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ONLINE VOTING REGISTRATION AVAILABLE IN ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD, IL – June 27, 2014. The State Board of Elections is pleased to announce that online voter registration is available in the State of Illinois. Online voter registration was created by Public Act 98-115 and was sponsored by State Senator Don Harmon (D-Oak Park).

An individual may apply to register online by accessing the home page of the State Board of Elections' website at: www.elections.il.gov. In the Spotlight area of the page, click "Online Voter Registration". Alternatively, the applicant may access <https://ova.elections.il.gov> directly.

The system is offered to the applicant in four languages – English, Spanish, Chinese and Hindi. The State Board of Elections expresses its gratitude to the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners and the Office of Cook County Clerk David Orr for their assistance in providing the translations.

In order to register online, the applicant must have an Illinois driver's license or state identification card issued by the Secretary of State. Required information includes the complete driver's license number or state identification number, the issue date of the driver's license or ID card, birth date, and the last 4 digits of the social security number.

The applicant must also complete a certification (by checking a box) to affirm that the applicant is the person completing the application, the information is correct, and authorizing

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the Secretary of State to transmit the applicant's signature to the State Board of Elections. If a valid email address is provided by the applicant, an email will be sent confirming receipt of the application. Thereafter, the application will be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

Within 48 hours of receiving an application, the online voter registration system will send an email notice informing the applicant whether the information submitted matches the Secretary of State's database. If no email address is provided, the applicant may click on 'Check Your Online Application Status' in the Spotlight area of the home page of the State Board of Elections' website at: www.elections.il.gov . If there is a match in all 4 fields (DLN/ID number, issue date, birth date, and last 4 of SSN), the signature on file in the Secretary of State's database becomes the signature on the applicant's online voter registration application.

The online voter registration system will then forward the application to the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners for processing. The election authority will determine if the applicant is already registered, or, if the name and address shall be entered on the list of registered voters in the jurisdiction. In either event, the election authority shall send a disposition notice to the applicant within 5 business days of receipt of the application.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state constitutional agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the state.

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