



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5887

Introduced 11/12/2024, by Rep. Tony M. McCombie, John M. Cabello, Patrick Windhorst, Dan Ugaste, Jackie Haas, et al.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-55 new  
10 ILCS 5/5-55 new  
10 ILCS 5/6-101 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that the election authority shall reject any application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship. Specifies the documents that provide satisfactory evidence of citizenship. Provides that any person who is registered in the State on the effective date of the amendatory Act is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the person is changing voter registration from one county to another. Sets forth additional requirements.

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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 adding Sections  
5 4-55, 5-55, and 6-101 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-55 new)

7 Sec. 4-55. Verification of citizenship.

8 (a) The election authority shall reject any application  
9 for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory  
10 evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence  
11 of citizenship shall include any of the following:

12 (1) the number of the applicant's driver's license or  
13 State identification card issued by the Secretary of State  
14 or the equivalent governmental agency of another state  
15 within the United States if the agency indicates on the  
16 applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
17 that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United  
18 States citizenship;

19 (2) a legible photocopy of the applicant's birth  
20 certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction  
21 of the county clerk;

22 (3) a legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the  
23 applicant's United States passport identifying the

1 applicant and the applicant's passport number or  
2 presentation to the county clerk of the applicant's United  
3 States passport;

4 (4) a presentation to the election authority of the  
5 applicant's United States naturalization documents or the  
6 number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the  
7 number of the certificate of naturalization is provided,  
8 the applicant shall not be included in the registration  
9 rolls until the number of the certificate of  
10 naturalization is verified with the U.S. Citizenship and  
11 Immigration Services by the county clerk;

12 (5) other documents or methods of proof that are  
13 established pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control  
14 Act of 1986; or

15 (6) the applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card  
16 number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment  
17 number.

18 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any person who is  
19 registered in this State on the effective date of this  
20 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly is deemed to have  
21 provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and shall not be  
22 required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the person  
23 is changing voter registration from one county to another.

24 (c) For the purposes of this Section, proof of voter  
25 registration from another state or county is not satisfactory  
26 evidence of citizenship.

1       (d) A person who modifies voter registration records with  
2       a new residence shall not be required to submit evidence of  
3       citizenship. After citizenship has been demonstrated to the  
4       election authority, the person is not required to resubmit  
5       satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that county.

6       (e) After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of  
7       citizenship, the election authority shall indicate this  
8       information in the person's voter registration file. The  
9       election authority may destroy all documents that were  
10       submitted as evidence of citizenship 2 years after receiving  
11       the documents.

12       (10 ILCS 5/5-55 new)

13       Sec. 5-55. Verification of citizenship.

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16       evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence  
17       of citizenship shall include any of the following:

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19       State identification card issued by the Secretary of State  
20       or the equivalent governmental agency of another state  
21       within the United States if the agency indicates on the  
22       applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
23       that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United  
24       States citizenship;

25       (2) a legible photocopy of the applicant's birth

1 certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction  
2 of the county clerk;

3 (3) a legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the  
4 applicant's United States passport identifying the  
5 applicant and the applicant's passport number or  
6 presentation to the county clerk of the applicant's United  
7 States passport;

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9 applicant's United States naturalization documents or the  
10 number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the  
11 number of the certificate of naturalization is provided,  
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13 rolls until the number of the certificate of  
14 naturalization is verified with the U.S. Citizenship and  
15 Immigration Services by the county clerk;

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6 a new residence shall not be required to submit evidence of  
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11 citizenship, the election authority shall indicate this  
12 information in the person's voter registration file. The  
13 election authority may destroy all documents that were  
14 submitted as evidence of citizenship 2 years after receiving  
15 the documents.

16 (10 ILCS 5/6-101 new)

17 Sec. 6-101. Verification of citizenship.

18 (a) The election authority shall reject any application  
19 for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory  
20 evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence  
21 of citizenship shall include any of the following:

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23 State identification card issued by the Secretary of State  
24 or the equivalent governmental agency of another state  
25 within the United States if the agency indicates on the

1 applicant's driver's license or State identification card  
2 that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United  
3 States citizenship;

4 (2) a legible photocopy of the applicant's birth  
5 certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction  
6 of the board of election commissioners;

7 (3) a legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the  
8 applicant's United States passport identifying the  
9 applicant and the applicant's passport number or  
10 presentation to the board of election commissioners of the  
11 applicant's United States passport;

12 (4) a presentation to the election authority of the  
13 applicant's United States naturalization documents or the  
14 number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the  
15 number of the certificate of naturalization is provided,  
16 the applicant shall not be included in the registration  
17 rolls until the number of the certificate of  
18 naturalization is verified with the U.S. Citizenship and  
19 Immigration Services by the board of election  
20 commissioners;

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23 Act of 1986; or

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