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The Illinois State Board of Elections (“SBE”) will be conducting public hearings on proposed legislation for accessible vote by mail in Illinois.

In accordance with Public Act 102-15, the SBE is specifically seeking your input on statutory practices and procedures which will “enable a voter with a disability to independently and privately mark a [vote by mail] ballot using assistive technology.” The basis of these procedures will be electronic transmission of vote by mail ballots to voters.

The SBE is soliciting your opinion on this process generally as well as specific, solution-based commentary on the following specific aspects of the process:

- (1) Applying to/requesting an electronic ballot,
- (2) Certifications (signatures) on completed ballots, and
- (3) Return of completed ballots to election authorities.

The SBE will be hosting two public hearings on this subject. These public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 10th. Both meetings will occur from 2:00 – 4:00pm. The November 3rd meeting will occur at the Springfield Office of the SBE, located at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL. The November 10th meeting will occur at the Chicago Office of the SBE, located at 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL, and in Conference Room H on the 22nd Floor.

We welcome participation and commentary at the public hearings. Participants may join the hearings either in person or via Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be circulated no later than one week prior to both hearings and will be posted to the SBE’s website.

Commentary at the meetings will be limited to five minutes, but participants are welcome to submit written commentary to votingaccess@elections.il.gov. Please contact the SBE’s ADA Coordinator, Jordan Andrew, at jandrew@elections.il.gov or 217-785-4003, with any questions or for additional information.