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With Illinois' Automatic Voter Registration law set to take effect July 1, the Illinois State Board of Elections has scheduled five public hearings around the state to explain how the system will work and answer questions about its implementation.

Passed unanimously by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law in August 2017, the new law will make voter registration more readily accessible and will help maintain the accuracy and integrity of voter rolls. Those eligible to vote will be able to do so when obtaining or renewing their driver's license or state-issued ID and, eventually, when they interact with other designated state agencies.

Illinois' Automatic Voter Registration law contains measures to prevent those who are not eligible to vote from registering and also contains provisions that allow those who are eligible but do not wish to be registered to opt out.

The public hearings will begin April 3 in Quincy and continue through the month with hearings in Collinsville (April 9), Rockford (April 12), Mt. Prospect (April 16) and Charleston (April 26). Full details are below.

Staff from the Illinois State Board of Elections will be present at the hearings to explain AVR and field questions from attendees. Local election officials and lawmakers may also be present at the meetings.

The Illinois State Board of Elections is governed by a bipartisan, eight-member board, and locations of the public hearings were selected so that members from those areas could attend. Hearings will be conducted at:

KROC Corps Community Center
405 Vermont St., Quincy, IL 62301
April 3, 2018 6-8PM
The Meadows B

Mt. Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
April 16, 2018 6-8PM
Meeting Room A

Doubletree Hilton Collinsville/ St. Louis
1000 E. Port Plaza Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234
April 9, 2018 6-8PM
Madison Grand Ballroom A

Eastern Illinois University
MLK Jr. University Union
1644 7th St., Charleston, IL 61920
April 26, 2018 6-8PM
Arcola/Tuscola Room – 3rd Floor

Rockford Public Library – Montague Branch
1238 S. Winnebago St., Rockford, IL 61102
April 12, 2018 6-8PM
Connie Lane Room

The hearings are open to the public and media. No advance registration is necessary. Please contact SBE Public Information Officer Matt Dietrich at (217) 558-1955 or mdietrich@elections.il.gov with questions.

Those who wish to comment but can't attend a hearing can send questions and comments to SBE election specialist and AVR coordinator Dustin Schultz at dschultz@elections.il.gov.

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