

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 Section 11-4.2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/11-4.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-4.2)

7 Sec. 11-4.2. (a) By January 1, 2004, Except as otherwise
8 ~~provided--in--subsection--(b)~~ all polling places shall be
9 accessible to handicapped and elderly voters, as determined
10 by rule of the State Board of Elections.

11 (b) (Blank). ~~Subsection--(a)--of--this--Section--shall--not~~
12 ~~apply--to--a--polling--place--(1)--in--the--case--of--an--emergency,--as~~
13 ~~determined--by--the--State--Board--of--Elections;--or--(2)--if--the~~
14 ~~State--Board--of--Elections--(A)--determines--that--all--potential~~
15 ~~polling--places--have--been--surveyed--and--no--such--accessible~~
16 ~~place--is--available,--nor--is--the--election--authority--able--to~~
17 ~~make--one--accessible;--and--(B)--assures--that--any--handicapped--or~~
18 ~~elderly--voter--assigned--to--an--inaccessible--polling--place,--upon~~
19 ~~advance--request--of--such--voter--(pursuant--to--procedures~~
20 ~~established--by--rule--of--the--State--Board--of--Elections)--will--be~~
21 ~~provided--with--an--alternative--means--for--casting--a--ballot--on~~
22 ~~the--day--of--the--election--or--will--be--assigned--to--an--accessible~~
23 ~~polling--place.~~

24 (c) No later than December 31 of each even numbered
25 year, the State Board of Elections shall report to the
26 Federal Election Commission the number of accessible and
27 inaccessible polling places in the State on the date of the
28 next preceding general election, and the reasons for any
29 instance of inaccessibility.

30 (Source: P.A. 84-808.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.