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AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION? WHAT DOES AVR MEAN FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS?

CHICAGO, IL, September 19, 2017 – Automatic Voter Registration, or AVR, is a recently enacted law that will make voter registration easier for Illinois residents. **HOWEVER**, the Illinois State Board of Elections would like to remind voters and candidates that even though the AVR bill has been enacted, non-registered Illinois residents **do not automatically become registered to vote as a result of this bill**, even if they possess a state issued driver’s license or I.D. card. Implementation of the AVR system is an evolving process, and even after the bill’s implementation in 2018, citizens will only be automatically registered when they obtain or renew their driver’s licenses or ID cards. In addition, persons who are currently registered to vote, but have moved, are still required to update their registration information.

As “National Voter Registration Month” is celebrated throughout September, the SBE encourages voters to register or update their registration information using our online voter registration application: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>. Individuals may also mail in a registration form or visit their local election office.

For more information on registering to vote in Illinois visit the SBE’s website at www.elections.il.gov.