



Election Omnibus Legislation HB 1832

ISACo prepared this analysis of HB 1832 to inform county officials and staff about the changes in Illinois proposed within the legislation. ISACo encourages county staff to carefully review the content of the legislation to ensure a complete understanding of any new requirements and responsibilities.

Overview

House Bill 1832 makes extensive revisions to Illinois election law and other statutes, with several provisions that may affect counties.

The bill amends the Election Code to make the following changes:

- Adjusts filing deadlines for multi-township assessor petitions, requiring submission between 141 and 134 days before the consolidated election.
- Clarifies that voters in line at the close of early voting must be allowed to vote.
- Requires candidate names on primary ballots to follow standard English capitalization rules unless technologically infeasible.
- Election authorities are permitted to authorize service of objections to nominations via email and are mandated to post election results online each time a new batch of votes is tabulated or every 12 hours, whichever is less.
- A pilot program for universal vote centers is established.
- New rules for name standardization and curbside voting for voters with disabilities are added.
- Modifies voter registration procedures tied to driver's license and State ID transactions, particularly limiting registration when non-citizenship is indicated.
- Further requires election authorities to create websites for voters to request vote-by-mail ballots and permits reductions in the number of election judges per precinct.

- Makes a technical change to a statutory reference in the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act.
- Includes ethics provisions for state officials, particularly allowing certain fundraising during session for candidates seeking federal office outside Sangamon County.
- School board associations are authorized to offer reimbursements or scholarships for board member professional development.
- Updates nomination procedures for Chicago Board of Education members to align fully with the Election Code and modifies vacancy-filling rules for regional superintendents of schools.
- Requires that, beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, graduating high school students be given the opportunity to register to vote.
- Makes a technical change to compensation rules for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board.

County Impact

Counties, particularly through their election authorities, will be responsible for implementing many of the procedural changes, including the new petition timelines, curbside voting access, online vote-by-mail systems, and posting of election results. The bill may also affect county clerk operations through adjusted staffing rules and technology updates for voter registration and ballot formatting. The changes to ethics laws and forest preserve districts could also affect county government operations, depending on local structure.