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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 496

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 496 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.2, 1A-16.7, and 1A-16.8 and by adding  
6 Section 1A-16.3 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.1)

8 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-210)

9 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of  
10 State.

11 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State  
12 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and  
13 jointly adopted ~~jointly-adopted~~ rules, shall establish an  
14 automatic voter registration program that satisfies the  
15 requirements of this Section and other applicable law.

16 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for

1 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
2 ~~form~~ for a driver's license, ~~other than a temporary visitor's~~  
3 ~~driver's license~~, or a State identification card issued by the  
4 Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant presents  
5 documentation that establishes that the applicant is a United  
6 States citizen, as described in subsection (g), and is of age  
7 to register to vote or if the information provided to the  
8 Office of the Secretary of State under subsection (c)  
9 indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote  
10 in Illinois and, upon reviewing the documents and information  
11 submitted by the applicant, the Office of the Secretary of  
12 State determines that the name or residence address  
13 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the  
14 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection  
15 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,  
16 then that application shall serve as a dual-purpose  
17 application, unless the applicant declines in accordance with  
18 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose  
19 application shall:

20 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
21 in Illinois;

22 (2) ~~allow an applicant to~~ change the applicant's his  
23 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
24 on the voter registration rolls;

25 (3) in a single affirmation, including the affirmation  
26 required for a driver's license or State identification

1 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of  
2 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information  
3 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is  
4 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
5 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
6 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
7 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
8 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
9 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or~~  
10 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~  
11 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

12 (4) allow the applicant to notify the Office of the  
13 Secretary of State of the applicant's preferred language  
14 ~~unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
15 ~~change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
16 ~~require the applicant to attest, by signature under~~  
17 ~~penalty of perjury as described in subsection (c) of this~~  
18 ~~Section, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
19 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
20 ~~on his or her driver's license or identification card~~  
21 ~~dual-purpose application.~~

22 The Office of the Secretary of State shall record the type  
23 of documents presented by the applicant that establishes the  
24 applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
25 subsection (g) and shall enter United States citizenship in a  
26 designated field. Based on the entry of United States

1 citizenship in the designated field, the Office of the  
2 Secretary of State shall initiate a dual-purpose application  
3 through an automated process that is not subject to the  
4 discretion of individual employees of the Office of the  
5 Secretary of State.

6 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for  
7 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
8 ~~form~~ for a driver's license, ~~other than a temporary visitor's~~  
9 ~~driver's license,~~ or a State identification card issued by the  
10 Office of the Secretary of State, other than an application or  
11 form that pertains to a standard driver's license or  
12 identification card for an applicant who does not have and is  
13 not eligible for a social security number, an applicant  
14 presents documentation that neither establishes that the  
15 applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that the  
16 applicant is not a United States citizen and the information  
17 provided to the Office of the Secretary of State under  
18 subsection (c) does not indicate that the applicant is  
19 currently registered to vote in Illinois ~~does not meet the~~  
20 ~~requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,~~ then that  
21 application shall serve as a dual-purpose application. ~~The~~  
22 ~~dual-purpose application that,~~ shall: (1) ~~also serve as an~~  
23 ~~application to register to vote in Illinois;~~ (2) ~~allow an~~  
24 ~~applicant to change his or her registered residence address or~~  
25 ~~name as it appears on the voter registration rolls;~~ and (3) if  
26 the applicant chooses to register to vote, shall also serve as

1 an application to register to vote in Illinois. If the  
2 applicant chooses to register to vote, the applicant shall be  
3 required ~~or to change his or her registered residence address~~  
4 ~~or name, then require the applicant~~ to attest, by a separate  
5 signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting the  
6 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the  
7 applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address as indicated on the  
8 ~~his or her~~ dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose  
9 application shall allow the applicant to notify the Office of  
10 the Secretary of State of the applicant's preferred language.

11 (b-8) If an applicant presents to the Secretary of State  
12 documentation that establishes the applicant is not a United  
13 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
14 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

15 (b-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
16 (b) to provide the written affirmation described in that  
17 subsection, the ~~The~~ Office of the Secretary of State shall  
18 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
19 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; 7  
20 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
21 voter registration application, including the  
22 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
23 United States citizenship and of the applicant's opportunity  
24 not to proceed in order to avoid the penalties; and (iii) that  
25 the ~~, unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
26 ~~update his or her voter registration, his or her dual purpose~~

1 application shall also serve as ~~both~~ an application to  
2 register to vote ~~and his or her attestation that he or she~~  
3 ~~meets the eligibility requirements for voter registration,~~ and  
4 that the ~~his or her~~ application to register to vote or update  
5 voter ~~his or her~~ registration will be transmitted to the State  
6 Board of Elections for the purpose of registering the person  
7 to vote at the residence address to be indicated on the  
8 applicant's ~~his or her~~ driver's license or identification  
9 card, ~~and (iv) that declining to register to vote is~~  
10 ~~confidential and will not affect any services the person may~~  
11 ~~be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State.~~

12 The Office of the Secretary of State may provide  
13 additional instructions specific to applicants under  
14 subsection (b).

15 (b-15) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
16 (b-5) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
17 the Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and  
18 conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the  
19 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (ii) of the  
20 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter  
21 registration application, including the immigration-related  
22 consequences of incorrectly claiming United States citizenship  
23 and of the applicant's opportunity to withdraw an application  
24 to avoid the penalties; (iii) that the application shall also  
25 serve as an application to register to vote and that the  
26 application to register to vote or update voter registration

1 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
2 purpose of registering the person to vote at the residence  
3 address to be indicated on the applicant's driver's license or  
4 identification card, unless the applicant withdraws the  
5 application or declines to register to vote or update the  
6 applicant's voter registration; and (iv) that declining to  
7 register to vote or withdrawing a voter application is  
8 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
9 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The  
10 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
11 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b-5).

12 (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review  
13 information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State  
14 by the State Board of Elections to determine ~~inform each~~  
15 ~~applicant for a driver's license or permit, other than a~~  
16 ~~temporary visitor's driver's license, or a State~~  
17 ~~identification card issued by the Office of the Secretary of~~  
18 ~~State~~ whether each ~~the~~ applicant under subsections (b) and  
19 (b-5) is currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if  
20 registered, at what address, and shall inform each applicant  
21 described in subsection (b-5) for a driver's license or permit  
22 or State identification card issued by the Office of the  
23 Secretary of State whether the applicant is currently  
24 registered and, if registered, at what address.

25 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require  
26 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification

1 card to provide duplicate identification or information in  
2 order to complete an application to register to vote or change  
3 his or her registered residence address or name. Before  
4 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to  
5 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of  
6 State shall review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents  
7 the applicant provided in order to complete the application  
8 for a driver's license or State identification card, to  
9 confirm that nothing in those documents indicates that the  
10 applicant does not satisfy the qualifications to register to  
11 vote in Illinois at his or her residence address. If the  
12 applicant provides the Office of the Secretary of State with  
13 an address designated by the Attorney General as a substitute  
14 mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
15 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual  
16 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act or is a judicial  
17 officer of peace officer who provides the Office of the  
18 Secretary of State with a work address instead of a residence  
19 address, as authorized by subsection (a) of Section 6-106 of  
20 the Illinois Vehicle Code, the applicant shall not be offered  
21 voter registration by the Office of the Secretary of State.

22 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's  
23 license or permit, ~~other than a temporary visitor's driver's~~  
24 ~~license,~~ or a State identification card issued by the Office  
25 of the Secretary of State that includes the presentation of  
26 documentation that establishes that the applicant is a United



1 States citizen and is of age to register to vote or for which  
2 the information provided to the Office of the Secretary of  
3 State under subsection (c) indicates that the applicant is  
4 currently registered to vote in Illinois, ~~that meets the~~  
5 ~~requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005;~~ or (ii) a  
6 completed application under subsection (b-5) of this Section  
7 with a separate signature attesting the applicant meets the  
8 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his or her  
9 residence address as indicated on his or her application shall  
10 constitute a signed application to register to vote in  
11 Illinois at the residence address indicated in the application  
12 ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the application to~~  
13 ~~register to vote or to change his or her registered residence~~  
14 ~~address or name.~~ If the ~~identification~~ documents provided to  
15 complete the dual-purpose application indicate that the  
16 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to  
17 register to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~  
18 residence address, the application shall be marked as  
19 incomplete.

20 (f) For each completed and signed application that  
21 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or  
22 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence  
23 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
24 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections  
25 personal information needed to complete the person's  
26 registration to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~

1 residence address, including the applicant's choice language  
2 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
3 collected by the Office of the Secretary of State during the  
4 permitting, licensing, or identification card transaction. The  
5 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
6 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

7 (g) Documentation that establishes that the applicant is a  
8 United States citizen shall include:

9 (1) a valid, unexpired United States passport or  
10 passport card or a United States passport or passport card  
11 that has been expired for no more than 2 years;

12 (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate filed with  
13 the Division of Vital Records or an equivalent agency in  
14 the individual's state of birth;

15 (3) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the  
16 United States Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350,  
17 or FS-545; and

18 (4) a Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United  
19 States Department of Homeland Security, Form N-560 or form  
20 N-561. ~~If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is repealed,~~  
21 ~~abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect,~~  
22 ~~then the State Board of Elections shall establish criteria~~  
23 ~~for determining reliable personal information indicating~~  
24 ~~citizenship status and shall adopt rules as necessary for~~  
25 ~~the Secretary of State to continue processing dual purpose~~  
26 ~~applications under this Section.~~

1 (h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application"  
2 means an application, an application for renewal or, a change  
3 of address ~~form, or a recertification form~~ for driver's  
4 license or permit, ~~other than a temporary visitor's driver's~~  
5 ~~license,~~ or a State identification card offered by the  
6 Secretary of State that also serves as an application to  
7 register to vote in Illinois. "Dual-purpose application" does  
8 not mean an application under subsection (c) of Section 6-109  
9 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

10 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
11 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no  
12 later than January 1, 2026.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17; revised 9-20-2023.)

14 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-210)

15 Sec. 1A-16.1. Automatic voter registration; Secretary of  
16 State.

17 (a) The Office of the Secretary of State and the State  
18 Board of Elections, pursuant to an interagency contract and  
19 jointly adopted ~~jointly-adopted~~ rules, shall establish an  
20 automatic voter registration program that satisfies the  
21 requirements of this Section and other applicable law.

22 (b) If, as part of an application, an application for  
23 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
24 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
25 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, an applicant

1 presents documentation that establishes that the applicant is  
2 a United States citizen, as described in subsection (g), and  
3 is of age to register to vote or if the information provided to  
4 the Office of the Secretary of State under subsection (c)  
5 indicates that the applicant is currently registered to vote  
6 in Illinois and, upon reviewing the documents and information  
7 submitted by the applicant, the Office of the Secretary of  
8 State determines that the name or residence address  
9 documentation submitted by the applicant differs from the  
10 information regarding the applicant provided under subsection  
11 (c) meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005,  
12 then that application shall serve as a dual-purpose  
13 application, unless the applicant declines in accordance with  
14 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose  
15 application shall:

16 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
17 in Illinois;

18 (2) ~~allow an applicant to~~ change the applicant's his  
19 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
20 on the voter registration rolls;

21 (3) in a single affirmation, including the affirmation  
22 required for a driver's license or State identification  
23 card, allow the applicant to affirm, under penalty of  
24 perjury, to the truth and correctness of the information  
25 submitted in the dual-purpose application that is  
26 necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to

1 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
2 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
3 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
4 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
5 ~~or to change his or her registered residence address or~~  
6 ~~name by providing a check box on the application form~~  
7 ~~without requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

8 (4) allow the applicant to notify the Office of the  
9 Secretary of State of the applicant's preferred language  
10 ~~unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~  
11 ~~change his or her registered residence address or name,~~  
12 ~~require the applicant to attest, by signature under~~  
13 ~~penalty of perjury as described in subsection (c) of this~~  
14 ~~Section, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
15 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
16 ~~on his or her driver's license or identification card~~  
17 ~~dual purpose application.~~

18 The Office of the Secretary of State shall record the type  
19 of documents presented by the applicant that establishes the  
20 applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
21 subsection (g) and shall enter United States citizenship in a  
22 designated field. Based on the entry of United States  
23 citizenship in the designated field, the Office of the  
24 Secretary of State shall initiate a dual-purpose application  
25 through an automated process that is not subject to the  
26 discretion of individual employees of the Office of the

1 Secretary of State.

2 (b-5) If, as part of an application, an application for  
3 renewal, or a change of address ~~form, or a recertification~~  
4 ~~form~~ for a driver's license or a State identification card  
5 issued by the Office of the Secretary of State, other than an  
6 application or form that pertains to a standard driver's  
7 license or identification card for an applicant who does not  
8 have and is not eligible for ~~and does not list~~ a social  
9 security number, an applicant presents documentation that  
10 neither establishes that the applicant is a United States  
11 citizen nor establishes that the applicant is not a United  
12 States citizen and the information provided to the Office of  
13 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) does not indicate  
14 that the applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois  
15 ~~for the applicant, does not meet the requirements of the~~  
16 ~~federal REAL ID Act of 2005, then that application shall serve~~  
17 ~~as a dual-purpose application. The dual purpose application~~  
18 ~~that, shall: (1) also serve as an application to register to~~  
19 ~~vote in Illinois; (2) allow an applicant to change his or her~~  
20 ~~registered residence address or name as it appears on the~~  
21 ~~voter registration rolls; and (3) if the applicant chooses to~~  
22 ~~register to vote, shall also serve as an application to~~  
23 register to vote in Illinois. If the applicant chooses to  
24 register to vote, the applicant shall be required ~~or to change~~  
25 ~~his or her registered residence address or name, then require~~  
26 ~~the applicant~~ to attest, by a separate signature under penalty

1 of perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote  
2 in Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address as  
3 indicated on the ~~his or her~~ dual-purpose application.

4 The dual-purpose application shall allow the applicant to  
5 notify the Office of the Secretary of State of the applicant's  
6 preferred language.

7 (b-8) If an applicant presents to the Secretary of State  
8 documentation that establishes the applicant is not a United  
9 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
10 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

11 (b-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
12 (b) to provide the written affirmation described in that  
13 subsection, the ~~The~~ Office of the Secretary of State shall

14 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:

15 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; ~~7~~

16 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
17 voter registration application, including the

18 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming

19 United States citizenship and of the applicant's opportunity

20 not to proceed in order to avoid the penalties; and ~~7~~ (iii) that

21 the ~~, unless the applicant declines to register to vote or~~

22 ~~update his or her voter registration, his or her dual-purpose~~

23 application shall also serve as ~~both~~ an application to

24 register to vote ~~and his or her attestation that he or she~~

25 ~~meets the eligibility requirements for voter registration,~~ and

26 that the ~~his or her~~ application to register to vote or update

1 voter ~~his or her~~ registration will be transmitted to the State  
2 Board of Elections for the purpose of registering the person  
3 to vote at the residence address to be indicated on the  
4 applicant's ~~his or her~~ driver's license or identification  
5 card, and ~~(iv) that declining to register to vote is~~  
6 ~~confidential and will not affect any services the person may~~  
7 ~~be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The~~  
8 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
9 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b).

10 (b-15) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
11 (b-5) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
12 the Office of the Secretary of State shall clearly and  
13 conspicuously inform each applicant in writing: (i) of the  
14 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; (ii) of the  
15 penalties provided by law for submission of a false voter  
16 registration application, including the immigration-related  
17 consequences of incorrectly claiming United States citizenship  
18 and of the applicant's opportunity to withdraw an application  
19 to avoid the penalties; (iii) that the application shall also  
20 serve as an application to register to vote and that the  
21 application to register to vote or update voter registration  
22 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the  
23 purpose of registering the person to vote at the residence  
24 address to be indicated on the applicant's driver's license or  
25 identification card, unless the applicant withdraws the  
26 application or declines to register to vote or update the



1 applicant's voter registration; and (iv) that declining to  
2 register to vote or withdrawing a voter application is  
3 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
4 be seeking from the Office of the Secretary of State. The  
5 Office of the Secretary of State may provide additional  
6 instructions specific to applicants under subsection (b-5).

7 (c) The Office of the Secretary of State shall review  
8 information provided to the Office of the Secretary of State  
9 by the State Board of Elections to determine whether each  
10 ~~inform each applicant for a driver's license or permit or a~~  
11 ~~State identification card issued by the Office of the~~  
12 ~~Secretary of State, other than an application or form that~~  
13 ~~pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card~~  
14 ~~and does not list a social security number for the applicant,~~  
15 ~~whether the~~ applicant under subsections (b) and (b-5) is  
16 currently registered to vote in Illinois and, if registered,  
17 at what address, and shall inform each applicant described in  
18 subsection (b-5) for a driver's license or permit or State  
19 identification card issued by the Office of the Secretary of  
20 State whether the applicant is currently registered and, if  
21 registered, at what address.

22 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall not require  
23 an applicant for a driver's license or State identification  
24 card to provide duplicate identification or information in  
25 order to complete an application to register to vote or change  
26 his or her registered residence address or name. Before

1 transmitting any personal information about an applicant to  
2 the State Board of Elections, the Office of the Secretary of  
3 State shall review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents  
4 the applicant provided in order to complete the application  
5 for a driver's license or State identification card, to  
6 confirm that nothing in those documents indicates that the  
7 applicant does not satisfy the qualifications to register to  
8 vote in Illinois at his or her residence address. If the  
9 applicant provides the Office of the Secretary of State with  
10 an address designated by the Attorney General as a substitute  
11 mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
12 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual  
13 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act or is a judicial  
14 officer of peace officer who provides the Office of the  
15 Secretary of State with a work address instead of a residence  
16 address, as authorized by subsection (a) of Section 6-106 of  
17 the Illinois Vehicle Code, the applicant shall not be offered  
18 voter registration by the Office of the Secretary of State.

19 (e) A completed, signed application for (i) a driver's  
20 license or permit or a State identification card issued by the  
21 Office of the Secretary of State that includes the  
22 presentation of documentation that establishes that the  
23 applicant is a United States citizen and is of age to register  
24 to vote or for which the information provided to the Office of  
25 the Secretary of State under subsection (c) indicates that the  
26 applicant is currently registered to vote in Illinois, ~~that~~

1 ~~meets the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005;~~ or  
2 (ii) a completed application under subsection (b-5) of this  
3 Section with a separate signature attesting the applicant  
4 meets the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at  
5 his or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
6 application shall constitute a signed application to register  
7 to vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
8 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
9 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
10 ~~registered residence address or name.~~ If the ~~identification~~  
11 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application  
12 indicate that the applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the  
13 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the  
14 specified ~~his or her~~ residence address, the application shall  
15 be marked as incomplete.

16 (f) For each completed and signed application that  
17 constitutes an application to register to vote in Illinois or  
18 provides for a change in the applicant's registered residence  
19 address or name, the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
20 electronically transmit to the State Board of Elections  
21 personal information needed to complete the person's  
22 registration to vote in Illinois at the specified ~~his or her~~  
23 residence address, including the applicant's choice language  
24 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
25 collected by the Office of the Secretary of State during the  
26 permitting, licensing, or identification card transaction. The

1 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
2 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

3 (g) Documentation that establishes that the applicant is a  
4 United States citizen shall include:

5 (1) a valid, unexpired United States passport or  
6 passport card or a United States passport or passport card  
7 that has been expired for no more than 2 years;

8 (2) a certified copy of a birth certificate filed with  
9 the Division of Vital Records or an equivalent agency in  
10 the individual's state of birth;

11 (3) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the  
12 United States Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350,  
13 or FS-545; and

14 (4) a Certificate of Citizenship issued by the United  
15 States Department of Homeland Security, Form N-560 or form  
16 N-561. ~~If the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is repealed,~~  
17 ~~abrogated, superseded, or otherwise no longer in effect,~~  
18 ~~then the State Board of Elections shall establish criteria~~  
19 ~~for determining reliable personal information indicating~~  
20 ~~citizenship status and shall adopt rules as necessary for~~  
21 ~~the Secretary of State to continue processing dual-purpose~~  
22 ~~applications under this Section.~~

23 (h) As used in this Section, "dual-purpose application"  
24 means an application, an application for renewal or a change  
25 of address ~~form, or a recertification form~~ for driver's  
26 license or permit or a State identification card offered by

1 the Secretary of State, other than an application or form that  
2 pertains to a standard driver's license or identification card  
3 for an applicant who does not have and is not eligible for, a  
4 social security number ~~and does not list a social security~~  
5 ~~number for the applicant~~, that also serves as an application  
6 to register to vote in Illinois. "Dual-purpose application"  
7 does not mean an application under subsection (c) of Section  
8 6-109 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

9 (i) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
10 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no  
11 later than January 1, 2026.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-210, eff. 7-1-24; revised 9-20-23.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.2)

14 Sec. 1A-16.2. Automatic voter registration; designated  
15 automatic voter registration agencies.

16 (a) Each designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 shall, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly adopted  
18 ~~jointly adopted~~ rules with the State Board of Elections, agree  
19 to participate in an automatic voter registration program  
20 established by the State Board of Elections that satisfies the  
21 requirements of this Section and other applicable law. If the  
22 designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
23 applications, applications for renewal, change of address  
24 forms, filing, or recertification forms to individuals for  
25 services offered by another agency, then the State Board of

1 Elections and the designated automatic voter agency shall  
2 consult with the other agency. The State Board of Elections  
3 shall consider the current technological capabilities of the  
4 designated voter registration agency when drafting interagency  
5 contracts and jointly adopted ~~jointly adopted~~ rules. The State  
6 Board of Elections and the designated automatic voter  
7 registration agency shall amend these contracts and rules as  
8 the technological capabilities of the designated voter  
9 registration agencies improve.

10 (b) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when  
11 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
12 ~~that collects or cross-references reliable personal~~  
13 ~~information indicating citizenship status may provide that an~~  
14 application or form for a license, permit, program, or service  
15 described in subsection (a) that, as part of the application  
16 or form, the applicant presents documentation that establishes  
17 that the applicant is a United States citizen as described in  
18 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, the application or form  
19 shall serve as a dual-purpose application, unless the  
20 applicant declines in accordance with subsection (g) of  
21 Section 1A-16.7. The dual-purpose application shall:

22 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
23 in Illinois;

24 (2) ~~allow an applicant to~~ change the applicant's his  
25 ~~or her~~ registered residence address or name as it appears  
26 on the voter registration rolls;

1           (3) in a single affirmation including the affirmation  
2 required for the designated automatic voter registration  
3 agency's application, allow the applicant to affirm, under  
4 penalty of perjury, to the truth and correctness of  
5 information submitted in the dual-purpose application that  
6 is necessary to assess the applicant's eligibility to  
7 register to vote or to change the applicant's registered  
8 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
9 registration rolls ~~provide the applicant with an~~  
10 ~~opportunity to affirmatively decline to register to vote~~  
11 ~~or change his or her registered residence address or name~~  
12 ~~by providing a check box on the application form without~~  
13 ~~requiring the applicant to state the reason; and~~

14           (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the  
15 applicant's preferred language ~~unless the applicant~~  
16 ~~declines to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
17 ~~registered residence address or name, require the~~  
18 ~~applicant to attest, by signature under penalty of~~  
19 ~~perjury, to meeting the qualifications to register to vote~~  
20 ~~in Illinois at his or her residence address as indicated~~  
21 ~~on his or her dual-purpose application.~~

22           The agency shall record the type of document presented by  
23 the applicant that establishes that the applicant is a United  
24 States citizen as described in subsection (g) of Section  
25 1A-16.1.

26           (c) As provided in subsection (a) of this Section, when

1 each designated automatic voter registration agency provides  
2 ~~that does not collect or cross-reference records containing~~  
3 ~~reliable personal information indicating citizenship status~~  
4 ~~may provide that an application or, an application for~~  
5 ~~renewal, a change of address form, or a recertification form~~  
6 for a license, permit, program, or service described in  
7 subsection (a) that, as part of the application of form, the  
8 applicant presents documentation that neither establishes that  
9 the applicant is a United States citizen nor establishes that  
10 the applicant is not a United States citizen, the application  
11 or form shall serve as a dual-purpose application if the  
12 applicant chooses to register to vote. The dual-purpose  
13 application shall:

14 (1) also serve as an application to register to vote  
15 in Illinois;

16 (2) allow an applicant to change his or her registered  
17 residence address or name as it appears on the voter  
18 registration rolls; ~~and~~

19 (3) if the applicant chooses to register to vote or to  
20 change the applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence  
21 address or name, then require the applicant to attest, by  
22 a separate signature under penalty of perjury, to meeting  
23 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at his  
24 or her residence address as indicated on his or her  
25 dual-purpose application; ~~and-~~

26 (4) allow the applicant to notify the agency of the



1 applicant's preferred language.

2 (c-1) If an applicant presents documentation to the  
3 designated automatic voter registration agency that  
4 establishes that the applicant is not a United States citizen  
5 or the applicant attests that the applicant is not a United  
6 States citizen, no application submitted by that applicant  
7 shall serve as a dual-purpose application under this Section.

8 (c-5) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
9 (b) of this Section to provide the affirmation described in  
10 that subsection, the ~~The~~ designated automatic voter  
11 registration agency shall clearly and conspicuously inform  
12 each applicant in writing: (i) of the qualifications to  
13 register to vote in Illinois; 7 (ii) of the penalties provided  
14 by law for submission of a false voter registration  
15 application, including the immigration-related consequences of  
16 incorrectly claiming United States citizenship and of the  
17 applicant's opportunity not to proceed in order to avoid the  
18 penalties; (iii) that the application shall serve as an  
19 application to register to vote or change the applicant's  
20 voter registration, and that the application ~~, unless the~~  
21 ~~applicant declines to register to vote or update his or her~~  
22 ~~voter registration, his or her application shall also serve as~~  
23 ~~both an application to register to vote and his or her~~  
24 ~~attestation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements~~  
25 ~~for voter registration, and that his or her application to~~  
26 ~~register to vote or update his or her registration will be~~

1 transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of  
2 registering the person to vote at the residence address to be  
3 indicated on the dual-purpose application;~~;~~ (iv) that  
4 information identifying the agency at which he or she applied  
5 to register to vote is confidential;~~;~~ (v) ~~that declining to~~  
6 ~~register to vote is confidential and will not affect any~~  
7 ~~services the person may be seeking from the agency,~~ and (v)  
8 ~~(vi)~~ any additional information needed in order to comply with  
9 Section 7 of the federal National Voter Registration Act of  
10 1993. The designated automatic voter registration agency may  
11 provide additional instructions specific to applicants under  
12 subsection (b).

13 (c-10) Before asking any applicant described in subsection  
14 (c) to provide the attestation described in that subsection,  
15 the designated automatic voter registration agency shall  
16 clearly and conspicuously inform each applicant in writing:  
17 (i) of the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois;  
18 (ii) of the penalties provided by law for submission of a false  
19 voter registration application, including the  
20 immigration-related consequences of incorrectly claiming  
21 United States citizenship, and of the applicant's opportunity  
22 to withdraw an application to avoid the penalties; (iii) that  
23 the application shall also serve as an application to register  
24 to vote or update the applicant's voter registration and that  
25 the application to register to vote or update voter  
26 registration will be transmitted to the State Board of

1 Elections for the purpose of registering the person to vote at  
2 the residence address to be indicated on the dual-purpose  
3 application, unless the applicant withdraws the application or  
4 declines to register to vote or update the applicant's voter  
5 registration; (iv) that information identifying the agency at  
6 which the applicant applied to register to vote is  
7 confidential; (v) that withdrawing a voter registration  
8 application or otherwise declining to register to vote is  
9 confidential and will not affect any services the person may  
10 be seeking from the agency; and (vi) any additional  
11 information needed in order to comply with Section 7 of the  
12 federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The  
13 designated automatic voter registration agency may provide  
14 additional instructions specific to applicants under  
15 subsection (c).

16 (d) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 shall review information provided to the agency by the State  
18 Board of Elections to inform each applicant covered by  
19 subsection (c) whether the applicant is currently registered  
20 to vote in Illinois and, if registered, at what address.

21 (e) The designated automatic voter registration agency  
22 shall not require an applicant for a dual-purpose application  
23 to provide duplicate identification or information in order to  
24 complete an application to register to vote or change the  
25 applicant's ~~his or her~~ registered residence address or name.  
26 Before transmitting any personal information about an

1 applicant to the State Board of Elections, the agency shall  
2 review its records of the ~~identification~~ documents the  
3 applicant provided or that the agency cross-references in  
4 order to complete the dual-purpose application, to confirm  
5 that nothing in those documents indicates that the applicant  
6 does not satisfy the qualifications to register to vote in  
7 Illinois at the applicant's ~~his or her~~ residence address. A  
8 completed and signed dual-purpose application, including a  
9 completed application under subsection (c) of this Section  
10 with a separate signature attesting that the applicant meets  
11 the qualifications to register to vote in Illinois at the ~~his~~  
12 ~~or her~~ residence address as indicated on the ~~his or her~~  
13 application, shall constitute an application to register to  
14 vote in Illinois at the residence address indicated in the  
15 application ~~unless the person affirmatively declined in the~~  
16 ~~application to register to vote or to change his or her~~  
17 ~~registered residence address or name~~. If the ~~identification~~  
18 documents provided to complete the dual-purpose application,  
19 or that the agency cross-references, indicate that the  
20 applicant ~~he or she~~ does not satisfy the qualifications to  
21 register to vote in Illinois at his or her residence address,  
22 the application shall be marked as incomplete. If the  
23 applicant provides the designated automatic voter registration  
24 agency with an address designated by the Attorney General as a  
25 substitute mailing address under Section 15 of the Address  
26 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual

1 Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act, or is a judicial  
2 officer or peace officer who provides the designated automatic  
3 voter registration agency with a work address instead of a  
4 residence address, the applicant shall not be offered voter  
5 registration by the designated automatic voter registration  
6 agency.

7 (f) For each completed and signed dual-purpose application  
8 that constitutes an application to register to vote in  
9 Illinois or provides for a change in the applicant's  
10 registered residence address or name, the designated automatic  
11 voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to the  
12 State Board of Elections personal information needed to  
13 complete the person's registration to vote in Illinois at his  
14 or her residence address, including the applicant's language  
15 preference as indicated by the applicant or as otherwise  
16 collected by the designated automatic voter registration  
17 agency in the course of receiving applications and other forms  
18 regarding licenses, permits, programs, and services offered by  
19 the designated automatic voter registration agency. The  
20 application to register to vote shall be processed in  
21 accordance with Section 1A-16.7.

22 (g) As used in this Section:

23 "Designated automatic voter registration agency" or  
24 "agency" means the divisions of Family and Community  
25 Services and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of  
26 Human Services, the Department of Employment Security, the

1 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the  
2 Department of Natural Resources, or an agency of the  
3 local, tribal, State, or federal government that ~~has been~~  
4 ~~determined by the State Board of Elections to have access~~  
5 ~~to reliable personal information and~~ has entered into an  
6 interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to  
7 participate in the automatic voter registration program  
8 under this Section.

9 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an  
10 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a  
11 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or  
12 service offered by a designated automatic voter  
13 registration agency that also serves as an application to  
14 register to vote in Illinois.

15 ~~"Reliable personal information" means information~~  
16 ~~about individuals obtained from government sources that~~  
17 ~~may be used to verify whether an individual is eligible to~~  
18 ~~register to vote.~~

19 (h) (Blank). ~~This Section shall be implemented no later~~  
20 ~~than July 1, 2019.~~

21 (i) If an agency under this Section receives documentation  
22 that an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
23 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 for more than one person  
24 listed on an application for a license, permit, program, or  
25 service, each person for whom the agency receives the  
26 documentation may be considered an applicant under this

1 Section and the application may serve as a dual-purpose  
2 application for each person.

3 (j) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
4 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no  
5 later than January 1, 2026.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.3 new)

8 Sec. 1A-16.3. Language assistance.

9 (a) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
10 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
11 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
12 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
13 federal Voting Rights Act shall display and make plainly  
14 visible signage informing applicants about the type of  
15 language assistance available. The signage shall be in the  
16 covered languages applicable for the political subdivision.

17 (b) Every facility operated by the Driver Services  
18 Department of the Office of the Secretary of State and all  
19 facilities of a designated voter registration agency located  
20 in a political subdivision covered by Section 203 of the  
21 federal Voting Rights Act shall make available, in the covered  
22 languages, all written materials and verbal communication  
23 regarding voter registration for the purpose of processing the  
24 applicant's dual-purpose application described in Sections  
25 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. Every facility operated by the Driver

1 Services Department of the Office of the Secretary of State  
2 and all facilities of a designated voter registration agency  
3 shall make available, in the 5 most common non-English  
4 languages in this State, all written materials and verbal  
5 communications regarding voter registration for the purpose of  
6 processing an applicant's dual-purpose application described  
7 in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials shall include  
8 the notices described in subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1  
9 and subsection (e) of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle  
10 Code, the affirmations described in paragraph (3) of  
11 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of  
12 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2, and the attestations  
13 described in subsection (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph  
14 (3) of subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.2.

15 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsections (a)  
16 and (b), the Driver Services Department of the Office of the  
17 Secretary of State, as part of every transaction described in  
18 subsections (b) and (b-5) of Section 1A-16.1 completed through  
19 its website, and each designated automatic voter registration  
20 agency, as defined in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.2, as  
21 part of every transaction described in subsections (b) and (c)  
22 of Section 1A-16.2 completed through its website, shall make  
23 available, in the covered languages required in any  
24 jurisdiction in this State by Section 203 of the federal  
25 Voting Rights Act and in the 5 most common non-English  
26 languages in this State, all information and questions



1 provided to an applicant regarding voter registration for the  
2 purpose of processing the applicant's dual-purpose application  
3 as described in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2. These materials  
4 shall include, but not be limited to, the notices described in  
5 subsection (b-10) of Section 1A-16.1 and subsection (e) of  
6 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affirmations  
7 described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
8 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section  
9 1A-16.2, and the attestations described in subsection (b-5) of  
10 Section 1A-16.1 and paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section  
11 1A-16.2. The Office of the Secretary of the State shall  
12 determine the 5 most common non-English languages in this  
13 State by referring to the best available data from the United  
14 States Census Bureau or other sources that the Office of the  
15 Secretary of the State considers relevant and reliable.

16 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.7)

17 Sec. 1A-16.7. Automatic voter registration.

18 (a) The State Board of Elections shall establish and  
19 maintain a portal for automatic government agency voter  
20 registration that permits an eligible person to electronically  
21 apply to register to vote or to update his or her existing  
22 voter registration as provided in Section 1A-16.1 or Section  
23 1A-16.2. The portal shall interface with the online voter  
24 registration system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this  
25 Code and shall be capable of receiving and processing voter

1 registration application information, including electronic  
2 signatures, from the Office of the Secretary of State and each  
3 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined in  
4 Section 1A-16.2. The State Board of Elections may  
5 cross-reference voter registration information from any  
6 designated automatic voter registration agency, as defined  
7 under Section 1A-16.2 of this Code, with information contained  
8 in the database of the Secretary of State as provided under  
9 subsection (c) of Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The State  
10 Board of Elections shall modify the online voter registration  
11 system as necessary to implement this Section.

12 (b) Voter registration data received from the Office of  
13 the Secretary of State or a designated automatic voter  
14 registration agency through the online registration  
15 application system shall be processed as provided in Section  
16 1A-16.5 of this Code.

17 (c) The State Board of Elections shall establish technical  
18 specifications applicable to each automatic government  
19 registration program, including data format and transmission  
20 specifications. The Office of the Secretary of State and each  
21 designated automatic voter registration agency shall maintain  
22 a data transfer mechanism capable of transmitting voter  
23 registration application information, including electronic  
24 signatures where available, to the online voter registration  
25 system established in Section 1A-16.5 of this Code.

26 (d) The State Board of Elections shall, by rule, establish

1 criteria and procedures for determining whether an agency of  
2 the State or federal government seeking to become a designated  
3 automatic voter registration agency in the course of receiving  
4 applications and other forms regarding licenses, permits,  
5 programs, and services offered by the agency, receives  
6 documentation that an applicant is a United States citizen, as  
7 described in subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1 ~~has access to~~  
8 ~~reliable personal information, as defined under this~~  
9 ~~subsection (d) and subsection (f) of Section 1A-16.2 of this~~  
10 ~~Code,~~ and otherwise meets the requirements to enter into an  
11 interagency contract and to operate as a designated automatic  
12 voter registration agency. The State Board of Elections shall  
13 approve each interagency contract upon affirmative vote of a  
14 majority of its members.

15 ~~As used in this subsection (d), "reliable personal~~  
16 ~~information" means information about individuals obtained from~~  
17 ~~government sources that may be used to verify whether an~~  
18 ~~individual is eligible to register to vote.~~

19 (e) Whenever an applicant's data is transferred from the  
20 Office of the Secretary of State or a designated automatic  
21 voter registration agency, the agency must transmit a  
22 signature image if available. If no signature image was  
23 provided by the agency and ~~, or if~~ no signature image is  
24 available in the Office of the Secretary of State's database  
25 or the statewide voter registration database, or other  
26 database available to the State Board of Elections, the

1 applicant must be notified that voter ~~his or her~~ registration  
2 will remain in a pending status until the applicant: ~~and the~~  
3 ~~applicant will be required to~~

4 (1) provides ~~provide~~ identification that complies with  
5 the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature  
6 to the election authority on election day in the polling  
7 place or during early voting;

8 (2) provides identification that complies with the  
9 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and a signature with  
10 a mail ballot, or provides a signature in accordance with  
11 the procedures described in subsection (g-5) of Section  
12 19-8; or

13 (3) provides a signature in response to the notice  
14 described in subsection (g) or by other paper or  
15 electronic means determined by the State Board of  
16 Elections.

17 (f) Upon receipt of personal information collected and  
18 transferred by the Office of the Secretary of State or a  
19 designated automatic voter registration agency, the State  
20 Board of Elections shall check the information against the  
21 statewide voter registration database. The State Board of  
22 Elections shall create and electronically transmit to the  
23 appropriate election authority a voter registration  
24 application for any individual who is not registered to vote  
25 in Illinois and is not disqualified as provided in this  
26 Section or whose information reliably indicates a more recent

1 update to the name or address of a person already included in  
2 the statewide voter database. The election authority shall  
3 process the application accordingly. If the individual  
4 provides the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
5 automatic voter registration agency with an address designated  
6 by the Attorney General as a substitute mailing address under  
7 Section 15 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
8 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
9 Stalking Act or if the State Board of Elections otherwise  
10 determines that the individual is a program participant under  
11 Section 10 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of  
12 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or  
13 Stalking Act, the State Board of Elections shall not create or  
14 electronically transmit to an election authority a voter  
15 registration the application for the individual. The State  
16 Board of Elections may provide alternative voter registration  
17 procedures for the individuals described in this subsection.

18 (g) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
19 any applicant about whom it receives information from the  
20 State Board of Elections under subsection (f) ~~who is~~  
21 ~~registered to vote or whose existing voter registration is~~  
22 ~~updated under this Section~~ is promptly sent written notice of  
23 the change. The notice required by this subsection (g) may be  
24 sent or combined with other notices required or permitted by  
25 law, including, but not limited to, any notices sent pursuant  
26 to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any notice required by this

1 subsection (g) shall contain, at a minimum: (i) the  
2 applicant's name and residential address as reflected on the  
3 voter registration list; (ii) ~~a statement notifying the~~  
4 ~~applicant to contact the appropriate election authority if his~~  
5 ~~or her voter registration has been updated in error;~~ (iii) the  
6 qualifications to register to vote in Illinois; ~~(iv) a~~  
7 ~~statement notifying the applicant that he or she may opt out of~~  
8 ~~voter registration or request a change to his or her~~  
9 ~~registration information at any time by contacting an election~~  
10 ~~official;~~ and (iii) ~~(v)~~ contact information for the  
11 appropriate election authority, including a phone number,  
12 address, electronic mail address, and website address.

13 For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
14 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is not currently  
15 registered to vote in Illinois, the notice shall be sent  
16 within 5 business days after the transmission of the voter  
17 registration application to the election authority and shall  
18 contain:

19 (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
20 to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
21 Facility, or designated automatic voter registration  
22 agency] we started an automatic voter registration process  
23 for you. You will be registered to vote unless you  
24 complete, sign, and return this card by [deadline date].";

25 (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
26 National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

1           (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
2           in subsection (e) and to select a language for election  
3           materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
4           postage.

5           For an applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1  
6           or subsections (b) of Section 1A-16.2 who is currently  
7           registered to vote in Illinois and whose application contains  
8           a change in the applicant's registered residence address or  
9           name, the notice shall be sent within 5 business days after the  
10           transmission of the voter registration application to the  
11           election authority and shall contain:

12           (1) the following statement: "After your recent visit  
13           to [an Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services  
14           Facility or designated automatic voter registration  
15           agency], we started an update to your voter registration.  
16           Your voter registration will be updated unless you  
17           complete, sign and return this card by [deadline date].";

18           (2) the notices required by Section 5(c)(2) of the  
19           National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and

20           (3) an opportunity to provide a signature as described  
21           in subsection (e), and to select a language for election  
22           materials if applicable to the jurisdiction, by prepaid  
23           postage.

24           Any notice required by this subsection shall, at a  
25           minimum, be provided in languages for which there is coverage  
26           for the jurisdiction of the election authority under Section

1 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, as identified by the  
2 United States Census Bureau in the Federal Register. Any  
3 notice required by this subsection must also comply with all  
4 applicable, federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and  
5 ordinances that relate to providing language access to  
6 individuals with limited English proficiency. If the State  
7 Board of Elections has received language preference  
8 information regarding the applicant and has transmitted that  
9 information to the appropriate election authority, the  
10 appropriate election authority shall take all practicable  
11 measures to send the notice to the applicant in the  
12 applicant's preferred language.

13 (g-5) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
14 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
15 notice described in subsection (g) declining to be registered  
16 within 23 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant  
17 shall not be registered to vote and the applicant shall be  
18 deemed not to have attempted to register to vote. If an  
19 applicant under subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.1 or  
20 subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the notice described  
21 in subsection (g) declining or correcting the update within 23  
22 days after the mailing of the notice, the applicant's update  
23 shall be declined or corrected in the statewide voter  
24 registration database. If an applicant returns the notice  
25 described in subsection (g) but does not do so within 23 days  
26 after the mailing of the notice, then the applicant shall be



1 registered to vote under the name and address contained in the  
2 dual-purpose application. If an applicant returns the notice  
3 described in subsection (g) declining to be registered or  
4 declining or correcting the update more than 23 days after the  
5 mailing of the notice, then the notice shall be processed as a  
6 request to cancel or update the applicant's registration.  
7 During the 23-day period specified in this subsection, an  
8 applicant's voter registration or updated voter registration  
9 shall be in a pending status.

10 (g-6) If an applicant under subsection (b) of Section  
11 1A-16.1 or subsection (b) of Section 1A-16.2 returns the  
12 notice indicating a language preference, the language  
13 preference shall be retained as part of the person's  
14 registration information.

15 (h) The appropriate election authority shall ensure that  
16 any applicant whose voter registration application is not  
17 accepted or deemed incomplete is promptly sent written notice  
18 of the application's status. The notice required by this  
19 subsection may be sent or combined with other notices required  
20 or permitted by law, including, but not limited to, any  
21 notices sent pursuant to Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. Any  
22 notice required by this subsection (h) shall contain, at a  
23 minimum, the reason the application was not accepted or deemed  
24 incomplete and contact information for the appropriate  
25 election authority, including a phone number, address,  
26 electronic mail address, and website address.

1 (i) If the Office of the Secretary of State or a designated  
2 automatic voter registration agency transfers information, or  
3 if the State Board of Elections creates and transmits a voter  
4 registration application, for a person who does not qualify as  
5 an eligible voter, then it shall not constitute a completed  
6 voter registration form, and the person shall not be  
7 considered to have registered to vote.

8 (j) If the registration is processed by any election  
9 authority, then it shall be presumed to have been effected and  
10 officially authorized by the State, and that person shall not  
11 be found on that basis to have made a false claim to  
12 citizenship or to have committed an act of moral turpitude,  
13 nor shall that person be subject to penalty under any relevant  
14 laws, including, but not limited to, Sections 29-10 and 29-19  
15 of this Code. This subsection (j) does not apply to a person  
16 who knows that he or she is not entitled to register to vote  
17 and who willfully votes, registers to vote, or attests under  
18 penalty of perjury that he or she is eligible to register to  
19 vote or willfully attempts to vote or to register to vote.

20 (k) The State Board of Elections, the Office of the  
21 Secretary of State, and each designated automatic voter  
22 registration agency shall implement policies and procedures to  
23 protect the privacy and security of voter information as it is  
24 acquired, stored, and transmitted among agencies, including  
25 policies for the retention and preservation of voter  
26 information. Information designated as confidential under this

1 Section may be recorded and shared among the State Board of  
2 Elections, election authorities, the Office of the Secretary  
3 of State, and designated automatic voter registration  
4 agencies, but shall be used only for voter registration  
5 purposes, shall not be disclosed to the public except in the  
6 aggregate as required by subsection (m) of this Section, and  
7 shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The  
8 following information shall be designated as confidential:

9 (1) any portion of an applicant's Social Security  
10 number;

11 (2) any portion of an applicant's driver's license  
12 number or State identification number;

13 (3) an applicant's decision to decline voter  
14 registration;

15 (4) the identity of the person providing information  
16 relating to a specific applicant; ~~and~~

17 (5) the personal residence and contact information of  
18 any applicant for whom notice has been given by an  
19 appropriate legal authority; ~~and~~

20 (6) the personal residence and contact information  
21 relating to an applicant who returns a notice described  
22 subsection (g) declining to register to vote that was  
23 received by the election authority within 23 days after  
24 mailing the notice or for whom the 23-day period has not  
25 passed.

26 This subsection (k) shall not apply to information the

1 State Board of Elections is required to share with the  
2 Electronic Registration Information Center.

3 (l) The voter registration procedures implemented under  
4 this Section shall comport with the federal National Voter  
5 Registration Act of 1993, as amended, and shall specifically  
6 require that the State Board of Elections track registration  
7 data received through the online registration system that  
8 originated from a designated automatic voter registration  
9 agency for the purposes of maintaining statistics.

10 Nothing in this Code shall require designated voter  
11 registration agencies to transmit information that is  
12 confidential client information under State or federal law  
13 without the consent of the applicant.

14 (m) The State Board of Elections, each election authority  
15 that maintains a website, the Office of the Secretary of  
16 State, and each designated automatic voter registration agency  
17 that maintains a website shall provide information on their  
18 websites informing the public about the new registration  
19 procedures described in this Section. The Office of the  
20 Secretary of State and each designated automatic voter  
21 registration agency shall display signage or provide  
22 literature for the public containing information about the new  
23 registration procedures described in this Section.

24 (n) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this  
25 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, the State Board  
26 of Elections shall hold at least one public hearing on

1 implementing this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly  
2 at which the public may provide input.

3 (o) The State Board of Elections shall submit an annual  
4 public report to the General Assembly and the Governor  
5 detailing the progress made to implement this Section. The  
6 report shall include all of the following: the number of  
7 records transferred under this Section by agency, the number  
8 of voters newly added to the statewide voter registration list  
9 because of records transferred under this Section by agency,  
10 the number of updated registrations under this Section by  
11 agency, the number of persons who opted out of voter  
12 registration, and the number of voters who submitted voter  
13 registration forms using the online procedure described in  
14 Section 1A-16.5 of this Code. The 2018 and 2019 annual reports  
15 may include less detail if election authorities are not  
16 equipped to provide complete information to the State Board of  
17 Elections. Any report produced under this subsection (o) shall  
18 exclude any information that identifies any individual  
19 personally.

20 (p) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with  
21 election authorities, the Office of the Secretary of State,  
22 designated automatic voter registration agencies, and  
23 community organizations, shall adopt rules as necessary to  
24 implement the provisions of this Section.

25 (q) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
26 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no

1 later than January 1, 2026.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

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

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

15 (b) In addition, beginning no later than September 1,  
16 2017, the State Board of Elections shall utilize data provided  
17 as part of its membership in the Electronic Registration  
18 Information Center in order to cross-reference the statewide  
19 voter registration database against databases of relevant  
20 personal information kept by designated automatic voter  
21 registration agencies, including, but not limited to, driver's  
22 license information kept by the Secretary of State, at least 6  
23 times each calendar year and shall share the findings with  
24 election authorities.

25 This subsection (b) shall no longer apply once Sections

1 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code are fully implemented as  
2 determined by the State Board of Elections. Upon a  
3 determination by the State Board of Elections of full  
4 implementation of Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.2 of this Code,  
5 the State Board of Elections shall file notice of full  
6 implementation and the inapplicability of this subsection (b)  
7 with the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of  
8 State, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative  
9 Reference Bureau.

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

19 (c) An election authority shall automatically register any  
20 voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from another  
21 jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its jurisdiction  
22 provided that:

23 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes  
24 the new registration address provides the voter an  
25 opportunity to reject the change in registration address  
26 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the

1 new registration address, and

2 (2) when the election authority whose jurisdiction  
3 includes the previous registration address is a different  
4 election authority, then that election authority provides  
5 the same opportunity through a mailing, sent by  
6 forwardable mail, to the previous registration address.

7 This change in registration shall trigger the same  
8 inter-jurisdictional or intra-jurisdictional workflows as if  
9 the voter completed a new registration card, including the  
10 cancellation of the voter's previous registration. Should the  
11 registration of a voter be changed from one address to another  
12 within the State and should the voter appear at the polls and  
13 offer to vote from the prior registration address, attesting  
14 that the prior registration address is the true current  
15 address, the voter, if confirmed by the election authority as  
16 having been registered at the prior registration address and  
17 canceled only by the process authorized by this Section, shall  
18 be issued a regular ballot, and the change of registration  
19 address shall be canceled. If the election authority is unable  
20 to immediately confirm the registration, the voter shall be  
21 permitted to register and vote a regular ballot, provided that  
22 he or she meets the documentary requirements for same-day  
23 registration. If the election authority is unable to confirm  
24 the registration and the voter does not meet the requirements  
25 for same-day registration, the voter shall be issued a  
26 provisional ballot.



1       (c-5) An agency that does not receive documentation that  
2 an applicant is a United States citizen, as described in  
3 subsection (g) of Section 1A-16.1, may enter into an agreement  
4 with the State Board of Elections to transmit information that  
5 shall serve only to update an applicant's existing voter  
6 registration record. Under the agreement, the agency shall  
7 transmit information on all clients who may be registered to  
8 vote with a clear indication that the information shall be  
9 used only for updates. The State Board of Elections shall  
10 determine which applicants are already registered to vote and,  
11 for any voter whose information provided to the agency differs  
12 from that on the voter registration record, provide that  
13 information to the voter's local election authority who shall  
14 update a registered voter's records in accordance with the  
15 procedures described in Section 1A-16.7. The State Board of  
16 Election and local election authority shall take no action  
17 under this subsection for any applicant not already registered  
18 to vote.

19       This subsection shall be implemented no later than January  
20 1, 2026.

21       (d) No voter shall be disqualified from voting due to an  
22 error relating to an update of registration under this  
23 Section.

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

25       Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by

1 changing Section 2-105 as follows:

2 (625 ILCS 5/2-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-105)

3 Sec. 2-105. Offices of Secretary of State.

4 (a) The Secretary of State shall maintain offices in the  
5 State capital and in such other places in the State as he may  
6 deem necessary to properly carry out the powers and duties  
7 vested in him.

8 (b) The Secretary of State may construct and equip one or  
9 more buildings in the State of Illinois outside of the County  
10 of Sangamon as he deems necessary to properly carry out the  
11 powers and duties vested in him. The Secretary of State may, on  
12 behalf of the State of Illinois, acquire public or private  
13 property needed therefor by lease, purchase or eminent domain.  
14 The care, custody and control of such sites and buildings  
15 constructed thereon shall be vested in the Secretary of State.  
16 Expenditures for the construction and equipping of any of such  
17 buildings upon premises owned by another public entity shall  
18 not be subject to the provisions of any State law requiring  
19 that the State be vested with absolute fee title to the  
20 premises. The exercise of the authority vested in the  
21 Secretary of State by this Section is subject to the  
22 appropriation of the necessary funds.

23 (c) Pursuant to Sections 1A-16.1, 1A-16.7, and 1A-25 of  
24 the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall make driver  
25 services facilities available for use as places of accepting

1 applications for voter registration.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (e) Each applicant ~~person~~ applying at a driver services  
4 facility for a driver's license or permit, a corrected  
5 driver's license or permit, an Illinois Identification Card  
6 ~~identification card~~ or a corrected Illinois Identification  
7 Card who has presented documentation establishing United  
8 States citizenship as set forth in subsection (g) of Section  
9 1A-16.1 of the Election Code ~~identification card~~ shall be  
10 notified, under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1  
11 and 1A-16.7 of the Election Code, that the applicant's ~~unless~~  
12 ~~he or she affirmatively declines, his or her~~ personal  
13 information shall be transferred to the State Board of  
14 Elections for the purpose of creating an electronic voter  
15 registration application. Each applicant applying at a driver  
16 services facility for a driver's license or permit, a  
17 corrected driver's license or permit or a State identification  
18 card or a corrected Illinois Identification Card who presented  
19 documentation that neither establishes that the applicant is a  
20 United States citizen nor establishes that the applicant is  
21 not a United States citizen, but who affirmatively indicated  
22 they wished to apply to register to vote and attested, in  
23 writing, to United States citizenship, shall be notified,  
24 under the procedures set forth in Sections 1A-16.1 and 1A-16.7  
25 of the Election Code that the applicant's personal information  
26 will be transmitted to the State Board of Elections for the

1 purpose of creating an electronic voter registration  
2 application. Such notification may be made in writing or  
3 verbally issued by an employee or the Secretary of State.

4 The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules as may  
5 be necessary for the efficient execution of his duties and the  
6 duties of his employees under this Section.

7 (f) Any person applying at a driver services facility for  
8 issuance or renewal of a driver's license or Illinois  
9 Identification Card shall be provided, without charge, with a  
10 brochure warning the person of the dangers of financial  
11 identity theft. The Department of Financial and Professional  
12 Regulation shall prepare these brochures and provide them to  
13 the Secretary of State for distribution. The brochures shall  
14 (i) identify signs warning the reader that he or she might be  
15 an intended victim of the crime of financial identity theft,  
16 (ii) instruct the reader in how to proceed if the reader  
17 believes that he or she is the victim of the crime of identity  
18 theft, and (iii) provide the reader with names and telephone  
19 numbers of law enforcement and other governmental agencies  
20 that provide assistance to victims of financial identity  
21 theft.

22 (g) (Blank). ~~The changes made by this amendatory Act of~~  
23 ~~the 100th General Assembly shall be implemented no later than~~  
24 ~~July 1, 2018.~~

25 (h) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory  
26 Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall be implemented no

1 later than January 1, 2026.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-464, eff. 8-28-17.)

3       Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
4 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
5 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
6 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
7 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
8 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
9 Public Act.

10       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law."