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Dear Members of the General Assembly,

Public Act 100-0464 (SB1933), established Automatic Voter Registration (AVR), and mandates that the Illinois State Board of Elections submit an annual public report to the General Assembly and the Governor detailing the progress made towards implementing AVR and providing certain statistics, including those who submitted application through the State Board of Elections' Online Voter Application (OVA) website (see 10ILCS 5/1A-16.7(o)). Enclosed herewith, please find the requested statistics for the period of November 30, 2018 through November 26, 2019, as well as written communication submitted to the Illinois State Board of Elections at its November 18, 2019 Board meeting, which details and comments on the progress made towards implementing AVR.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at dschultz@elections.il.gov or 217.782.1568.

Sincerely,

Dustin Schultz

Election Specialist II/AVR Coordinator

Name	SOS App's Received	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications Registered	SOS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	451754	410559	136321	274238	29965
Adams County	2600	2489	960	1529	105
Alexander County	123	91	45	46	4
Bond County	534	486	86	400	26
Boone County	1965	1896	477	1419	29
Brown County	172	170	34	136	0
Bureau County	1394	1324	384	940	43
Calhoun County	227	219	33	186	0
Carroll County	502	461	128	333	30
Cass County	402	343	95	248	3
Champaign County	8655	8362	2832	5530	52
Christian County	1152	1107	250	857	17
Clark County	506	472	125	347	34
Clay County	557	546	111	435	4
Clinton County	1183	942	269	673	219
Coles County	1945	1724	362	1362	221
Cook County	78230	74679	25963	48716	1588
Crawford County	958	742	273	469	213
Cumberland County	318	300	43	257	3
DeKalb County	4760	4237	1170	3067	470
DeWitt County	637	500	118	382	130
Douglas County	731	634	93	541	92
DuPage County	34333	33460	10017	23443	372
Edgar County	598	235	128	107	177
Edwards County	193	186	49	137	5
Effingham County	1354	1326	275	1051	9
Fayette County	789	609	163	446	24
Ford County	628	609	153	456	4
Franklin County	1663	1611	302	1309	38
Fulton County	1563	1550	302	1248	5
Gallatin County	177	154	44	110	1
Greene County	599	584	75	509	6
Grundy County	2221	2123	520	1603	61
Hamilton County	254	249	35	214	5
Hancock County	688	635	267	368	40
Hardin County	192	107	23	84	16
Henderson County	234	230	70	160	3
Henry County	1660	1314	491	823	181
Iroquois County	922	901	313	588	19
Jackson County	2176	2096	618	1478	23

Name	SOS App's Received	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications Registered	SOS App's Rejected
Jasper County	288	266	74	192	6
Jefferson County	1196	1141	300	841	41
Jersey County	826	780	195	585	41
JoDaviess County	761	698	284	414	62
Johnson County	312	277	73	204	35
Kane County	16698	16020	5321	10699	596
Kankakee County	3665	3544	1119	2425	75
Kendall County	5921	5505	1589	3916	399
Knox County	853	185	43	142	0
Lake County	23567	22092	8534	13558	974
LaSalle County	4591	4428	997	3431	60
Lawrence County	601	568	197	371	9
Lee County	1174	1092	288	804	69
Livingston County	1174	1080	466	614	87
Logan County	1088	964	231	733	118
Macon County	4191	3833	1074	2759	334
Macoupin County	1759	1720	391	1329	9
Madison County	10872	10708	3181	7527	149
Marion County	1767	1303	343	960	280
Marshall County	470	455	100	355	8
Mason County	502	498	124	374	4
Massac County	478	408	171	237	14
McDonough County	808	796	193	603	12
McHenry County	13645	11820	3583	8237	1567
McLean County	3137	3050	971	2079	28
Menard County	470	371	97	274	89
Mercer County	643	586	189	397	0
Monroe County	1685	1305	423	882	339
Montgomery County	832	819	180	639	6
Morgan County	1421	1403	235	1168	1
Moultrie County	472	407	96	311	62
Ogle County	1903	1819	494	1325	58
Peoria County	5569	5297	1363	3934	109
Perry County	698	508	97	411	1
Piatt County	700	593	137	456	93
Pike County	528	473	93	380	7
Pope County	115	109	27	82	5
Pulaski County	119	76	30	46	15
Putnam County	205	163	34	129	1
Randolph County	1227	952	240	712	230
Richland County	599	574	133	441	7
Rock Island County	4613	4462	1915	2547	64

Name	SOS App's Received	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications Registered	SOS App's Rejected
Saline County	870	795	180	615	73
Sangamon County	8841	8645	1777	6868	161
Schuyler County	206	190	49	141	15
Scott County	159	137	23	114	18
Shelby County	781	775	165	610	6
Stark County	205	165	42	123	40
St. Clair County	9813	8551	3297	5254	1229
Stephenson County	2096	1989	457	1532	15
Tazewell County	4274	3922	837	3085	9
Union County	677	649	193	456	12
Vermilion County	1190	1105	331	774	82
Wabash County	327	203	65	138	16
Warren County	692	475	135	340	57
Washington County	406	400	102	298	5
Wayne County	611	479	156	323	119
White County	560	510	119	391	50
Whiteside County	1854	1835	589	1246	15
Will County	27404	25229	8241	16988	944
Williamson County	2674	2501	590	1911	169
Winnebago County	5713	4409	1577	2832	56
Woodford County	1261	1220	353	867	21
City of Bloomington	3353	3080	1006	2074	243
City of Chicago	89248	72485	29724	42761	15718
City of Danville	841	697	216	481	135
City of East St Louis	667	644	250	394	17
City of Galesburg	1214	1105	413	692	102
City of Rockford	5879	5513	2113	3400	302

Department of Natural Resources	DNR App's Received	DNR App's Registered	Newly Registered DNR Applications	Updated DNR Applications Registered	DNR App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	230	176	92	84	22

Dept. of Human Services – Rehab Services	DHS-Rehab Services App's Received	DHS-Rehab Services App's Registered	Newly Registered DHS-Rehab Services Applications	Updated DHS-Rehab Services Applications Registered	DHS-Rehab Services App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	152	99	99	0	8

Name	Total OVA's Received	Total OVA's Registered	Total OVA's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	82664	68862	5442
Adams County	277	238	38
Alexander County	27	13	3
Bond County	25	21	1
Boone County	234	205	7
Brown County	8	7	0
Bureau County	117	100	14
Calhoun County	7	5	1
Carroll County	72	61	3
Cass County	27	22	0
Champaign County	1880	1685	20
Christian County	134	114	0
Clark County	57	44	13
Clay County	33	32	0
Clinton County	158	129	15
Coles County	222	183	39
Cook County	16574	13661	159
Crawford County	55	45	10
Cumberland County	56	47	1
DeKalb County	670	572	92
DeWitt County	58	41	12
Douglas County	85	64	14
DuPage County	6677	6042	51
Edgar County	64	16	8
Edwards County	20	17	0
Effingham County	128	117	11
Fayette County	56	45	2
Ford County	70	58	1
Franklin County	151	118	10
Fulton County	115	100	2
Gallatin County	28	20	0
Greene County	34	29	2
Grundy County	265	225	3
Hamilton County	17	14	3
Hancock County	53	49	1
Hardin County	7	3	0
Henderson County	29	27	2
Henry County	199	136	35
Iroquois County	149	128	5
Jackson County	287	239	41
Jasper County	33	28	0
Jefferson County	145	123	5
Jersey County	78	68	5

Name	Total OVA's Received	Total OVA's Registered	Total OVA's Rejected
JoDaviess County	94	77	14
Johnson County	24	17	6
Kane County	2806	2463	325
Kankakee County	495	402	31
Kendall County	699	624	70
Knox County	86	33	0
Lake County	4561	4027	41
LaSalle County	482	417	6
Lawrence County	49	40	0
Lee County	150	126	5
Livingston County	181	145	22
Logan County	151	118	32
Macon County	469	391	75
Macoupin County	229	195	30
Madison County	1567	1382	183
Marion County	138	65	51
Marshall County	33	30	3
Mason County	55	45	10
Massac County	147	124	7
McDonough County	135	121	1
McHenry County	2068	1734	305
McLean County	753	661	61
Menard County	62	50	6
Mercer County	54	36	0
Monroe County	191	164	23
Montgomery County	97	71	13
Morgan County	125	115	0
Moultrie County	62	52	5
Ogle County	265	219	39
Peoria County	1187	1037	9
Perry County	63	24	0
Piatt County	83	69	11
Pike County	47	41	0
Pope County	6	6	0
Pulaski County	17	10	2
Putnam County	17	11	1
Randolph County	83	64	9
Richland County	45	37	6
Rock Island County	662	560	17
Saline County	58	45	12
Sangamon County	1303	1105	197
Schuyler County	29	25	1
Scott County	18	15	1

Name	Total OVA's Received	Total OVA's Registered	Total OVA's Rejected
Shelby County	79	72	7
Stark County	10	7	3
St. Clair County	1061	890	168
Stephenson County	276	228	10
Tazewell County	764	616	1
Union County	71	66	1
Vermilion County	217	182	32
Wabash County	26	3	0
Warren County	60	15	1
Washington County	42	37	0
Wayne County	41	28	10
White County	35	31	4
Whiteside County	402	343	31
Will County	3774	3170	152
Williamson County	347	300	47
Winnebago County	866	287	9
Woodford County	238	221	7
City of Bloomington	554	496	10
City of Chicago	23759	19314	2591
City of Danville	119	81	18
City of East St Louis	40	27	3
City of Galesburg	98	82	6
City of Rockford	557	482	72

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AGENDA
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BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call.

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 16 meeting. (pgs.1-4)
2. Presentation of staff service awards
 - a. Cheryl Hobson – 15 year award;
 - b. Tom Newman – 20 year award.
3. Report of the General Counsel
 - a. Campaign Disclosure;
Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – recommendation: granted
 - 1) *SBE v. Alsip Citizens Alliance*, 32293, 19JQ108; (pgs.5-9)
 - 2) *SBE v. Illinois Beef Association PAC*, 35209, 19AJ043; (pgs.10-12)Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – recommendation: denied
 - 3) *SBE v. Friends of Robert L. Rossi*, 23544, 19JQ061; (pgs.13-15)
 - 4) *SBE v. William R. Stalker Campaign Fund*, 26208, 19JQ087; (pgs.16-18)
 - 5) *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Derrick G. Curtis*, 26217, 19AD121; (pgs.19-22)
 - 6) *SBE v. Zehra for 50th Ward*, 34274, 19MA023; (pgs.23-27)Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – recommendation: granted & denied
 - 7) *SBE v. Citizens for Brannigan*, 31669, 19AJ025; (pgs.28-31)Other campaign disclosure items
 - 8) Assessments/Board Orders; (pgs.32-39)
 - 9) Payment of civil penalty assessments – informational. (pgs.40-41)Complaints following closed preliminary hearing – separate packet
 - 10) *St. Clair County Republican Central Committee v. Citizens for Richard “Rick” Watson*, 18CD090. (pgs.1-26)
4. Report of the Executive Director
 - a. Consideration of emergency approval request-KNOWiNK Poll Pad; (pgs.42-45)
 - b. Legislative report; (pg.46)
 - c. AVR update; (pgs.47-49)
 - d. Voter registration activity – informational; (pgs.50-54)

- e. **Cyber Navigator Program update – informational; (pg.55)**
 - f. **Six month review of executive session minutes; (pg.56)**
 - g. **FY19/20 fiscal status reports – informational;**
 - 1) **GRF month ending October 31; (pgs.57-72)**
 - 2) **Elections Summary; (pgs.73-74)**
 - 3) **Help Illinois Vote Fund; (pgs.75-82)**
 - h. **Two year plan of staff activity for the months of November & December – informational. (pgs.83-85)**
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- 5. **Follow up.**
 - 6. **Comments from the general public.**
 - 7. **Next board meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in Chicago.**
 - 8. **Executive Session. (pgs.86-94)**



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To: Chair Scholz, Vice Chair Linnabary, Members of the Board, Executive Director Sandvoss

Re: Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) Update

Date: November 4, 2019

The AVR statute requires the SBE and affected agencies to promulgate Administrative Rules related to procedures for implementing electronic voter registration by election authorities, the SOS, and designated agencies. A final draft of the proposed rules was approved by the Board at its June 18, 2019 meeting. The SBE and SOS then worked with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to submit the correct formatting for the proposed rules and the first notice period came to a conclusion on October 28, 2019. During the public comment period, at the October 16, 2019 Board meeting, Just Democracy, a nonpartisan coalition of advocates, promised to submit comments related to the proposed rules. These comments, along with concerns regarding eleven specific elements were received on October 28, 2019. Ken Menzel, Kyle Thomas, myself, and a representative of the Attorney General's Office met with three members of Just Democracy in Chicago on October 31, 2019 to discuss many elements of AVR implementation, including the aforementioned proposed rules. The SBE will be coordinating with the SOS and the Attorney General's Office to determine which elements should be added or altered in the proposed rules prior to the submission of second notice.

In early October, the SBE met with staff from Governor Pritzker's office regarding AVR implementation, particularly at the non SOS agencies. The Governor's Office intends to work directly with the agencies to help them obtain the resources required to establish the necessary electronic connections for AVR. The remainder of this report will provide an update of the status of each agency implementing AVR.

Secretary of State (SOS)

As of July 1, 2019, AVR can be considered fully implemented at the SOS. Opt-out registration was put into production on July 1, 2019, one year behind the original due date of July 1, 2018. The late roll out was due to delays tied to REAL ID and a change in plans from SOS regarding their front-end processing. Opt-in registration, however, was completed by the original due date. As a part of opt-out and opt-in registration, each applicant for a license or State ID is informed of their current registration status and address, so the applicant can be fully informed of their registration status prior to making a decision regarding their voter registration. Over the past two years, the SBE and SOS have worked cooperatively to resolve any technical hurdles that have been presented. As of this date, over 650,000 new or updated voter registration applications have been electronically transmitted to the SBE from the SOS. About 25% of the transactions since July 1, 2019 are opt-out registration applications.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

DHS is unique among the agencies required to connect for AVR because the statute specifically designated two divisions within DHS (Family and Community Services and Rehabilitation Services) as being required to connect. Although communication began with DHS early in the fall of 2017, progress on implementing AVR with DHS did not advance until early summer of 2019. Since then, however, a data sharing agreement was signed with DHS and DHS-Rehabilitation Services went to production with an AVR compliant web service connection. The SBE and DHS- Family and Community Services Division will be working to implement a website transfer mechanism (whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration application website) for their online applications and DHS is currently considering their technical options for their in person applications.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The SBE and DNR began discussing AVR soon after the initiation of AVR. DNR indicated their current agreement with the vendor for their hunting and fishing license application was at its end of life and as such would not be able to initiate any required AVR changes with their current system. DNR would be looking to meet the AVR requirements through their new Enterprise Licensing System. The agreement for a statement of work on Enterprise has been delayed significantly and was recently agreed upon in August 2019. The SBE has been in discussions with DNR, and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to incorporate a fully AVR compliant web service with the Enterprise system when it is released. DNR, in a good faith effort to comply with the spirit of AVR, were able to put into production a website transfer mechanism for DNR's duck, goose, dove, upland game, and pheasant hunting license applications. The SBE and DNR have agreed on the principles for our data sharing agreement. DNR indicated their desire for DoIT, who is now in the process of reviewing the proposed agreement, to also be included as a party to the agreement.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)

The SBE and IDFPR have held several discussions regarding the implementation of AVR. IDFPR has a good understanding of the requirements of AVR, but is in the same position as DNR, with an end of life licensing system, and are awaiting the implementation of the Enterprise Licensing System. IDFPR has indicated a willingness to include the website transfer mechanism with their current system and have been in discussions with their vendor to initiate the scope of work required.

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

The SBE and IDES have held several discussions regarding AVR implementation. The SBE has provided IDES with technical specifications and a sample data sharing agreement. IDES requested to be the agency responsible for drafting the data sharing agreement, to which the SBE agreed. In addition, IDES wanted to pursue an agreement related to the requirements to submit data to the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) pursuant to Section 1A-45(b-5) of the election code. IDES provided the SBE with a draft agreement for sharing IDES data with ERIC, and discussions were then conducted with IDES regarding the SBE's concerns with many of the terms proposed in the agreement.

After an internal discussion, IDES has since agreed to substantial alterations to the proposed agreement. As of the date of the latest meeting, September 17, 2019, IDES indicated they would not be able to put resources into AVR at this time, largely because the majority of the agency is federally funded and those funds cannot be utilized for AVR implementation. The Governor's Office will be working with IDES regarding AVR specific state funding.