that
7 ballots shall be treated as vote by mail ballots and shall not
8 be counted until the close of the polls on the following day.
9 After the last voter has concluded voting, the judges shall
10 seal the ballots in an envelope and affix their signatures
11 across the flap of the envelope. Immediately thereafter, the
12 judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the
13 election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the
14 election authority's central ballot counting location prior to
15 the closing of the polls on the day of election. The judges of
16 election shall also report to the election authority the name
17 of any applicant in the home, hospital, or facility who, due to
18 unforeseen circumstance or condition or because of a religious
19 holiday, was unable to vote. In this event, the election
20 authority may appoint a qualified person from his or its staff
21 to deliver the ballot to such applicant on the day of election.
22 This staff person shall follow the same procedures prescribed
23 for judges conducting vote by mail voting in such homes,
24 hospitals, or facilities and shall return the ballot to the
25 central ballot counting location before the polls close.
26 However, if the home, hospital, or facility from which the

1 application was made is also used as a regular precinct
2 polling place for that voter, voting procedures heretofore
3 prescribed may be implemented by 2 of the election judges of
4 opposite party affiliation assigned to that polling place
5 during the hours of voting on the day of the election. Judges
6 of election shall be compensated not less than \$25.00 for
7 conducting vote by mail voting in such homes, hospitals, or
8 facilities.

9 Not less than 120 days before each regular election, the
10 Department of Public Health shall certify to the State Board
11 of Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified
12 pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental
13 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care
14 Act, or the MC/DD Act. The lists shall indicate the approved
15 bed capacity and the name of the chief administrative officer
16 of each such home, hospital, or facility, and the State Board
17 of Elections shall certify the same to the appropriate
18 election authority within 20 days thereafter.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-600, eff. 7-1-24.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/19-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-13)

21 Sec. 19-13. Any qualified voter who has been admitted to a
22 hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center due to an
23 illness or physical injury not more than 14 days before an
24 election shall be entitled to personal delivery of a vote by
25 mail ballot in the hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation

1 center subject to the following conditions:

2 (1) The voter completes the Application for Physically
 3 Incapacitated Elector as provided in Section 19-3, stating as
 4 reasons therein that he is a patient in (name
 5 of hospital/home/center), located at,
 6 (address of hospital/home/center),
 7 (county, city/village), was admitted for
 8 (nature of illness or physical injury), on
 9 (date of admission), and does not expect to be
 10 released from the hospital/home/center on or before the day of
 11 election or, if released, is expected to be homebound on the
 12 day of the election and unable to travel to the polling place.

13 (2) The voter's physician, advanced practice registered
 14 nurse, or physician assistant completes a Certificate of
 15 Attending Health Care Professional in a form substantially as
 16 follows:

17 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

18 I state that I am a physician, advanced practice
 19 registered nurse, or physician assistant, duly licensed to
 20 practice in the State of; that is a
 21 patient in (name of hospital/home/center), located
 22 at (address of hospital/home/center),
 23 (county, city/village); that such individual
 24 was admitted for (nature of illness or physical
 25 injury), on (date of admission); and that I have
 26 examined such individual in the State in which I am licensed to

1 practice and do not expect such individual to be released from
 2 the hospital/home/center on or before the day of election or,
 3 if released, to be able to travel to the polling place on
 4 election day.

5 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section
 6 29-10 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 7 statements set forth in this certification are true and
 8 correct.

9 (Signature)

10 (Date licensed)

11 (3) Any person who is registered to vote in the same
 12 precinct as the admitted voter or any legal relative of the
 13 admitted voter may present such voter's vote by mail ballot
 14 application, completed as prescribed in paragraph 1,
 15 accompanied by the physician's, advanced practice registered
 16 nurse's, or a physician assistant's certificate, completed as
 17 prescribed in paragraph 2, to the State Board of Elections
 18 ~~election authority~~. Such precinct voter or relative shall
 19 execute and sign an affidavit furnished by the State Board of
 20 Elections ~~election authority~~ attesting that he is a registered
 21 voter in the same precinct as the admitted voter or that he is
 22 a legal relative of the admitted voter and stating the nature
 23 of the relationship. Such precinct voter or relative shall
 24 further attest that he has been authorized by the admitted
 25 voter to obtain his or her vote by mail ballot from the
 26 election authority and deliver such ballot to him in the

1 hospital, home, or center.

2 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's application,
3 physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or a
4 physician assistant's certificate, and the affidavit of the
5 precinct voter or the relative, the State Board of Elections
6 ~~election authority~~ shall examine the registration records to
7 determine if the applicant is qualified to vote and, if found
8 to be qualified, shall provide the precinct voter or the
9 relative the vote by mail ballot for delivery to the
10 applicant.

11 Upon receipt of the vote by mail ballot, the admitted
12 voter shall mark the ballot in secret and subscribe to the
13 certifications on the vote by mail ballot return envelope.
14 After depositing the ballot in the return envelope and
15 securely sealing the envelope, such voter shall give the
16 envelope to the precinct voter or the relative who shall
17 deliver it to the election authority in sufficient time for
18 the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the
19 election authority's central ballot counting location before 7
20 p.m. on election day.

21 Upon receipt of the admitted voter's vote by mail ballot,
22 the ballot shall be counted in the manner prescribed in this
23 Article.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-581, eff. 1-1-17; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)