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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, September 17, 2010 - In October 2009, the President signed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. This new federal mandate requires all states to establish laws and procedures which will allow military and overseas voters to make requests for registration and absentee ballots electronically. This allows much quicker ballot access to men and women overseas, who while serving our country abroad, have limited time to request, review and cast a ballot.

Last month, the Illinois State Board of Elections (IBOE) became one of the first states in the nation to comply with federal law by releasing its MOVE compliant system on the Board's public website. This system allows military and overseas voters anywhere in the world to electronically make application for voter registration and an absentee ballot.

Illinois' MOVE system provides the most functionality of any state provided system in the country. The IBOE system simplifies the process of completing an application with a step-by-step "wizard" that clearly indicates required fields and notifies the applicant when they have missed necessary information. Once the application is completed and sent to the appropriate election authority, the voter can return to the site to check the status of their application and receive their

ballot electronically. After returning their ballot to the appropriate election authority, the voter can check the status of their ballot, find out if it was counted, or if not, the reason why.

Military and overseas voters can access MOVE capability by visiting the IBOE website at www.elections.il.gov and clicking on the MOVE feature under NEWS in the middle of the page.

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

Elections are administered locally by the State's 110 election authorities.

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