

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 19-3, 20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3, and 20-3 as
6 follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-3)

8 Sec. 19-3. Application for such ballot shall be made on
9 blanks to be furnished by the election authority and
10 duplication of such application for ballot is prohibited,
11 except by the election authority. The application for ballot
12 shall be substantially in the following form:

13 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT
14 BY ELECTOR WHO EXPECTS TO BE
15 ABSENT FROM COUNTY

16 To be voted at the election in the County of and
17 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
18 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

19 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
20 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
21 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
22 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
23 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully

1 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
2 held therein on; that I expect to be absent from the
3 county of my residence on the date of holding such election,
4 and that I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that
5 day.

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

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

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

20 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:
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22 However, if application is made for a primary election
23 ballot, such application shall designate the name of the
24 political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

25 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

26 BY ELECTOR WHO IS JUDGE OF ELECTION

1 IN A PRECINCT OTHER THAN THE PRECINCT
2 IN WHICH HE RESIDES

3 To be voted at the election in the County of and
4 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
5 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

6 I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be
7 used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the
8 precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3)
9 *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or
10 town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have
11 lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am
12 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election
13 to be held therein on; that I am a judge of election in
14 precinct or the (1) *.... ward in the city of or (2)
15 *township of or (3) *city, village or incorporated town of
16 in such county and that I will have no opportunity of
17 voting in person on that day:

18 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
19 to be voted by me at such election if I serve as a judge of
20 election in such last named precinct, and I agree that I shall
21 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
22 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
23 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight
24 preceding election day, for counting no later than during the
25 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
26 is the 14th day following election day.

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

4

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

6 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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8 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

9 BY PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED ELECTOR

10 To be voted at the election in the County of and
11 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
12 (2) *City of or (3) * ward in the City of

13 I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be
14 used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the
15 precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3)
16 * ward in the city of residing at in such city or
17 town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have
18 lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am
19 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election
20 to be held therein on; that I shall be physically
21 incapable of being present at the polls of such precinct on the
22 date of holding such election for the following reasons:

23 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
24 to be voted by me at such election if I am so physically
25 incapacitated, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or
26 ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing

1 of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail,
 2 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for
 3 counting no later than during the period for counting
 4 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
 5 following election day.

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

9

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

11 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

12

13 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

14 BY CHILD SEX OFFENDER ELECTOR

15 To be voted at the election in the County of and
 16 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
 17 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

18 I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be
 19 used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the
 20 precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3)
 21 *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or
 22 town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have
 23 lived at such address for month(s) last past; that I am
 24 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election
 25 to be held therein on; that my assigned precinct polling
 26 place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the polling

1 place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
2 1961.

3 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
4 to be voted by me at such election because my assigned precinct
5 polling place is in a school and I will be unable to enter the
6 polling place without violating Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal
7 Code of 1961, and I agree that I shall return such ballot or
8 ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the closing
9 of the polls on the date of election or, if returned by mail,
10 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for
11 counting no later than during the period for counting
12 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
13 following election day.

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

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

19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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21 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

22 BY ELECTOR OBSERVING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

23 To be voted at the election in the county of
24 State of Illinois, in the precinct (1) *township of
25 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

26 I state that I am affiliated with the party (to be

1 used in primary elections) and that I am a resident of the
2 precinct of the (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3)
3 *.... ward in the city of residing at in such city or
4 town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I have
5 lived at such address for month(s) past, that I am
6 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election
7 to be held therein on; that I shall be unable to be
8 present at the polls of such precinct on the date of holding
9 such election because of the tenets of my religion in the
10 observance of a religious holiday.

11 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
12 to be voted by me at such election if I am so unable to be
13 present at the polls of such precinct on the date of the
14 election because of the tenets of my religion in the observance
15 of a religious holiday, and I agree that I shall return the
16 ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same prior to the
17 closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if
18 returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding
19 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
20 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
21 day following election day.

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

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

1 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:
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3 APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

4 BY ELECTOR WHO IS AN ELECTION EMPLOYEE

5 OF STATE'S ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK OR

6 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

7 To be voted at the election in the County of and
8 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
9 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

10 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
11 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
12 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
13 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
14 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
15 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
16 held therein on; that I am employed in the office of the
17 (State's Attorney of County) (County Clerk of County)
18 (Board of Election Commissioners of the (City) (County) of
19 and that because of election duties on the date of holding such
20 election I will have no opportunity to vote in person on that
21 day.

22 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
23 to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall
24 return such ballot or ballots to the official issuing the same
25 prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election
26 or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight

1 preceding election day, for counting no later than during the
2 period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which
3 is the 14th day following election day.

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

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

9 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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11 Provided, that if application be made for a primary
12 election ballot, such application shall designate the name of
13 the political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

14 APPLICATION FOR
15 TEMPORARILY ABSENT STUDENT BALLOT

16 To be voted at the election in the County of and
17 State of Illinois, in the precinct of the (1) *township of
18 (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in the City of

19 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
20 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.... ward in
21 the city of residing at in such city or town in the
22 county of and State of Illinois; that I have lived at such
23 address for month(s) last past; that I am lawfully
24 entitled to vote in such precinct at the election to be
25 held therein on; that I am temporarily abiding outside
26 such precinct in the (1) *township of (2) *City of in

1 the county of and State of due to the fact I am a
2 student attending an institution of higher education, and for
3 that reason do not expect to have an opportunity to vote in
4 person on that day.

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

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

17

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

19 Post office address to which ballot is mailed:

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21 However, if application is made for a primary election
22 ballot, such application shall designate the name of the
23 political party with which the applicant is affiliated.

24 In lieu of the separate application blanks heretofore
25 prescribed, the election authority may adopt a standard
26 application blank in substantially the following form for all

1 categories of absentee voters:

2 APPLICATION FOR
3 ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

4 To be voted at the election in the County of
5 and State of Illinois, in the precinct of the
6 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *..... ward
7 in the City of

8 I state that I am a resident of the precinct of the
9 (1) *township of (2) *City of or (3) *.....
10 ward in the City of residing at in such city
11 or town in the county of and State of Illinois; that I
12 have lived at such address for months last past; that I
13 am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at a
14 election to be held therein on; and that I will be
15 unable to vote in person at the polls of such precinct for the
16 following reasons:

17 (Check One)

18 I expect to be absent from my county of residence.

19 I expect to be temporarily absent from the country.

20 I shall be serving as a judge of election in the
21 precinct which is not my precinct of
22 residence.

23 I shall be observing a religious holiday in
24 accordance with the tenets of my religion.

25 I shall be performing official election duties
26 for an Election Authority,

1 (election authority)

2 or the State Board of

3 Elections.

4 (location)

5 I shall be performing election law enforcement

6 duties in the employment of,

7 (law enforcement agency)

8

9 (location)

10 I am temporarily abiding in the (1) *township of

11 (2) *city of in the county of and State of due to

12 the fact I am a student attending an institution of higher

13 education.

14 I am physically incapacitated.

15 Reason(s):

16 I have been called for jury duty on said day by

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18 (court jurisdiction)

19 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots

20 to be voted by me at such election and agree that I shall

21 return the ballot or ballots to the election official issuing

22 the same ~~in sufficient time for such official to deliver the~~

23 ~~ballot or ballots to the proper polling place~~ prior to the

24 closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if

25 returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding

26 election day, for counting no later than during the period for

1 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
2 day following election day.

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

6
7 *fill in either (1), (2) or (3). Post office address to which
8 ballot is mailed:

9

10 Provided, that if application is made for a primary
11 election, such application shall designate the name of the
12 political party with which applicant is affiliated.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-440, eff. 8-27-07.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/20-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2)

15 Sec. 20-2. Any member of the United States Service,
16 otherwise qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his
17 duties to be absent from the county in which he resides on the
18 day of holding any election may make application for an
19 absentee ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction
20 over his precinct of residence on the official postcard or on a
21 form furnished by the election authority as prescribed by
22 Section 20-3 of this Article not less than 10 days before the
23 election. A request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the
24 applicant to an absentee ballot for every election in one
25 calendar year. The original application for ballot shall be

1 kept in the office of the election authority for one year as
2 authorization to send a ballot to the voter for each election
3 to be held within that calendar year. A certified copy of such
4 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the
5 absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot
6 counting location to be used in lieu of the original
7 application for ballot. No registration shall be required in
8 order to vote pursuant to this Section.

9 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
10 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
11 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
12 must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding
13 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
14 counting location of the election authority during the period
15 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
16 14th day following election day. ~~Ballots voted under this~~
17 ~~Section must be returned to the election authority in~~
18 ~~sufficient time for delivery to the election authority's~~
19 ~~central ballot counting location before the closing of the~~
20 ~~polls on the day of the election.~~

21 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.1)

23 Sec. 20-2.1. Citizens of the United States temporarily
24 residing outside the territorial limits of the United States
25 who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who

1 expect to be absent from their county of residence during the
2 periods of voter registration provided for in Articles 4, 5 or
3 6 of this Code and on the day of holding any election, may make
4 simultaneous application to the election authority having
5 jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for an absentee
6 registration and absentee ballot not less than 30 days before
7 the election. Such application may be made on the official
8 postcard or on a form furnished by the election authority as
9 prescribed by Section 20-3 of this Article. A request pursuant
10 to this Section shall entitle the applicant to an absentee
11 ballot for every election in one calendar year. The original
12 application for ballot shall be kept in the office of the
13 election authority for one year as authorization to send a
14 ballot to the voter for each election to be held within that
15 calendar year. A certified copy of such application for ballot
16 shall be sent each election with the absentee ballot to the
17 election authority's central ballot counting location to be
18 used in lieu of the original application for ballot.

19 Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to
20 this Section. However, if the election authority receives one
21 of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days
22 before a Federal election, said applicant shall be sent a
23 ballot containing the Federal offices only and registration for
24 that election shall be waived.

25 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
26 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this

1 Article and not otherwise.

2 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned
3 postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day and
4 received for counting at the central ballot counting location
5 of the election authority during the period for counting
6 provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day
7 following election day.

8 ~~Ballots under this Section must be returned to the election~~
9 ~~authority in sufficient time for delivery to the election~~
10 ~~authority's central ballot counting location before the~~
11 ~~closing of the polls on the day of the election.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.2)

14 Sec. 20-2.2. Any non-resident civilian citizen, otherwise
15 qualified to vote, may make application to the election
16 authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former
17 residence for an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices
18 only not less than 10 days before a Federal election. Such
19 application may be made only on the official postcard. A
20 request pursuant to this Section shall entitle the applicant to
21 an absentee ballot for every election in one calendar year at
22 which Federal offices are filled. The original application for
23 ballot shall be kept in the office of the election authority
24 for one year as authorization to send a ballot to the voter for
25 each election to be held within that calendar year at which

1 Federal offices are filled. A certified copy of such
2 application for ballot shall be sent each election with the
3 absentee ballot to the election authority's central ballot
4 counting location to be used in lieu of the original
5 application for ballot. No registration shall be required in
6 order to vote pursuant to this Section. Ballots under this
7 Section shall be mailed by the election authority in the manner
8 prescribed by Section 20-5 of this Article and not otherwise.
9 Ballots voted under this Section must be returned postmarked no
10 later than midnight preceding election day and received for
11 counting at the central ballot counting location of the
12 election authority during the period for counting provisional
13 ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following
14 election day. ~~Ballots under this Section must be returned to~~
15 ~~the election authority in sufficient time for delivery to the~~
16 ~~election authority's central ballot counting location before~~
17 ~~the closing of the polls on the day of the election.~~

18 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/20-2.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-2.3)

20 Sec. 20-2.3. Members of the Armed Forces. Any member of the
21 United States Armed Forces while on active duty, otherwise
22 qualified to vote, who expects in the course of his or her
23 duties to be absent from the county in which he or she resides
24 on the day of holding any election, in addition to any other
25 method of making application for an absentee ballot under this

1 Article, may make application for an absentee ballot to the
2 election authority having jurisdiction over his or her precinct
3 of residence by a facsimile machine or electronic transmission
4 not less than 10 days before the election.

5 Ballots under this Section shall be mailed by the election
6 authority in the manner prescribed by Section 20-5 of this
7 Article and not otherwise. Ballots voted under this Section
8 must be returned postmarked no later than midnight preceding
9 election day and received for counting at the central ballot
10 counting location of the election authority during the period
11 for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the
12 14th day following election day. ~~Ballots voted under this~~
13 ~~Section must be returned to the election authority before the~~
14 ~~closing of the polls on the day of election and must be counted~~
15 ~~at the election authority's central ballot counting location.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06.)

17 (10 ILCS 5/20-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-3)

18 Sec. 20-3. The election authority shall furnish the
19 following applications for absentee registration or absentee
20 ballot which shall be considered a method of application in
21 lieu of the official postcard.

22 1. Members of the United States Service, citizens of the
23 United States temporarily residing outside the territorial
24 limits of the United States, and certified program participants
25 under the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic

1 Violence Act may make application within the periods prescribed
2 in Sections 20-2 or 20-2.1, as the case may be. Such
3 application shall be substantially in the following form:

4 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT

5 To be voted at the..... election in the precinct in
6 which is located my residence at....., in the
7 city/village/township of(insert home address)
8 County of..... and State of Illinois.

9 I state that I am a citizen of the United States; that on
10 (insert date of election) I shall have resided in the State of
11 Illinois and in the election precinct for 30 days; that on the
12 above date I shall be the age of 18 years or above; that I am
13 lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at that election;
14 that I am (check category 1, 2, or 3 below):

- 15 1. () a member of the United States Service,
- 16 2. () a citizen of the United States temporarily residing
17 outside the territorial limits of the United States and that I
18 expect to be absent from the said county of my residence on the
19 date of holding such election, and that I will have no
20 opportunity to vote in person on that day.
- 21 3. () a certified program participant under the Address
22 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

23 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
24 to be voted by me at such election if I am absent from the said
25 county of my residence, and I agree that I shall return said
26 ballot or ballots to the election authority postmarked no later

1 than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later
 2 than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the
 3 last day of which is the 14th day following election day ~~prior~~
 4 ~~to the closing of the polls on the date of the election~~ or
 5 shall destroy said ballot or ballots.

6 (Check below only if category 2 or 3 and not previously
 7 registered)

8 () I hereby make application to become registered as a
 9 voter and agree to return the forms and affidavits for
 10 registration to the election authority not later than 30 days
 11 before the election.

12 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
 13 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 14 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

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16 Post office address or service address to which
 17 registration materials or ballot should be mailed

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21"

22 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 23 application shall designate the name of the political party
 24 with which the applicant is affiliated.

25 Such applications may be obtained from the election
 26 authority having jurisdiction over the person's precinct of

1 residence.

2 2. A spouse or dependent of a member of the United States
3 Service, said spouse or dependent being a registered voter in
4 the county, may make application on behalf of said person in
5 the office of the election authority within the periods
6 prescribed in Section 20-2 which shall be substantially in the
7 following form:

8 "APPLICATION FOR BALLOT to be voted at the..... election
9 in the precinct in which is located the residence of the person
10 for whom this application is made at.....(insert
11 residence address) in the city/village/township of.....
12 County of..... and State of Illinois.

13 I certify that the following named person.....
14 (insert name of person) is a member of the United States
15 Service.

16 I state that said person is a citizen of the United States;
17 that on (insert date of election) said person shall have
18 resided in the State of Illinois and in the election precinct
19 for which this application is made for 30 days; that on the
20 above date said person shall be the age of 18 years or above;
21 that said person is lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct
22 at that election; that said person is a member of the United
23 States Service, and that in the course of his duties said
24 person expects to be absent from his county of residence on the
25 date of holding such election, and that said person will have
26 no opportunity to vote in person on that day.

1 I hereby make application for an official ballot or ballots
 2 to be voted by said person at such election and said person
 3 agrees that he shall return said ballot or ballots to the
 4 election authority postmarked no later than midnight preceding
 5 election day, for counting no later than during the period for
 6 counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th
 7 day following election day ~~prior to the closing of the polls on~~
 8 ~~the day of the election,~~ or shall destroy said ballot or
 9 ballots.

10 I hereby certify that I am the (mother, father, sister,
 11 brother, husband or wife) of the said elector, and that I am a
 12 registered voter in the election precinct for which this
 13 application is made. (Strike all but one that is applicable.)

14 Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Article 29
 15 of The Election Code, the undersigned certifies that the
 16 statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

17 Name of applicant

18 Residence address

19 City/village/township.....

20 Service address to which ballot should be mailed:
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 22
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 24"

25 If application is made for a primary election ballot, such
 26 application shall designate the name of the political party

1 with which the person for whom application is made is
2 affiliated.

3 Such applications may be obtained from the election
4 authority having jurisdiction over the voting precinct in which
5 the person for whom application is made is entitled to vote.

6 (Source: P.A. 91-494, eff. 1-1-00.)