



Public Act 98-0691 – Elections Omnibus Bill Summary

Item	Short Description and Impact	2014 Pilot Y/N
Election Day voter registration	Establishes a pilot program for Election Day registration. Unregistered voters may now register and cast ballots on Election Day at limited sites. They must cast a provisional ballot. Applicants must have two forms of identification, one of which must include a current address. No photo ID is required.	Y
Grace period extension	Grace period registration will be extended to the Sunday and Monday before Election Day at limited sites. Grace period voters on Monday must cast a provisional ballot.	Y
Early voting extended, longer hours	Early voting will extend an extra day to the Sunday before the election. The Mon-Fri before the election, early voting sites will remain open an additional two hours until 7:00 p.m.	Y
No ID required for early voting	Photo IDs are not required during the 2014 general election for early voting. Signature verification will continue to be done at all early voting sites.	Y
Mail ballot applications	Voters may submit their applications for mail ballots to their election authorities beginning 90 days before an election. (Previously 40 days prior to an election.) Note that while mail ballot applications can be sent in earlier, the timeline for mailing ballots out to voters remains unchanged	N
No loss of paid leave for election judges	Employers cannot force employees to use vacation time or any paid leave to serve as an election judge. This may open the pool of qualified candidates.	N
Two copies of objections required	Objections to nomination petitions must be filed with two additional copies (rather than one) or the objector's petitions will not be accepted.	N
Distribution of precinct maps	Election authorities must post political boundary precinct maps on their website and distribute PDFs to the Illinois State Board of Elections, political party chairs, local election officials and any candidates who request them. (Our maps are already available online and distributed)	N
Electoral boards' witnesses	Electoral boards must have a vote of their majority to subpoena witnesses.	N
Nomination papers-school candidates	Nomination papers for school district candidates shall be filed with the election authority rather than the school district office.	N
Ballot lottery-school candidates	Election authorities will hold ballot position lotteries for simultaneous filings for school district candidates.	N
Public university in-person absentee voting on Election Day	Registered voters of precincts neighboring a public university must be able to cast in-person absentee ballots in a high-traffic location at the university on Election Day. Does not apply to community colleges. Suburban Cook County does not have any public universities in its jurisdiction and the law does not apply to UIC so this will not impact the Chicago Board of Elections either.	N