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HB3591

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8	
10 ILCS 5/4-16	from Ch. 46, par. 4-16
10 ILCS 5/4-50	
10 ILCS 5/5-23	from Ch. 46, par. 5-23
10 ILCS 5/5-50	
10 ILCS 5/6-53	from Ch. 46, par. 6-53
10 ILCS 5/6-100	
10 ILCS 5/10-8	from Ch. 46, par. 10-8
10 ILCS 5/19-8	from Ch. 46, par. 19-8
10 ILCS 5/19A-10	
10 ILCS 5/20-8	from Ch. 46, par. 20-8

Amends the Election Code. Makes changes to provisions concerning the processing of ballots, challenging petitions, election-day and grace period registration, provisional ballots, and municipal and township early voting. Creates a pilot program for DuPage County that allows the election authority to obtain driver's license pictures to help verify a voter's identity. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 1A-16.8, 4-16, 4-50, 5-23, 5-50, 6-53, 6-100, 10-8,
6 19-8, 19A-10, and 20-8 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.8)

8 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
9 delayed effective date)

10 Sec. 1A-16.8. Automatic transfer of registration based
11 upon information from the National Change of Address database.
12 The State Board of Elections shall cross-reference the
13 statewide voter registration database against the United
14 States Postal Service's National Change of Address database
15 twice each calendar year, April 15 and October 1 in
16 odd-numbered years and April 15 and December 1 in even-numbered
17 years, and shall share the findings with the election
18 authorities. An election authority shall automatically
19 register any voter who has moved into its jurisdiction from
20 another jurisdiction in Illinois or has moved within its
21 jurisdiction provided that:

22 (1) the election authority whose jurisdiction includes
23 the new registration address provides the voter an

1 opportunity to reject the change in registration address
2 through a mailing, sent by non-forwardable mail, to the new
3 registration address, and

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/4-16) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-16)

2 Sec. 4-16. Any registered voter who changes his residence
3 from one address to another within the same county wherein this
4 Article is in effect, may have his registration transferred to
5 his new address by making and signing an application for change
6 of residence address upon a form to be provided by the county
7 clerk. Such application must be made to the office of the
8 county clerk and may be made either in person or by mail. In
9 case the person is unable to sign his name, the county clerk
10 shall require him to execute the application in the presence of
11 the county clerk or of his properly authorized representative,
12 by his mark, and if satisfied of the identity of the person,
13 the county clerk shall make the transfer.

14 Upon receipt of the application, the county clerk, or one
15 of his employees deputized to take registrations shall cause
16 the signature of the voter and the data appearing upon the
17 application to be compared with the signature and data on the
18 registration record card, and if it appears that the applicant
19 is the same person as the person previously registered under
20 that name the transfer shall be made. Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Elections shall,
22 by rule, create a pilot program for DuPage County that allows
23 election authorities to obtain the photograph and signature
24 from a voter's driver's license on file with the Secretary of
25 State to compare with the voter's signature and to confirm that
26 the person presenting themselves as the registered voter is the

1 same person pictured on such license. The pictures obtained
2 from the Secretary of State shall be affixed to the voter's
3 poll book to aide in the visual identification of the voter.
4 Registered voters shall, by rule, be allowed the option to
5 opt-in to having their picture checked to ensure greater voter
6 confidence and guarantee that no voter's vote is stolen. The
7 Board of Elections shall establish this pilot program before
8 the 2016 general election.

9 No transfers of registration under the provisions of this
10 Section shall be made during the 27 days preceding any election
11 at which such voter would be entitled to vote. When a removal
12 of a registered voter takes place from one address to another
13 within the same precinct within a period during which a
14 transfer of registration cannot be made before any election or
15 primary, he shall be entitled to vote upon presenting the
16 judges of election his affidavit substantially in the form
17 prescribed in Section 17-10 of this Act of a change of
18 residence address within the precinct on a date therein
19 specified.

20 The county clerk may obtain information from utility
21 companies, city, village, incorporated town and township
22 records, the post office, or from other sources, regarding the
23 removal of registered voters, and may treat such information,
24 and information procured from his death and marriage records on
25 file in his office, as an application to erase from the
26 register any name concerning which he may so have information

1 that the voter is no longer qualified to vote under the name,
2 or from the address from which registered, and give notice
3 thereof in the manner provided by Section 4-12 of this Article,
4 and notify voters who have changed their address that a
5 transfer of registration may be made in the manner provided in
6 this Section enclosing a form therefor.

7 If any person be registered by error in a precinct other
8 than that in which he resides, the county clerk may transfer
9 his registration to the proper precinct, and if the error is or
10 may be on the part of the registration officials, and is
11 disclosed too late before an election or primary to mail the
12 certificate required by Section 4-15, such certificate may be
13 personally delivered to the voter and he may vote thereon as
14 therein provided, but such certificates so issued shall be
15 specially listed with the reason for the issuance thereof.

16 Where a revision or rearrangement of precincts is made by
17 the county board, the county clerk shall immediately transfer
18 to the proper precinct the registration of any voter affected
19 by such revision or rearrangement of the precinct; make the
20 proper notations on the registration cards of a voter affected
21 by the revision or rearrangement and shall issue revised
22 certificates to each registrant of such change.

23 Any registered voter who changes his or her name by
24 marriage or otherwise shall be required to register anew and
25 authorize the cancellation of the previous registration; but if
26 the voter still resides in the same precinct the elector may,

1 if otherwise qualified, vote upon making an affidavit at the
2 polling place attesting that the voter is the same person who
3 is registered to vote under his or her former name. The
4 affidavit shall be treated by the election authority as
5 authorization to cancel the registration under the former name,
6 and the election authority shall register the person under his
7 or her current name.

8 The precinct election officials shall report to the county
9 clerk the names and addresses of all persons who have changed
10 their addresses and voted, which shall be treated as an
11 application to change address accordingly, and the names and
12 addresses of all persons otherwise voting by affidavit as in
13 this Section provided, which shall be treated as an application
14 to erase under Section 4-12 hereof.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/4-50)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

18 Sec. 4-50. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
20 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
21 for change of address during the period from the close of
22 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day
23 before the primary or election, except that during the 2014
24 general election the period shall extend until the polls close
25 on election day. During this grace period, an unregistered

1 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
2 may submit a change of address form, in person in the office of
3 the election authority or at a voter registration location
4 specifically designated for this purpose by the election
5 authority. During the 2014 general election, an unregistered
6 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
7 may submit a change of address form, in person at any permanent
8 polling place for early voting established under Section 19A-10
9 through election day. The election authority shall register
10 that individual, or change a registered voter's address, in the
11 same manner as otherwise provided by this Article for
12 registration and change of address.

13 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
14 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
15 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
16 period voting. The election authority shall offer in-person
17 grace period voting at the authority's office and any permanent
18 polling place where grace period registration is required by
19 this Section; and may offer in-person grace period voting at
20 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
21 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
22 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
23 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's
24 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
25 similar to voting under Article 19.

26 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,

1 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
2 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
3 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
4 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
5 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
6 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
7 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
8 names and that information in an electronic format on its
9 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
10 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
11 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
12 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
13 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

14 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
15 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
16 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
17 who register or change address during the grace period must be
18 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
19 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
20 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
21 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
22 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
23 the ballots were opened.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
25 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

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6 registration for an election until and including the day of the
7 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
8 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
9 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
10 election authority, at a permanent polling place established
11 under Section 19A-10, ~~at any other early voting site beginning~~
12 ~~15 days prior to the election,~~ at a permanent polling place on
13 election day, or at a voter registration location specifically
14 designated for this purpose by the election authority. The
15 election authority shall register that individual, or change a
16 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
17 provided by this Article for registration and change of
18 address.

19 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
20 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
21 occurring during the grace period, he or she must do so by
22 grace period voting. The election authority shall offer
23 in-person grace period voting at the authority's office, any
24 permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10, and
25 at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the
26 election, at a polling place on election day, where grace

1 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
2 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
3 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
4 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
5 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
6 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
7 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting
8 under Article 19A.

9 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
10 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
11 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
12 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
13 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
14 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
15 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
16 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
17 names and that information in an electronic format on its
18 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
19 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
20 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
21 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
22 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

23 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
24 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
25 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
26 who register or change address during the grace period at a

1 location other than their designated polling place on election
2 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
3 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
4 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
5 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
6 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
7 the order in which the ballots were opened.

8 In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do
9 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
10 out of registration in the polling place if the election
11 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
12 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
13 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
14 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's registered
15 voters ~~residents~~ reside if the election authority's main office
16 is not located in that municipality. The election authority may
17 establish other grace period registration and voting sites on
18 election day provided that the election authority has met the
19 notice requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and
20 temporary early voting sites.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
22 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/5-23) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-23)

24 Sec. 5-23. Any registered voter who changes his residence
25 from one address, number or place to another within the same

1 county wherein this Article 5 is in effect, may have his
2 registration transferred to his new address by making and
3 signing an application for such change of residence upon a form
4 to be provided by the county clerk. Such application must be
5 made to the office of the county clerk. In case the person is
6 unable to sign his name the county clerk shall require such
7 person to execute the request in the presence of the county
8 clerk or of his properly authorized representative, by his
9 mark, and if satisfied of the identity of the person, the
10 county clerk shall make the transfer.

11 Upon receipt of such application, the county clerk, or one
12 of his employees deputized to take registrations shall cause
13 the signature of the voter and the data appearing upon the
14 application to be compared with the signature and data on the
15 registration record, and if it appears that the applicant is
16 the same person as the party previously registered under that
17 name the transfer shall be made. Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Elections shall,
19 by rule, create a pilot program for DuPage County that allows
20 election authorities to obtain the photograph and signature
21 from a voter's driver's license on file with the Secretary of
22 State to compare with the voter's signature and to confirm that
23 the person presenting themselves as the registered voter is the
24 same person pictured on such license. The pictures obtained
25 from the Secretary of State shall be affixed to the voter's
26 poll book to aide in the visual identification of the voter.

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2 opt-in to having their picture checked to ensure greater voter
3 confidence and guarantee that no voter's vote is stolen. The
4 Board of Elections shall establish this pilot program before
5 the 2016 general election.

6 Transfer of registration under the provisions of this
7 section may not be made within the period when the county
8 clerk's office is closed to registration prior to an election
9 at which such voter would be entitled to vote.

10 Any registered voter who changes his or her name by
11 marriage or otherwise, shall be required to register anew and
12 authorize the cancellation of the previous registration;
13 provided, however, that if the change of name takes place
14 within a period during which such new registration cannot be
15 made, next preceding any election or primary, the elector may,
16 if otherwise qualified, vote upon making the following
17 affidavit before the judges of election:

18 I do solemnly swear that I am the same person now
19 registered in the precinct of the ward of the city of
20 or District Town of under the name of and
21 that I still reside in said precinct or district.

22 (Signed)

23 If the voter whose name has changed still resides in the
24 same precinct, the voter may vote after making the affidavit at
25 the polling place regardless of when the change of name
26 occurred. In that event, the affidavit shall not state that the

1 voter is required to register; the affidavit shall be treated
2 by the election authority as authorization to cancel the
3 registration under the former name, and the election authority
4 shall register the voter under his or her current name.

5 Suitable forms for this purpose shall be provided by the
6 county clerk. The form in all cases shall be similar to the
7 form furnished by the county clerk for county and state
8 elections.

9 The precinct election officials shall report to the county
10 clerk the names and addresses of all such persons who have
11 changed their addresses and voted. The city, village, town and
12 incorporated town clerks shall within five days after every
13 election report to the county clerk the names and addresses of
14 the persons reported to them as having voted by affidavit as in
15 this Section provided.

16 The county clerk may obtain information from utility
17 companies, city, village, town and incorporated town records,
18 the post office or from other sources regarding the removal of
19 registered voters and notify such voters that a transfer of
20 registration may be made in the manner provided by this
21 Section.

22 If any person be registered by error in a precinct other
23 than that in which he resides the county clerk shall be
24 empowered to transfer his registration to the proper precinct.

25 Where a revision or rearrangement of precincts is made by
26 the board of county commissioners, the county clerk shall

1 immediately transfer to the proper precinct the registration of
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16 on election day. During this grace period, an unregistered
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19 the election authority or at a voter registration location
20 specifically designated for this purpose by the election
21 authority. During the 2014 general election, an unregistered
22 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
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24 polling place for early voting established pursuant to Section
25 19A-10 through election day. The election authority shall

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3 Article for registration and change of address.

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5 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
6 occurring after the grace period, he or she must do so by grace
7 period voting. The election authority shall offer in-person
8 grace period voting at his or her office and any permanent
9 polling place where grace period registration is required by
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11 additional locations specifically designated for the purpose
12 of grace period voting by the election authority. The election
13 authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the
14 election authority has no ballots prepared at the authority's
15 office. Grace period voting shall be in a manner substantially
16 similar to voting under Article 19.

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18 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
19 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
20 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
21 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
22 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
23 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
24 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
25 names and that information in an electronic format on its
26 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local

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6 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
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13 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/6-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-53)

15 Sec. 6-53. Any registered elector who changes his residence
16 from one address number or place to another within the same
17 precinct, city or village or incorporated town, may have his
18 registration transferred to his new address by making and
19 signing an application for such change of residence address
20 upon a form to be provided by such board of election
21 commissioners. Such application may be made to the office of
22 such board or at any place designated in accordance with
23 Section 6-51 of this Article.

24 Upon receipt of such application the board of election
25 commissioners or officer, employee or deputy registrar

1 designated by such board shall cause the signature of the voter
2 and the data appearing upon the application to be compared with
3 the signature and data on the registration record, and if it
4 appears that the applicant is the same person as the party
5 previously registered under that name, the transfer shall be
6 made. In case the person is unable to sign his name the board
7 of election commissioners shall require such person to execute
8 the request in the presence of the board or of its properly
9 authorized representative, by his mark, and if satisfied of the
10 identity of the person, the board of election commissioners
11 shall make the transfer. The person in charge of the
12 registration shall draw a line through the last address, ward
13 and precinct number on the original and duplicate and write the
14 new address, ward and precinct number on the original and
15 duplicate registration records. Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Elections shall,
17 by rule, create a pilot program for DuPage County that allows
18 election authorities to obtain the photograph and signature
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26 opt-in to having their picture checked to ensure greater voter

1 confidence and guarantee that no voter's vote is stolen. The
2 Board of Elections shall establish this pilot program before
3 the 2016 general election.

4 Any registered elector may transfer his registration only
5 at any such time as is provided by this Article for the
6 registration of voters at the office of the board. When a
7 removal of a registered voter takes place from one address to
8 another within the same precinct within a period during which
9 such transfer of registration cannot be made, before any
10 election or primary, he shall be entitled to vote upon
11 presenting to the judges of election an affidavit of a change
12 and having said affidavit supported by the affidavit of a
13 qualified voter who is a householder in the same precinct.
14 Suitable forms for this purpose shall be provided by the board
15 of election commissioners whose duty it is to conduct the
16 election; and thereupon the precinct election officials shall
17 report to the board of election commissioners the names of all
18 such persons who have changed their address and voted.

19 The board of election commissioners may obtain information
20 from utility companies, city records, the post office or from
21 other sources regarding the removal of registered voters, and
22 notify such voters that a transfer of registration may be made
23 in the manner provided by this section.

24 If any person be registered by error in a precinct other
25 than that in which he resides, a transfer of registration to
26 the precinct in which he resides may be made in the manner

1 provided by this section.

2 Where a revision or rearrangement of precincts is made by
3 the board of election commissioners under the power conferred
4 by Section 11-3 of Article 11 of this Act, such board shall
5 immediately transfer to the proper precinct the registration of
6 any voter affected by such revision or rearrangement of
7 precincts; make the proper notations on the cards in the master
8 and precinct files; and shall notify the registrant of such
9 change.

10 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3449.)

11 (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

12 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

13 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
15 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
16 for change of address during the period from the close of
17 registration for a primary or election and until the 3rd day
18 before the primary or election, except that during the 2014
19 general election the period shall extend until the polls close
20 on election day. During this grace period, an unregistered
21 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
22 may submit a change of address form, in person in the office of
23 the election authority or at a voter registration location
24 specifically designated for this purpose by the election
25 authority. During the 2014 general election, an unregistered

1 qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter
2 may submit a change of address form, in person at any permanent
3 polling place for early voting established pursuant to Section
4 19A-10 through election day. The election authority shall
5 register that individual, or change a registered voter's
6 address, in the same manner as otherwise provided by this
7 Article for registration and change of address.

8 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
9 grace period wishes to vote at the first election or primary
10 occurring after the grace period. The election authority shall
11 offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's office
12 and any permanent polling place where grace period registration
13 is required by this Section; and may offer in-person grace
14 period voting at additional locations specifically designated
15 for the purpose of grace period voting by the election
16 authority. The election authority may allow grace period voting
17 by mail only if the election authority has no ballots prepared
18 at the authority's office. Grace period voting shall be in a
19 manner substantially similar to voting under Article 19.

20 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
21 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
22 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
23 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
24 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
25 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
26 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may

1 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
2 names and that information in an electronic format on its
3 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
4 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
5 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
6 list of persons to whom absentee and early ballots have been
7 issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

8 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
9 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
10 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
11 who register or change address during the grace period must be
12 transmitted to and counted at the election authority's central
13 ballot counting location and shall not be transmitted to and
14 counted at precinct polling places. The grace period ballots
15 determined to be valid shall be added to the vote totals for
16 the precincts for which they were cast in the order in which
17 the ballots were opened.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
19 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

20 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

21 Sec. 6-100. Grace period. Notwithstanding any other
22 provision of this Code to the contrary, each election authority
23 shall establish procedures for the registration of voters and
24 for change of address during the period from the close of
25 registration for an election until and including the day of the

1 election. During this grace period, an unregistered qualified
2 elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit
3 a change of address form, in person in the office of the
4 election authority, at a permanent polling place established
5 under Section 19A-10, ~~at any other early voting site beginning~~
6 ~~15 days prior to the election,~~ at a permanent polling place on
7 election day, or at a voter registration location specifically
8 designated for this purpose by the election authority. The
9 election authority shall register that individual, or change a
10 registered voter's address, in the same manner as otherwise
11 provided by this Article for registration and change of
12 address.

13 If a voter who registers or changes address during this
14 grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary
15 occurring during the grace period. The election authority shall
16 offer in-person grace period voting at the authority's office,
17 any permanent polling place established under Section 19A-10,
18 and at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to
19 the election, at a polling place on election day, where grace
20 period registration is required by this Section; and may offer
21 in-person grace period voting at additional hours and locations
22 specifically designated for the purpose of grace period voting
23 by the election authority. The election authority may allow
24 grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has
25 no ballots prepared at the authority's office. Grace period
26 voting shall be in a manner substantially similar to voting

1 under Article 19A.

2 Within one day after a voter casts a grace period ballot,
3 or within one day after the ballot is received by the election
4 authority if the election authority allows grace period voting
5 by mail, the election authority shall transmit by electronic
6 means pursuant to a process established by the State Board of
7 Elections the voter's name, street address, e-mail address, and
8 precinct, ward, township, and district numbers, as the case may
9 be, to the State Board of Elections, which shall maintain those
10 names and that information in an electronic format on its
11 website, arranged by county and accessible to State and local
12 political committees. The name of each person issued a grace
13 period ballot shall also be placed on the appropriate precinct
14 list of persons to whom vote by mail and early ballots have
15 been issued, for use as provided in Sections 17-9 and 18-5.

16 A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be
17 permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with
18 respect to that primary or election. Ballots cast by persons
19 who register or change address during the grace period at a
20 location other than their designated polling place on election
21 day must be transmitted to and counted at the election
22 authority's central ballot counting location and shall not be
23 transmitted to and counted at precinct polling places. The
24 grace period ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
25 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
26 the order in which the ballots were opened.

1 In counties with a population of less than 100,000 that do
2 not have electronic poll books, the election authority may opt
3 out of registration in the polling place if the election
4 authority establishes grace period registration and voting at
5 other sites on election day at the following sites: (i) the
6 election authority's main office and (ii) a polling place in
7 each municipality where 20% or more of the county's registered
8 voters ~~residents~~ reside if the election authority's main office
9 is not located in that municipality. The election authority may
10 establish other grace period registration and voting sites on
11 election day provided that the election authority has met the
12 notice requirements of Section 19A-25 for permanent and
13 temporary early voting sites.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-766, eff. 7-6-12; 98-115, eff. 7-29-13;
15 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/10-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-8)

17 Sec. 10-8. Certificates of nomination and nomination
18 papers, and petitions to submit public questions to a
19 referendum, being filed as required by this Code, and being in
20 apparent conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be
21 deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in
22 writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing
23 the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition
24 for a public question, with the following exceptions:

25 A. In the case of petitions to amend Article IV of the

1 Constitution of the State of Illinois, there shall be a
2 period of 35 business days after the last day for the
3 filing of such petitions in which objections can be filed.

4 B. In the case of petitions for advisory questions of
5 public policy to be submitted to the voters of the entire
6 State, there shall be a period of 35 business days after
7 the last day for the filing of such petitions in which
8 objections can be filed.

9 Any legal voter of the political subdivision or district in
10 which the candidate or public question is to be voted on, or
11 any legal voter in the State in the case of a proposed
12 amendment to Article IV of the Constitution or an advisory
13 public question to be submitted to the voters of the entire
14 State, having objections to any certificate of nomination or
15 nomination papers or petitions filed, shall file an objector's
16 petition together with 2 copies thereof in the principal office
17 or the permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections,
18 or in the office of the election authority or local election
19 official with whom the certificate of nomination, nomination
20 papers or petitions are on file. Objection petitions that do
21 not include 2 copies thereof, shall not be accepted. In the
22 case of nomination papers or certificates of nomination, the
23 State Board of Elections, election authority or local election
24 official shall note the day and hour upon which such objector's
25 petition is filed, and shall, not later than 12:00 noon on the
26 second business day after receipt of the petition, transmit by

1 registered mail or receipted personal delivery the certificate
2 of nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's
3 petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board
4 designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized agent, and
5 shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal
6 delivery of the objector's petition, to the candidate whose
7 certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to,
8 addressed to the place of residence designated in said
9 certificate of nomination or nomination papers. In the case of
10 objections to a petition for a proposed amendment to Article IV
11 of the Constitution or for an advisory public question to be
12 submitted to the voters of the entire State, the State Board of
13 Elections shall note the day and hour upon which such
14 objector's petition is filed and shall transmit a copy of the
15 objector's petition by registered mail or receipted personal
16 delivery to the person designated on a certificate attached to
17 the petition as the principal proponent of such proposed
18 amendment or public question, or as the proponents' attorney,
19 for the purpose of receiving notice of objections. In the case
20 of objections to a petition for a public question, to be
21 submitted to the voters of a political subdivision, or district
22 thereof, the election authority or local election official with
23 whom such petition is filed shall note the day and hour upon
24 which such objector's petition was filed, and shall, not later
25 than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the
26 petition, transmit by registered mail or receipted personal

1 delivery the petition for the public question and the original
2 objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral
3 board designated in Section 10-9 hereof, or his authorized
4 agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail or
5 receipted personal delivery, of the objector's petition to the
6 person designated on a certificate attached to the petition as
7 the principal proponent of the public question, or as the
8 proponent's attorney, for the purposes of receiving notice of
9 objections.

10 The objector's petition shall give the objector's name and
11 residence address, and shall state fully the nature of the
12 objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination
13 papers or petitions in question, and shall state the interest
14 of the objector and shall state what relief is requested of the
15 electoral board.

16 The provisions of this Section and of Sections 10-9, 10-10
17 and 10-10.1 shall also apply to and govern objections to
18 petitions for nomination filed under Article 7 or Article 8,
19 except as otherwise provided in Section 7-13 for cases to which
20 it is applicable, and also apply to and govern petitions for
21 the submission of public questions under Article 28.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
23 any individual challenging the validity of petitions shall
24 notify the applicable election authority when that individual
25 files a challenge in court contesting the decision of that
26 election authority.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/19-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-8)

3 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

4 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

5 (a) (Blank.)

6 (b) Each absent voter's ballot returned to an election
7 authority, by any means authorized by this Article, and
8 received by that election authority before the closing of the
9 polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
10 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
11 be counted in the central ballot counting location of the
12 election authority on the day of the election after 7:00 p.m.,
13 except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

14 (c) Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an
15 election authority and postmarked by the midnight preceding the
16 opening of the polls on election day, but that is received by
17 the election authority after the polls close on election day
18 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
19 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
20 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
21 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
22 election authority during the period for counting provisional
23 ballots.

24 Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an election
25 authority absent a postmark, but that is received by the

1 election authority after the polls close on election day and
2 before the close of the period for counting provisional ballots
3 cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving
4 authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to inspect
5 the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
6 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
7 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
8 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
9 of the election authority during the period for counting
10 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
11 ballot shall not be counted.

12 (d) Special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots
13 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
14 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
15 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
16 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
17 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
18 counting location of the election authority during the same
19 period provided for counting absent voters' ballots under
20 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in absentee
21 voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election authority
22 and postmarked by the midnight preceding the opening of the
23 polls on election day, but that are received by the election
24 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
25 closing of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
26 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority

1 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the
2 central ballot counting location of the election authority
3 during the same periods provided for counting absent voters'
4 ballots under subsection (c).

5 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, absent
6 voters' ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank
7 ballots received by the election authority after the closing of
8 the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by the election
9 authority receiving them with the day and hour of receipt and
10 shall be safely kept unopened by the election authority for the
11 period of time required for the preservation of ballots used at
12 the election, and shall then, without being opened, be
13 destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that election.

14 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
15 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
16 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
17 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
18 law. The counting shall continue until all absent voters'
19 ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots
20 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

21 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
22 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
23 addition, within 2 days after an absentee ballot, other than an
24 in-person absentee ballot, is received, but in all cases before
25 the close of the period for counting provisional ballots, the
26 election judge or official shall compare the voter's signature

1 on the certification envelope of that absentee ballot with the
2 signature of the voter on file in the office of the election
3 authority. If the election judge or official determines that
4 the 2 signatures match, and that the absentee voter is
5 otherwise qualified to cast an absentee ballot, the election
6 authority shall cast and count the ballot on election day or
7 the day the ballot is determined to be valid, whichever is
8 later, adding the results to the precinct in which the voter is
9 registered. If the election judge or official determines that
10 the signatures do not match, or that the absentee voter is not
11 qualified to cast an absentee ballot, then without opening the
12 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark across
13 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
14 shall not cast or count the ballot.

15 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, an
16 absentee ballot may be rejected by the election judge or
17 official:

18 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
19 and resealed;

20 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
21 period ballot;

22 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
23 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

24 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

25 If the election judge or official determines that any of
26 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across

1 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
2 shall not cast or count the ballot.

3 (g-5) If an absentee ballot, other than an in-person
4 absentee ballot, is rejected by the election judge or official
5 for any reason, the election authority shall, within 2 days
6 after the rejection but in all cases before the close of the
7 period for counting provisional ballots, notify the absentee
8 voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The notice shall
9 inform the voter of the reason or reasons the ballot was
10 rejected and shall state that the voter may appear before the
11 election authority, on or before the 14th day after the
12 election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
13 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
14 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
15 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
16 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
17 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
18 evidence submitted by the absentee voter. No more than 2
19 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
20 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
21 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
22 absentee ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
23 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

24 An absentee ballot subject to this subsection that is
25 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the
26 period for counting provisional ballots.

1 (g-10) All absentee ballots determined to be valid shall be
2 added to the vote totals for the precincts for which they were
3 cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

4 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
5 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
6 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
8 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

9 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

10 Sec. 19-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

11 (a) (Blank.)

12 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an
13 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
14 and received by that election authority before the closing of
15 the polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
16 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and may be
17 processed by the election authority beginning on the 15th day
18 before election day in the central ballot counting location of
19 the election authority, but the results of the processing may
20 not be counted until the day of the election after 7:00 p.m.,
21 except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

22 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
23 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
24 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
25 close on election day and before the close of the period for

1 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
2 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
3 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
4 location of the election authority during the period for
5 counting provisional ballots.

6 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
7 election authority absent a postmark, but that is received by
8 the election authority after the polls close on election day
9 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
10 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
11 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
12 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
13 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
14 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
15 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
16 of the election authority during the period for counting
17 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
18 ballot shall not be counted.

19 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
20 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
21 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
22 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
23 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
24 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
25 counting location of the election authority during the same
26 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under

1 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
2 voter's blank ballots that are mailed to an election authority
3 and postmarked no later than election day, but that are
4 received by the election authority after the polls close on
5 election day and before the closing of the period for counting
6 provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by
7 the receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and
8 shall be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
9 election authority during the same periods provided for
10 counting vote by mail voters' ballots under subsection (c).

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
12 votes by mail ballots may be processed as they arrive in the
13 mail. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
14 contrary, election authorities shall have more than 15 days to
15 process vote by mail ballots.

16 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
17 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
18 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
19 closing of the polls on an election day shall be endorsed by
20 the election authority receiving them with the day and hour of
21 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
22 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
23 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
24 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
25 election.

26 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on

1 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
2 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
3 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
4 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
5 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
6 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

7 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
8 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
9 addition, within 2 days after a vote by mail ballot is
10 received, but in all cases before the close of the period for
11 counting provisional ballots, the election judge or official
12 shall compare the voter's signature on the certification
13 envelope of that vote by mail ballot with the signature of the
14 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
15 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
16 match, and that the vote by mail voter is otherwise qualified
17 to cast a vote by mail ballot, the election authority shall
18 cast and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot
19 is determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the
20 results to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If
21 the election judge or official determines that the signatures
22 do not match, or that the vote by mail voter is not qualified
23 to cast a vote by mail ballot, then without opening the
24 certification envelope, the judge or official shall mark across
25 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
26 shall not cast or count the ballot.

1 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a vote
2 by mail ballot may be rejected by the election judge or
3 official:

4 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
5 and resealed;

6 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
7 period ballot;

8 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
9 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

10 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

11 If the election judge or official determines that any of
12 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
13 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
14 shall not cast or count the ballot.

15 (g-5) If a vote by mail ballot is rejected by the election
16 judge or official for any reason, the election authority shall,
17 within 2 days after the rejection but in all cases before the
18 close of the period for counting provisional ballots, notify
19 the vote by mail voter that his or her ballot was rejected. The
20 notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
21 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
22 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
23 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
24 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
25 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
26 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel

1 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
2 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
3 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
4 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
5 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
6 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
7 vote by mail ballot. The judges' determination shall not be
8 reviewable either administratively or judicially.

9 A vote by mail ballot subject to this subsection that is
10 determined to be valid shall be counted before the close of the
11 period for counting provisional ballots.

12 (g-10) All vote by mail ballots determined to be valid
13 shall be added to the vote totals for the precincts for which
14 they were cast in the order in which the ballots were opened.

15 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
16 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
17 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/19A-10)

20 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

21 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

22 (a) An election authority may establish permanent polling
23 places for early voting by personal appearance at locations
24 throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including
25 but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township

1 clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or
2 local public agency office. Except as otherwise provided in
3 subsection (b), any person entitled to vote early by personal
4 appearance may do so at any polling place established for early
5 voting.

6 (b) If it is impractical for the election authority to
7 provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in
8 every form required in the election authority's jurisdiction,
9 the election authority may:

10 (1) provide appropriate forms of ballots to the office
11 of the municipal clerk in a municipality not having a board
12 of election commissioners; the township clerk; or in
13 counties not under township organization, the road
14 district clerk; and

15 (2) limit voting at that polling place to registered
16 voters in that municipality, ward or group of wards,
17 township, or road district.

18 If the early voting polling place does not have the correct
19 ballot form for a person seeking to vote early, the election
20 judge or election official conducting early voting at that
21 polling place shall inform the person of that fact, give the
22 person the appropriate telephone number of the election
23 authority in order to locate an early voting polling place with
24 the correct ballot form for use in that person's assigned
25 precinct, and instruct the person to go to the proper early
26 voting polling place to vote early.

1 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
2 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
3 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for early
4 voting by personal appearance at a location within each of the
5 3 largest municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the
6 3 largest municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority
7 shall establish at least 2 permanent polling places within the
8 municipality. All population figures shall be determined by the
9 federal census.

10 (d) During each general primary and general election, each
11 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of
12 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
13 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 permanent
14 polling places for early voting by personal appearance. All
15 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

16 (e) During each general primary and general election, each
17 election authority in a county with a population of over
18 100,000 but under 250,000 persons shall establish at least one
19 polling place for early voting by personal appearance. The
20 location for early voting may be the election authority's main
21 office or another location designated by the election
22 authority. The election authority may designate additional
23 sites for early voting by personal appearance. All population
24 figures shall be determined by the federal census.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.)

1 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

2 Sec. 19A-10. Permanent polling places for early voting.

3 (a) An election authority may establish permanent polling
4 places for early voting by personal appearance at locations
5 throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including
6 but not limited to a municipal clerk's office, a township
7 clerk's office, a road district clerk's office, or a county or
8 local public agency office. ~~Any person entitled to vote early
9 by personal appearance may do so at any polling place
10 established for early voting.~~

11 (b) (Blank).

12 (c) During each general primary and general election, each
13 election authority in a county with a population over 250,000
14 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for early
15 voting by personal appearance at a location within each of the
16 3 largest municipalities within its jurisdiction. If any of the
17 3 largest municipalities is over 80,000, the election authority
18 shall establish at least 2 permanent polling places within the
19 municipality. All population figures shall be determined by the
20 federal census.

21 (d) During each general primary and general election, each
22 board of election commissioners established under Article 6 of
23 this Code in any city, village, or incorporated town with a
24 population over 100,000 shall establish at least 2 permanent
25 polling places for early voting by personal appearance. All
26 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

1 (e) During each general primary and general election, each
2 election authority in a county with a population of over
3 100,000 but under 250,000 persons shall establish at least one
4 permanent polling place for early voting by personal
5 appearance. The location for early voting may be the election
6 authority's main office or another location designated by the
7 election authority. The election authority may designate
8 additional sites for early voting by personal appearance. All
9 population figures shall be determined by the federal census.

10 (f) No permanent polling place required by this Section
11 shall be located within 1.5 miles from another permanent
12 polling place required by this Section, unless such permanent
13 polling place is within a municipality with a population of
14 500,000 or more.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14; 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/20-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 20-8)

17 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

18 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

19 (a) (Blank.)

20 (b) Each absent voter's ballot returned to an election
21 authority, by any means authorized by this Article, and
22 received by that election authority before the closing of the
23 polls on election day shall be endorsed by the receiving
24 election authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
25 be counted in the central ballot counting location of the

1 election authority on the day of the election after 7:00 p.m.,
2 except as provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

3 (c) Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an
4 election authority and postmarked by the midnight preceding the
5 opening of the polls on election day, but that is received by
6 the election authority after the polls close on election day
7 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
8 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
9 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt and shall
10 be counted at the central ballot counting location of the
11 election authority during the period for counting provisional
12 ballots.

13 Each absent voter's ballot that is mailed to an election
14 authority absent a postmark, but that is received by the
15 election authority after the polls close on election day and
16 before the close of the period for counting provisional ballots
17 cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving
18 authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to inspect
19 the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
20 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
21 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
22 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location
23 of the election authority during the period for counting
24 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
25 ballot shall not be counted.

26 (d) Special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots

1 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
2 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
3 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
4 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
5 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
6 counting location of the election authority during the same
7 period provided for counting absent voters' ballots under
8 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in absentee
9 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
10 and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls
11 on election day, but that are received by the election
12 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
13 closing of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
14 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority
15 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the
16 central ballot counting location of the election authority
17 during the same periods provided for counting absent voters'
18 ballots under subsection (c).

19 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, absent
20 voters' ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank
21 ballots received by the election authority after the closing of
22 the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed by the
23 person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of receipt
24 and shall be safely kept unopened by the election authority for
25 the period of time required for the preservation of ballots
26 used at the election, and shall then, without being opened, be

1 destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that election.

2 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
3 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
4 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
5 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
6 law. The counting shall continue until all absent voters'
7 ballots and special write-in absentee voter's blank ballots
8 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

9 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
10 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
11 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
12 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
13 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
14 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
15 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
16 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the
17 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
18 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
19 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
20 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
21 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
22 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
23 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
24 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
25 under this Article, then without opening the certification
26 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of

1 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
2 cast or count the ballot.

3 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
4 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
5 judge or official:

6 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
7 and resealed;

8 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
9 period ballot;

10 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
11 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

12 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

13 If the election judge or official determines that any of
14 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
15 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
16 shall not cast or count the ballot.

17 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
18 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
19 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
20 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
21 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
22 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
23 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
24 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
25 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
26 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election

1 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
2 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
3 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
4 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
5 evidence submitted by the absentee voter. No more than 2
6 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
7 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
8 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
9 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
10 either administratively or judicially.

11 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
12 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
13 counting provisional ballots.

14 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
15 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
16 the order in which the ballots were opened.

17 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
18 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
19 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

20 (Source: P.A. 94-557, eff. 8-12-05; 94-1000, eff. 7-3-06;
21 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

22 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 98-1171)

23 Sec. 20-8. Time and place of counting ballots.

24 (a) (Blank.)

25 (b) Each vote by mail voter's ballot returned to an

1 election authority, by any means authorized by this Article,
2 and received by that election authority may be processed by the
3 election authority beginning on the 15th day before election
4 day in the central ballot counting location of the election
5 authority, but the results of the processing may not be counted
6 until the day of the election after 7:00 p.m., except as
7 provided in subsections (g) and (g-5).

8 (c) Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
9 election authority and postmarked no later than election day,
10 but that is received by the election authority after the polls
11 close on election day and before the close of the period for
12 counting provisional ballots cast at that election, shall be
13 endorsed by the receiving authority with the day and hour of
14 receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot counting
15 location of the election authority during the period for
16 counting provisional ballots.

17 Each vote by mail voter's ballot that is mailed to an
18 election authority absent a postmark, but that is received by
19 the election authority after the polls close on election day
20 and before the close of the period for counting provisional
21 ballots cast at that election, shall be endorsed by the
22 receiving authority with the day and hour of receipt, opened to
23 inspect the date inserted on the certification, and, if the
24 certification date is a date preceding the election day and the
25 ballot is otherwise found to be valid under the requirements of
26 this Section, counted at the central ballot counting location

1 of the election authority during the period for counting
2 provisional ballots. Absent a date on the certification, the
3 ballot shall not be counted.

4 (d) Special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
5 returned to an election authority, by any means authorized by
6 this Article, and received by the election authority at any
7 time before the closing of the polls on election day shall be
8 endorsed by the receiving election authority with the day and
9 hour of receipt and shall be counted at the central ballot
10 counting location of the election authority during the same
11 period provided for counting vote by mail voters' ballots under
12 subsections (b), (g), and (g-5). Special write-in vote by mail
13 voter's blank ballot that are mailed to an election authority
14 and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls
15 on election day, but that are received by the election
16 authority after the polls close on election day and before the
17 closing of the period for counting provisional ballots cast at
18 that election, shall be endorsed by the receiving authority
19 with the day and hour of receipt and shall be counted at the
20 central ballot counting location of the election authority
21 during the same periods provided for counting vote by mail
22 voters' ballots under subsection (c).

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
24 votes by mail ballots may be processed as they arrive in the
25 mail. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
26 contrary, election authorities shall have more than 15 days to

1 process vote by mail ballots.

2 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, vote by
3 mail voters' ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's
4 blank ballots received by the election authority after the
5 closing of the polls on the day of election shall be endorsed
6 by the person receiving the ballots with the day and hour of
7 receipt and shall be safely kept unopened by the election
8 authority for the period of time required for the preservation
9 of ballots used at the election, and shall then, without being
10 opened, be destroyed in like manner as the used ballots of that
11 election.

12 (f) Counting required under this Section to begin on
13 election day after the closing of the polls shall commence no
14 later than 8:00 p.m. and shall be conducted by a panel or
15 panels of election judges appointed in the manner provided by
16 law. The counting shall continue until all vote by mail voters'
17 ballots and special write-in vote by mail voter's blank ballots
18 required to be counted on election day have been counted.

19 (g) The procedures set forth in Articles 17 and 18 of this
20 Code shall apply to all ballots counted under this Section. In
21 addition, within 2 days after a ballot subject to this Article
22 is received, but in all cases before the close of the period
23 for counting provisional ballots, the election judge or
24 official shall compare the voter's signature on the
25 certification envelope of that ballot with the signature of the
26 voter on file in the office of the election authority. If the

1 election judge or official determines that the 2 signatures
2 match, and that the voter is otherwise qualified to cast a
3 ballot under this Article, the election authority shall cast
4 and count the ballot on election day or the day the ballot is
5 determined to be valid, whichever is later, adding the results
6 to the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the
7 election judge or official determines that the signatures do
8 not match, or that the voter is not qualified to cast a ballot
9 under this Article, then without opening the certification
10 envelope, the judge or official shall mark across the face of
11 the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and shall not
12 cast or count the ballot.

13 In addition to the voter's signatures not matching, a
14 ballot subject to this Article may be rejected by the election
15 judge or official:

16 (1) if the ballot envelope is open or has been opened
17 and resealed;

18 (2) if the voter has already cast an early or grace
19 period ballot;

20 (3) if the voter voted in person on election day or the
21 voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct; or

22 (4) on any other basis set forth in this Code.

23 If the election judge or official determines that any of
24 these reasons apply, the judge or official shall mark across
25 the face of the certification envelope the word "Rejected" and
26 shall not cast or count the ballot.

1 (g-5) If a ballot subject to this Article is rejected by
2 the election judge or official for any reason, the election
3 authority shall, within 2 days after the rejection but in all
4 cases before the close of the period for counting provisional
5 ballots, notify the voter that his or her ballot was rejected.
6 The notice shall inform the voter of the reason or reasons the
7 ballot was rejected and shall state that the voter may appear
8 before the election authority, on or before the 14th day after
9 the election, to show cause as to why the ballot should not be
10 rejected. The voter may present evidence to the election
11 authority supporting his or her contention that the ballot
12 should be counted. The election authority shall appoint a panel
13 of 3 election judges to review the contested ballot,
14 application, and certification envelope, as well as any
15 evidence submitted by the vote by mail voter. No more than 2
16 election judges on the reviewing panel shall be of the same
17 political party. The reviewing panel of election judges shall
18 make a final determination as to the validity of the contested
19 ballot. The judges' determination shall not be reviewable
20 either administratively or judicially.

21 A ballot subject to this subsection that is determined to
22 be valid shall be counted before the close of the period for
23 counting provisional ballots.

24 (g-10) All ballots determined to be valid shall be added to
25 the vote totals for the precincts for which they were cast in
26 the order in which the ballots were opened.

1 (h) Each political party, candidate, and qualified civic
2 organization shall be entitled to have present one pollwatcher
3 for each panel of election judges therein assigned.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)

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

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.