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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8	
10 ILCS 5/4-14.2 new	
10 ILCS 5/4-30	from Ch. 46, par. 4-30
10 ILCS 5/5-9.2 new	
10 ILCS 5/5-25	from Ch. 46, par. 5-25
10 ILCS 5/6-55.1 new	
10 ILCS 5/6-59	from Ch. 46, par. 6-59
705 ILCS 310/9.3 new	

Amends the Jury Commission Act. Provides that the clerk of the circuit court shall notify the jury administrator or jury commissioners of each jury summons that is returned indicating a change of address. Provides that, not less often than every 3 months, the jury administrator or jury commissioners shall send the local election authority a list of each such change of address. Amends the Election Code. Contains provisions concerning the cancellation of voter registration if the county clerk is of the opinion that the person is not a qualified voter or has ceased to be a qualified voter. In provisions requiring election authorities to automatically register a voter who has moved to a new jurisdiction in Illinois or within the jurisdiction, requires the election authority to act within 90 days of receipt of information from the National Change of Address Linkage System. Requires county clerks and the Board of Election Commissioners to complete verifications of voter registrations after a consolidated election in an odd-numbered year but before the first day allowed for circulation of a petition for nomination for a candidate for the following primary election in an even-numbered year (rather than at least once in every 2 years). Requires the county clerks and the Board of Election Commissioners to certify to the State Board of Elections that the verification has been conducted and completed within 30 days of completion of the verification.

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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 1A-16.8, 4-30, 5-25, and 6-59 and by adding Sections
6 4-14.2, 5-9.2, and 6-55.1 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

8 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based
9 upon information from the National Change of Address database
10 and designated automatic voter registration agencies.

11 (a) The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the
12 statewide voter registration database against the United
13 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database
14 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in
15 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in
16 even-numbered years or with the same frequency as in
17 subsection (b) of this Section, and shall share the findings
18 with the election authorities.

19 (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,
20 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided
21 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration
22 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide
23 voter registration database against databases of relevant

1 personal information kept by designated automatic voter
2 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's
3 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6
4 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with
5 election authorities.

6 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections
7 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as
8 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a
9 determination by the State Board of Elections of full
10 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,
11 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full
12 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)
13 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of
14 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative
15 Reference Bureau.

16 (b-5) The State Board of Elections shall not be required
17 to share any data on any voter attained using the National
18 Change of Address database under subsection (a) of this
19 Section if that voter has a more recent government transaction
20 indicated using the cross-reference under subsection (b) of
21 this Section. If there is contradictory or unclear data
22 between data obtained under subsections (a) and (b) of this
23 Section, then data obtained under subsection (b) of this
24 Section shall take priority.

25 (c) Within 90 days of receipt of information from the
26 National Change of Address Linkage System maintained by the

1 United States Postal Service, an ~~An~~ election authority shall
2 automatically register any voter who has moved into its
3 jurisdiction from another jurisdiction in Illinois or has
4 moved within its jurisdiction provided that:

5 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes
6 the new registration address provides the voter an
7 opportunity to reject the change in registration address
8 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the
9 new registration address, and

10 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction
11 includes the previous registration address is a different
12 election authority, then that election authority provides
13 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by
14 forwardable mail, to the previous registration address.

15 This change in registration shall trigger the same
16 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if
17 the voter completed a new registration card, including the
18 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the
19 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another
20 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and
21 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting
22 that the prior registration address is the true current
23 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as
24 having been registered at the prior registration address and
25 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall
26 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration

1 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable
2 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be
3 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that
4 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day
5 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm
6 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements
7 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a
8 provisional ballot.

9 (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an
10 error relating to an update of registration under this
11 Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 99-522, eff. 6-30-16; 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/4-14.2 new)

14 Sec. 4-14.2. Review of jury summons. If, upon review of
15 the list of returned juror summons under Section 9.3 of the
16 Jury Commission Act, the county clerk is of the opinion that
17 any person registered is not a qualified voter or has ceased to
18 be a qualified voter, the county clerk shall send a notice
19 through the United States mail to the person, requiring the
20 person to appear before the county clerk for a hearing within 5
21 days after the date of mailing the notice and to show cause why
22 the person's registration shall not be canceled. If the person
23 fails to appear within the prescribed time, the person's
24 registration shall be canceled. If the person does appear, the
25 person shall execute an affidavit similar in every respect to

1 the affidavit required of applicants under Section 4-8.

2 (10 ILCS 5/4-30) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-30)

3 Sec. 4-30. The county clerk on his own initiative or upon
4 order of the county board shall at all times have authority to
5 conduct investigation and to make canvasses of the registered
6 voters in any precinct canvass or at other times and by other
7 methods than those so prescribed. However, the county clerk
8 shall ~~at least once in every 2 years~~ conduct a verification of
9 voter registrations and shall cause the cancellation of
10 registration of persons who have ceased to be qualified
11 voters. The verification shall be conducted and completed
12 after a consolidated election in an odd-numbered year but
13 before the first day allowed for circulation of a petition for
14 nomination for a candidate for the following primary election
15 in an even-numbered year. Such verification shall be
16 accomplished by one of the following methods: (1) precinct
17 canvass conducted by 2 qualified persons of opposite party
18 affiliation appointed by the county clerk or (2) written
19 request for verification sent to each registered voter by
20 first class mail, not forwardable or (3) an alternative method
21 of verification submitted in writing to and approved by the
22 State Board of Elections at a public meeting not less than 60
23 days prior to the date on which the county clerk has fixed for
24 implementation of that method of verification; provided, that
25 the county clerk shall certify ~~submit~~ to the State Board of

1 Elections that the verification has been conducted and
2 completed and include a written statement of the results
3 obtained by use of such alternative method within 30 days of
4 completion of the verification. Provided that in each precinct
5 one canvasser may be appointed from outside such precinct if
6 not enough other qualified persons who reside within the
7 precinct can be found to serve as canvasser in such precinct.
8 The one canvasser so appointed to serve in any precinct in
9 which he is not entitled to vote prior to the election must be
10 entitled to vote elsewhere within the ward, township or road
11 district which includes within its boundaries the precinct in
12 which such canvasser is appointed and such canvasser must be
13 otherwise qualified. If upon the basis of investigation or
14 canvasses, the county clerk shall be of the opinion that any
15 person registered under this Article is not a qualified voter
16 or has ceased to be a qualified voter, he shall send a notice
17 through the United States mail to such person, requiring him
18 to appear before the county clerk for a hearing within ten days
19 after the date of mailing such notice and show cause why his
20 registration shall not be cancelled. If such person fails to
21 appear within such time as provided, his registration shall be
22 cancelled. If such a person does appear, he shall make an
23 affidavit similar in every respect to the affidavit required
24 of applicants under Section 4-13 and his registration shall be
25 reinstated.

26 If the county clerk cancels such registration upon the

1 voter failing to appear, the county clerk shall immediately
2 request of the clerk of the city, village or incorporated town
3 in which the person claimed residence, to return the
4 triplicate card of registration of the said person and within
5 twenty-four hours after receipt of said request, the said
6 clerk shall mail or cause to be delivered to the county clerk
7 the triplicate card of registration of the said person and the
8 said triplicate card shall thereupon be cancelled by the
9 county clerk.

10 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/5-9.2 new)

12 Sec. 5-9.2. Review of jury summons. If, upon review of the
13 list of returned juror summons under Section 9.3 of the Jury
14 Commission Act, the county clerk is of the opinion that any
15 person registered is not a qualified voter or has ceased to be
16 a qualified voter, the county clerk shall send a notice
17 through the United States mail to the person, requiring the
18 person to appear before the county clerk for a hearing within 5
19 days after the date of mailing the notice and to show cause why
20 the person's registration shall not be canceled. If the person
21 fails to appear within the time provided, the person's
22 registration shall be canceled. If the person does appear, the
23 person shall execute an affidavit similar in every respect to
24 the affidavit required of applicants under Section 5-7.

1 (10 ILCS 5/5-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-25)

2 Sec. 5-25. The county clerk on his own initiative or upon
3 order of the board of county commissioners shall at all times
4 have authority to conduct investigation and to make canvasses
5 of the registered voters in any precinct canvass or at other
6 times and by other methods than those so prescribed. However,
7 the county clerk shall conduct a verification of voter
8 registrations ~~at least once in every 2 years,~~ and shall cause
9 the cancellation of registration of persons who have ceased to
10 be qualified voters. The verification shall be conducted and
11 completed after a consolidated election in an odd-numbered
12 year but before the first day allowed for circulation of a
13 petition for nomination for a candidate for the following
14 primary election in an even-numbered year. Such verification
15 shall be accomplished by one of the following methods: (1)
16 precinct canvass conducted by 2 qualified persons of opposite
17 party affiliation appointed by the county clerk or (2) written
18 request for verification sent to each registered voter by
19 first class mail, not forwardable or (3) an alternative method
20 of verification submitted in writing to and approved by the
21 State Board of Elections at a public meeting not less than 60
22 days prior to the date which the county clerk has fixed for
23 implementation of that method of verification; provided, that
24 the county clerk shall certify ~~submit~~ to the State Board of
25 Elections that the verification has been conducted and
26 completed and include a written statement of the results

1 obtained by use of such alternative method within 30 days of
2 completion of the verification. In each precinct one canvasser
3 may be appointed from outside such precinct if not enough
4 other qualified persons who reside within the precinct can be
5 found to serve as canvasser in such precinct. The one
6 canvasser so appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is
7 not entitled to vote prior to the election must be entitled to
8 vote elsewhere within the ward or township which includes
9 within its boundaries the precinct in which such canvasser is
10 appointed and such canvasser must be otherwise qualified. If
11 upon the basis of investigation or canvasses, the county clerk
12 shall be of the opinion that any person registered under this
13 Article 5 is not a qualified voter or has ceased to be a
14 qualified voter, he shall send a notice through the United
15 States mail to such person, requiring him to appear before the
16 county clerk for a hearing within ten days after the date of
17 mailing such notice and show cause why his registration shall
18 not be cancelled. If such person fails to appear within such
19 time as provided, his registration shall be cancelled. If such
20 a person does appear, he shall make an affidavit similar in
21 every respect to the affidavit required of applicants under
22 Section 5-16 of this Article 5.

23 (Source: P.A. 81-1535.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/6-55.1 new)

25 Sec. 6-55.1. Review of jury summons. If, upon review of

1 the list of returned juror summons under Section 9.3 of the
2 Jury Commission Act, the county clerk is of the opinion that
3 any person registered is not a qualified voter or has ceased to
4 be a qualified voter, the county clerk shall send a notice
5 through the United States mail to the person, requiring the
6 person to appear before the county clerk for a hearing within 5
7 days after the date of mailing the notice and to show cause why
8 the person's registration shall not be canceled. If such
9 person fails to appear within the time provided, the person's
10 registration shall be canceled. If the person does appear, the
11 person shall execute an affidavit similar in every respect to
12 the affidavit required of applicants under Section 6-29.

13 (10 ILCS 5/6-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-59)

14 Sec. 6-59. The Board of Election Commissioners on its own
15 initiative, or upon order of the circuit court, shall at all
16 times have authority to conduct investigations and to make
17 canvasses of the registered voters in any precinct or
18 precincts within its jurisdiction either by the methods
19 provided in this Article or at other times and by other methods
20 than those prescribed herein. However, the Board of Election
21 Commissioners shall, ~~at least once in every 2 years,~~ conduct a
22 verification of voter registrations and shall cause the
23 cancellation of registration of persons who have ceased to be
24 qualified voters. The verification shall be conducted and
25 completed after a consolidated election in an odd-numbered

1 year but before the first day allowed for circulation of a
2 petition for nomination for a candidate for the following
3 primary election in an even-numbered year. Such verification
4 shall be accomplished by one of the following methods: (1)
5 precinct canvass conducted by 2 qualified persons of opposite
6 party affiliation appointed by the Board of Election
7 Commissioners or (2) written request sent to each registered
8 voter by first class mail, not forwardable or (3) an
9 alternative method of verification submitted in writing to and
10 approved by the ~~The~~ State Board of Elections at a public
11 meeting not less than 60 days prior to the date on which the
12 Board of Election Commissioners has fixed for implementation
13 of that method of verification; provided, said Board shall
14 certify ~~submit~~ to the State Board of Elections that the
15 verification has been conducted and completed and include a
16 written statement of the results obtained by use of such
17 alternative method within 30 days of the completion of the
18 verification. If, upon the basis of investigations or
19 canvasses, the board shall be of the opinion that any person
20 registered under this Article is not a qualified voter or has
21 ceased to be a qualified voter, it shall send a notice through
22 the United States mail to such person, requiring him to appear
23 before such board at a time specified in such notice, not less
24 than 10 nor more than 30 days after the mailing of such notice
25 and show cause why his registration should not be cancelled.
26 If such a person does not appear, his registration shall be

1 cancelled. If such a person does appear he shall make an
2 affidavit and shall be heard in the manner provided by Section
3 6-45 of this Article, and if his registration is cancelled as a
4 result of such a hearing, he shall be entitled to a hearing in
5 the circuit court and to an appeal to the Supreme Court in the
6 manner provided by Section 6-52 of this Article.

7 Whenever the Board of Election Commissioners acting under
8 authority of this section conducts a canvass of the registered
9 voters in any precinct or precincts and the board designates
10 canvassers to conduct the canvass, the board shall appoint as
11 canvassers persons affiliated with the leading political
12 parties in like manner as judges of election are appointed
13 under the provisions of Section 14-4 of this Act; provided
14 that in each precinct in counties of 500,000 inhabitants or
15 more, one canvasser may be appointed from outside such
16 precinct if not enough other qualified persons who reside
17 within the precinct can be found to serve as canvasser in such
18 precinct. The one canvasser so appointed to serve in any
19 precinct in which he is not entitled to vote prior to the
20 election must be entitled to vote elsewhere within the ward or
21 township which includes within its boundaries the precinct in
22 which such canvasser is appointed and such canvasser must be
23 otherwise qualified.

24 The canvassers, so appointed by virtue of this section,
25 shall comply with the provisions of Sections 6-40 and 6-41
26 relative to the mailing and leaving of notices at the

1 addresses of persons whose right to vote in the precinct or
2 precincts is questioned.

3 (Source: P.A. 81-1433.)

4 Section 10. The Jury Commission Act is amended by adding
5 Section 9.3 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 310/9.3 new)

7 Sec. 9.3. Notification of change of address. The clerk of
8 the circuit court shall notify the jury administrator or jury
9 commissioners of each jury summons that is returned indicating
10 a change of address. Not less often than every 3 months, the
11 jury administrator or jury commissioners shall send the local
12 election authority a list of names on jury summonses that are
13 returned indicating a change of address.