



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4400

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Rep. Chris Bos

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-70 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections shall create a policy to be instituted by each election authority concerning the chain of custody and secure storage of vote by mail ballots. Provides that the policy shall include: (i) procedures to destroy a ballot if a voter returns a vote by mail ballot and votes in person at the same election; (ii) reporting requirements of the number of vote by mail ballots received, rejected, or destroyed due to in-person voting; and (iii) the creation of a public database to publish data provided by election authorities.

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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. Vote by mail ballots; chain of custody;
8 security. The State Board of Elections shall create a policy
9 to be instituted by each election authority concerning the
10 chain of custody and secure storage of vote by mail ballots.
11 The policy shall include:

12 (1) procedures to destroy a ballot if a voter returns
13 a vote by mail ballot and votes in person at the same
14 election;

15 (2) reporting requirements of the number of vote by
16 mail ballots received, rejected, or destroyed due to
17 in-person voting; and

18 (3) the creation of a public database to publish data
19 provided by election authorities.