

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration.

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

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 4-8, 5-7, and 6-35 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-8)

7 Sec. 4-8. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
8 number of blank forms for the registration of electors, which
9 shall be known as registration record cards and which shall
10 consist of loose leaf sheets or cards, of suitable size to
11 contain in plain writing and figures the data hereinafter
12 required thereon or shall consist of computer cards of
13 suitable nature to contain the data required thereon. The
14 registration record cards, which shall include an affidavit
15 of registration as hereinafter provided, shall be executed in
16 duplicate.

17 The registration record card shall contain the following
18 and such other information as the county clerk may think it
19 proper to require for the identification of the applicant for
20 registration:

21 Name. The name of the applicant, giving surname and
22 first or Christian name in full, and the middle name or the
23 initial for such middle name, if any.

24 Sex.

25 Residence. The name and number of the street, avenue, or
26 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
27 or room number, if any, and in the case of a mobile home the
28 lot number, and such additional clear and definite
29 description as may be necessary to determine the exact
30 location of the dwelling of the applicant. Where the location
31 cannot be determined by street and number, then the section,

1 congressional township and range number may be used, or such
2 other description as may be necessary, including post-office
3 mailing address. In the case of a homeless individual, the
4 individual's voting residence that is his or her mailing
5 address shall be included on his or her registration record
6 card.

7 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and precinct.
8 This information shall be furnished by the applicant stating
9 the place or places where he resided and the dates during
10 which he resided in such place or places during the year next
11 preceding the date of the next ensuing election.

12 Nativity. The state or country in which the applicant
13 was born.

14 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
15 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place, and date of
16 naturalization.

17 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day,
18 month and year when applicant presented himself for
19 registration.

20 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

21 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
22 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

23 The county and state in which the applicant was last
24 registered.

25 Signature of voter. The applicant, after the
26 registration and in the presence of a deputy registrar or
27 other officer of registration shall be required to sign his
28 or her name in ink to the affidavit on both the original and
29 duplicate registration record cards.

30 Signature of deputy registrar or officer of registration.

31 In case applicant is unable to sign his name, he may
32 affix his mark to the affidavit. In such case the officer
33 empowered to give the registration oath shall write a
34 detailed description of the applicant in the space provided

1 on the back or at the bottom of the card or sheet; and shall
2 ask the following questions and record the answers thereto:

3 Father's first name.

4 Mother's first name.

5 From what address did the applicant last register?

6 Reason for inability to sign name.

7 Each applicant for registration shall make an affidavit
8 in substantially the following form:

9 AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION

10 STATE OF ILLINOIS

11 COUNTY OF

12 I hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the
13 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall
14 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
15 precinct in which I reside 30 days and that I intend that
16 this location shall be my residence; that I am fully
17 qualified to vote, and that the above statements are true.

18

19 (His or her signature or mark)

20 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

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22 Signature of registration officer.

23 (To be signed in presence of registrant.)

24 Space shall be provided upon the face of each
25 registration record card for the notation of the voting
26 record of the person registered thereon.

27 Each registration record card shall be numbered according
28 to precincts, and may be serially or otherwise marked for
29 identification in such manner as the county clerk may
30 determine.

31 The registration cards shall be deemed public records and
32 shall be open to inspection during regular business hours,
33 except during the 28 days immediately preceding any election.
34 On written request of any candidate or objector or any person

1 intending to object to a petition, the election authority
2 shall extend its hours for inspection of registration cards
3 and other records of the election authority during the period
4 beginning with the filing of petitions under Sections 7-10,
5 8-8, 10-6 or 28-3 and continuing through the termination of
6 electoral board hearings on any objections to petitions
7 containing signatures of registered voters in the
8 jurisdiction of the election authority. The extension shall
9 be for a period of hours sufficient to allow adequate
10 opportunity for examination of the records but the election
11 authority is not required to extend its hours beyond the
12 period beginning at its normal opening for business and
13 ending at midnight. If the business hours are so extended,
14 the election authority shall post a public notice of such
15 extended hours. Registration record cards may also be
16 inspected, upon approval of the officer in charge of the
17 cards, during the 28 days immediately preceding any election.
18 Registration record cards shall also be open to inspection by
19 certified judges and poll watchers and challengers at the
20 polling place on election day, but only to the extent
21 necessary to determine the question of the right of a person
22 to vote or to serve as a judge of election. At no time shall
23 poll watchers or challengers be allowed to physically handle
24 the registration record cards.

25 Updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or
26 other electronic data processing information containing voter
27 registration information shall be furnished by the county
28 clerk within 10 days after December 15 and May 15 each year
29 and within 7 days after each registration period is closed to
30 the State Board of Elections in a form prescribed by the
31 Board. For the purposes of this Section, a registration
32 period is closed 28 days before the date of any regular or
33 special election. Registration information shall include, but
34 not be limited to, the following information: name, sex,

1 residence, telephone number, if any, age, party affiliation,
2 if applicable, precinct, ward, township, county, and
3 representative, legislative and congressional districts. In
4 the event of noncompliance, the State Board of Elections is
5 directed to obtain compliance forthwith with this
6 nondiscretionary duty of the election authority by
7 instituting legal proceedings in the circuit court of the
8 county in which the election authority maintains the
9 registration information. The costs of furnishing updated
10 copies of tapes or discs shall be paid at a rate of \$.00034
11 per name of registered voters in the election jurisdiction,
12 but not less than \$50 per tape or disc and shall be paid from
13 appropriations made to the State Board of Elections for
14 reimbursement to the election authority for such purpose. The
15 Board shall furnish copies of such tapes, discs, other
16 electronic data or compilations thereof to state political
17 committees registered pursuant to the Illinois Campaign
18 Finance Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act at their
19 request and at a reasonable cost. Copies of the tapes, discs
20 or other electronic data shall be furnished by the county
21 clerk to local political committees at their request and at a
22 reasonable cost. Reasonable cost of the tapes, discs, et
23 cetera for this purpose would be the cost of duplication plus
24 15% for administration. The individual representing a
25 political committee requesting copies of such tapes shall
26 make a sworn affidavit that the information shall be used
27 only for bona fide political purposes, including by or for
28 candidates for office or incumbent office holders. Such
29 tapes, discs or other electronic data shall not be used under
30 any circumstances by any political committee or individuals
31 for purposes of commercial solicitation or other business
32 purposes. If such tapes contain information on county
33 residents related to the operations of county government in
34 addition to registration information, that information shall

1 not be used under any circumstances for commercial
 2 solicitation or other business purposes. The prohibition in
 3 this Section against using the computer tapes or computer
 4 discs or other electronic data processing information
 5 containing voter registration information for purposes of
 6 commercial solicitation or other business purposes shall be
 7 prospective only from the effective date of this amended Act
 8 of 1979. Any person who violates this provision shall be
 9 guilty of a Class 4 felony.

10 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate, by October
 11 1, 1987, such regulations as may be necessary to ensure
 12 uniformity throughout the State in electronic data processing
 13 of voter registration information. The regulations shall
 14 include, but need not be limited to, specifications for
 15 uniform medium, communications protocol and file structure to
 16 be employed by the election authorities of this State in the
 17 electronic data processing of voter registration information.
 18 Each election authority utilizing electronic data processing
 19 of voter registration information shall comply with such
 20 regulations on and after May 15, 1988.

21 If the applicant for registration was last registered in
 22 another county within this State, he shall also sign a
 23 certificate authorizing cancellation of the former
 24 registration. The certificate shall be in substantially the
 25 following form:

26 To the County Clerk of.... County, Illinois. (or)
 27 To the Election Commission of the City of, Illinois.

28 This is to certify that I am registered in your (county)
 29 (city) and that my residence was
 30 Having moved out of your (county) (city), I hereby authorize
 31 you to cancel said registration in your office.
 32 Dated at, Illinois, on (insert date).

33
 34 (Signature of Voter)

1 Attest:, County Clerk,
2 County, Illinois.

3 The cancellation certificate shall be mailed immediately
4 by the County Clerk to the County Clerk (or election
5 commission as the case may be) where the applicant was
6 formerly registered. Receipt of such certificate shall be
7 full authority for cancellation of any previous registration.
8 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

9 (10 ILCS 5/5-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-7)

10 Sec. 5-7. The county clerk shall provide a sufficient
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29 other location of the dwelling, including the apartment, unit
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31 lot number, and such additional clear and definite
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33 location of the dwelling of the applicant, including

1 post-office mailing address. In the case of a homeless
2 individual, the individual's voting residence that is his or
3 her mailing address shall be included on his or her
4 registration record card.

5 Term of residence in the State of Illinois and the
6 precinct. Which questions may be answered by the applicant
7 stating, in excess of 30 days in the State and in excess of
8 30 days in the precinct.

9 Nativity. The State or country in which the applicant
10 was born.

11 Citizenship. Whether the applicant is native born or
12 naturalized. If naturalized, the court, place and date of
13 naturalization.

14 Date of application for registration, i.e., the day,
15 month and year when applicant presented himself for
16 registration.

17 Age. Date of birth, by month, day and year.

18 Physical disability of the applicant, if any, at the time
19 of registration, which would require assistance in voting.

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21 registered.

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23 registration and in the presence of a deputy registrar or
24 other officer of registration shall be required to sign his
25 or her name in ink to the affidavit on the original and
26 duplicate registration record card.

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11 United States; that on the date of the next election I shall
12 have resided in the State of Illinois and in the election
13 precinct in which I reside 30 days; that I am fully qualified
14 to vote. That I intend that this location shall be my
15 residence and that the above statements are true.

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18 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

19

20 Signature of Registration Officer.

21 (To be signed in presence of Registrant.)

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 28 (city) and that my residence was

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31 Dated at Illinois, on (insert date).

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