



ELECTION BILL SBO536: MAJOR COMPONENTS

Passed September 2021. Changes effective immediately upon Governor Pritzker's signature. Find additional details and [bill status](#) on the Illinois General Assembly website. LWVIL takes no position on this omnibus bill; many elements are not addressed by League positions.

1. Creates an Access to Voting for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Task Force to review laws and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later than December 2022.
2. No later than 90 days after the 2022 general elections, the State Board of Elections shall permit applicants to choose between male, female or non binary when designating sex on the voter registration form.
3. The last day for an established party to appoint someone to fill a vacancy for the general election when no nomination has been made in the primary is now 7/25/2022 and objection and petition requirements are outlined.
4. Dates established for new parties to file nomination papers.
5. Various new regulations for campaign contributions and distributions for those running for political office including judicial candidates.
6. Clarification of required filing of candidate quarterly reports and penalties.
7. County boards with population under 3 million will divide its election precincts so that each precinct will be as near as practicable to 1,200 voters (this is an increase from the 600 voters per precinct that was in place for past elections). A county over 3 million can establish precincts of 1,800.
8. Each polling location will include at least one voting booth that is wheelchair accessible.
9. All election authorities shall establish at least one location where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on election day regardless of the precinct in which they are registered. (The words "at least one" is the major change in this section to provide an opportunity for more than one site per county for universal voting.)
10. Elected commissions of Forest preserve districts having a population of more than 800,000 but less than 3 million shall be able to establish their own boundaries on a district map. Rules for apportionment plans and guidelines defined.
11. Elected board of commissioners shall not hold county board office at the same time in those counties with more than 800,000 and fewer than 3 million residents.
12. In 2022 the General Assembly shall redraw the boundaries of the subcircuits to reflect the results of the 2020 federal decennial census.

Summary prepared by LWVIL issues and advocacy committee.