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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-14.1	from Ch. 46, par. 4-14.1
10 ILCS 5/5-9.1	from Ch. 46, par. 5-9.1
10 ILCS 5/6-55	from Ch. 46, par. 6-55

Amends the Election Code. Authorizes election authorities to use newspaper obituaries, if confirmed as accurate, to purge voter registration records.

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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 4-14.1, 5-9.1, and 6-55 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-14.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-14.1)

7 Sec. 4-14.1. It is the duty of the county clerk to examine,
8 monthly, the records deposited in his office pursuant to the
9 Vital Records Act that relate to deaths in the county, and to
10 cancel the registration of any person so discovered to have ~~who~~
11 ~~has~~ died during the preceding month.

12 In addition, the election authority may examine obituaries
13 in a newspaper having general circulation throughout a
14 municipality or county where the decedents named in the
15 obituaries lived immediately prior to death. The election
16 authority may cancel the registration of such a decedent after
17 the authenticity and accuracy of the obituary have been
18 confirmed to the election authority in writing by a funeral
19 director of the funeral home or other location where the
20 memorial service, wake, funeral, or similar service for the
21 decedent was held.

22 (Source: P.A. 87-895.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/5-9.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-9.1)

2 Sec. 5-9.1. It is the duty of the county clerk to examine
3 monthly the records deposited in his office pursuant to the
4 Vital Records Act that relate to deaths in the county and, to
5 cancel the registration of any person so discovered to have ~~who~~
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13 confirmed to the election authority in writing by a funeral
14 director of the funeral home or other location where the
15 memorial service, wake, funeral, or similar service for the
16 decedent was held.

17 It is the duty of the election authority, ~~and~~ to cause the
18 name of each ~~such~~ deceased person whose registration is
19 canceled under this Section to be erased from the register of
20 the precinct in which the deceased person was registered.

21 (Source: P.A. 87-895.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/6-55) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-55)

23 Sec. 6-55. The board of election commissioners shall obtain
24 the reports provided for by sections 6-61 and 6-62 of this
25 Article and shall cancel the registration of criminals and of

1 deceased persons whose names are so reported to it.

2 In addition, the board of election commissioners may
3 examine obituaries in a newspaper having general circulation
4 throughout a municipality or county where the decedents named
5 in the obituaries lived immediately prior to death. The board
6 of election commissioners may cancel the registration of such a
7 decedent after the authenticity and accuracy of the obituary
8 have been confirmed to the board of election commissioners in
9 writing by a funeral director of the funeral home or other
10 location where the memorial service, wake, funeral, or similar
11 service for the decedent was held.

12 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)