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Dear Members of the General Assembly,

Public Act 100-0464 (SB1933) established Automatic Voter Registration (AVR), and mandates that the Illinois State Board of Elections submit an annual public report to the General Assembly and the Governor detailing the progress made towards implementing AVR. In addition to a progress update, this report shall provide certain statistics regarding AVR applications, as well as the number of those who submitted an application through the State Board of Elections' Online Voter Application (OVA) website (see 10ILCS 5/1A-16.7(o)). Enclosed herewith, please find an update on the progress to implement AVR at each designated AVR agency and the requested statistics for the period of November 28, 2023 through November 27, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at dschultz@elections.il.gov or 217.782.1568.

Sincerely,

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Public Act 100-0464, otherwise known as Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on August 28, 2017. This report will overview the progress of the State Board of Elections' (SBE) efforts to implement AVR, as well as offer a status update for each agency required to participate in AVR.

The SBE has developed and offers three different platforms, batch, webservice, and website transfer, for agencies to submit voter registration application information to the SBE. Each agency is provided technical specifications for a batch, webservice, and website transfer connection so the agency is able to consider their current technological abilities and statutory requirements when determining which platform to connect with the SBE for registration application submission. Batch and webservice processing require the agency to collect all relevant registration information, while a website transfer allows registration information to be transferred and pre-populated to the SBE online voter registration website for completion by the applicant.

In addition, the SBE has had to modify the statewide registration database, otherwise known as the Illinois Voter Registration System (IVRS) to accommodate applications submitted directly to the SBE from agencies. Prior to AVR, agencies such the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) would submit voter registration applications directly from Driver Services facilities to one of 108 election authorities by a paper process through the United States Postal Service. This application process was an inefficient and time-consuming method of registration that required each election authority to data enter the voter registration application information into their local registration database. The implementation of AVR has created an electronic pathway whereby all registration applications originating from an agency are transmitted directly to the SBE, who then immediately distributes the registration application to the appropriate election authority electronically. In order for the SBE to serve as a conduit of application information to election authorities, the data distribution portion of IVRS also had to be modified. One small example is if an agency application does not have an electronic signature, the IVRS database is automatically searched for an existing registration that may be on file for the applicant from which the signature for the applicant can be obtained.

The numerous updates to IVRS required the SBE to update policies and procedures for election authorities to process electronic agency applications. The updated procedures for the registration of agency applications have been very well received by election authorities as each election authority no longer has to handle paper, and in many cases, no data entry is required on the part of the election authority due to connectivity between their local registration system and IVRS.

AVR also places additional requirements on the SBE. Some examples are to propose Administrative Rules, submit annual reports, and create website content about AVR. In 2024 pre-

registration of voters has also been incorporated into AVR. Sixteen-year-olds are eligible to register to vote and have their application held in abeyance by the SBE until they reach voting age. As of the date of this report, 29,131 individuals have submitted an application to pre-register to vote. 4,961 pre-registration applications have since come of voting age and have had their application released to the appropriate election authority.

This annual report will be the seventh annual AVR report submitted since AVR was enacted into law. Although progress implementing AVR at each required agency is ongoing in some cases, the SBE continues to work with each agency to meet statutory requirements regarding AVR. Ongoing maintenance and enhancements continue constantly to improve the deployment of AVR by the SBE. The remainder of this report will overview implementation of AVR at each required agency followed by the statistics required by 10ILCS 5/1A-16.7(o) of the Election Code for a period of November 28, 2023 through November 27, 2024.

Secretary of State (SOS)

The Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) has played a key role in voter registration for many years due to requirements under the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), however the AVR statute established several new requirements for SOS. Most significantly is the directive to inform the applicant for services of their current voter registration status and the requirement to submit voter registration applications electronically to the SBE. As a result, voter registration has been completely incorporated into the Driver's Services process for the applicant. The SBE and SOS went to production with an electronic opt-in (whereby voters attest to eligibility) voter registration application process by the due date of July 2018. Opt-out registration (whereby applicants are automatically registered to vote unless they opt out) went into production in July 2019.

Over the past seven years, the SBE and SOS have worked cooperatively to resolve any technical hurdles that have presented. In 2021, SOS has begun submitting applications to the SBE with an indication for those who have a language preference other than English. Additional language options include Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish, and Urdu. In January 2022, SOS began submitting voter registration applications to the SBE that originated online through the SOS Safe Driver Renewal program and other online programs. Also, SOS has implemented a front-end age check against an elections date file provided by the SBE. This has eliminated the need for the SBE to inform an applicant for voter registration that they fail to qualify to register to vote based on age. Pre-registration for 16-year-olds went into effect on January 1, 2024 and has continued without issue.

As of this date, 3,708,282 new or updated voter registration applications have been electronically transmitted to the SBE from SOS since inception. In addition, a data sharing agreement has been executed and jointly adopted rules have been crafted but have not been implemented due to previous litigation. SOS has reported that between November 28, 2023 through November 27, 2024, 442,352 people have opted out of voter registration while obtaining a REAL ID.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is unique among the agencies required to connect for AVR because the statute specifically designated two divisions within DHS (Family and Community Services and Rehabilitation Services) as being required to connect. Although communication began with DHS early in the fall of 2017, progress on implementing AVR with DHS was stalled until early summer of 2019. Since that time, however, a data sharing agreement was executed with DHS. DHS- Rehabilitation Services went to production with an AVR compliant web service connection utilizing opt-in registration and DHS- Family and Community Services implemented a website transfer mechanism (whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration website) for their applicants utilizing their online process. As of this date, 17,549 new or updated voter registration applications have been electronically transmitted to the SBE from DHS since inception.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The SBE and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began discussing AVR soon after the initiation of AVR. DNR indicated the current agreement with their vendor for hunting and fishing license applications was near its end of life and as such they would not be able to initiate any required AVR changes within their current system. DNR would be looking to meet the AVR requirements through their new Enterprise Licensing System. DNR, in a good faith effort to comply with the spirit of AVR, was able to put into production a website transfer mechanism (whereby voter registration information is prepopulated into our online voter registration application website) for DNR's duck, goose, dove, upland game, and pheasant hunting license systems.

The agreement for a statement of work on the new Enterprise system was eventually agreed upon in August 2019. The SBE worked with DNR, the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), and DNR's Enterprise vendor to incorporate a fully AVR compliant web service with the Enterprise system. The DNR hunt/fish license application went into production with an AVR compliant web service in August 2021. The SBE and DNR have agreed on the principles for a data sharing agreement and DNR indicated a desire for DoIT to also be included as a party to the agreement. Said agreement is currently

under review by DoIT. As of this date, 4,577 new or updated voter registration applications have been electronically transmitted to the SBE from DNR since inception.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)

The SBE and IDFPR have held several discussions regarding the implementation of AVR. IDFPR have a good understanding of the requirements of AVR but have in recent meetings indicated that they would be unable to prioritize implementing AVR with their new license application system recently procured. IDFPR has been provided with a unique website link to display on their website which re-directs individuals to the SBE's online voter registration website to allow IDFPR to receive credit for the origination of the voter registration application.

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

The SBE and IDES have also held several discussions regarding AVR implementation. The SBE has provided IDES with technical specifications and a sample data sharing agreement. IDES and SBE have worked cooperatively to sign an interagency data sharing agreement, which was signed on October 1, 2024. IDES and their technical team plan to begin programming and testing in the near future an AVR solution, which will most likely be website transfer due to Federal privacy laws. IDES has been provided with a unique website link to display on their website which re-directs individuals to the SBE's online voter registration website to allow IDFPR to receive credit for the origination of the voter registration application.

Statistics

The remainder of this annual report will provide certain statistics as required by 10ILCS 1A-16.7(o). Among the requirements are to provide the number of records transmitted to the SBE by agency, the number of new and updated voter registrations by agency, and the number of applications received through the online voter application (OVA) system. The number of people who opted out of registration is also required to be reported. Since this information is collected by each agency, the number is reported within the agency update. SOS is the only agency participating in opt-out registration at this time, so the number of individuals who opted out of registration is only reported for SOS. The decision to accept or reject a voter registration application is under the jurisdiction of Illinois' 108 election authorities.

Secretary of State (SOS)

Name	SOS App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications	SOS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	787484	718219	313289	404930	64406
Adams County	3590	3462	1762	1700	128
Alexander County	165	144	92	52	18
Bond County	778	692	294	398	86
Boone County	3019	2587	1414	1173	426
Brown County	328	323	90	233	5
Bureau County	1985	1465	603	862	520
Calhoun County	299	297	91	206	2
Carroll County	975	681	332	349	294
Cass County	639	440	211	229	199
Champaign County	12344	9874	4752	5122	2469
Christian County	1672	1614	541	1073	58
Clark County	790	624	315	309	166
Clay County	683	589	226	363	88
Clinton County	1802	1787	746	1041	15
Coles County	2558	2526	1055	1471	32
Cook County	143824	142595	58437	84158	627
Crawford County	1294	965	386	579	329
Cumberland County	474	458	167	291	16
DeKalb County	7908	6449	2669	3780	1457
DeWitt County	967	700	290	410	267
Douglas County	879	664	323	341	215
DuPage County	60133	59956	21923	38033	173
Edgar County	958	928	385	543	30
Edwards County	319	226	99	127	93
Effingham County	1711	1688	588	1100	9
Fayette County	982	869	330	539	107
Ford County	1158	754	259	495	398
Franklin County	2134	2029	837	1192	68
Fulton County	2261	2255	618	1637	6
Gallatin County	215	180	86	94	35
Greene County	674	655	247	408	19
Grundy County	3794	3784	1448	2336	10
Hamilton County	357	346	117	229	11
Hancock County	786	720	375	345	7
Hardin County	180	131	50	81	6
Henderson County	378	363	147	216	15
Henry County	2995	2887	1143	1744	21
Iroquois County	1910	1868	623	1245	42
Jackson County	3127	3068	1356	1712	28
Jasper County	394	384	163	221	4

Name	SOS App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications	SOS App's Rejected
Jefferson County	2189	2004	799	1205	185
Jersey County	1139	1115	483	632	24
JoDaviess County	1454	999	541	458	455
Johnson County	534	435	214	221	99
Kane County	32096	31289	13541	17748	807
Kankakee County	6460	5636	2134	3502	369
Kendall County	9631	8688	3447	5241	942
Knox County	1391	1370	418	952	21
Lake County	38044	36776	16568	20208	1085
LaSalle County	7883	7676	2641	5035	174
Lawrence County	670	658	291	367	12
Lee County	1902	1558	670	888	344
Livingston County	2018	1901	806	1095	71
Logan County	1473	1147	457	690	257
Macon County	8327	6483	2334	4149	1844
Macoupin County	2733	2571	1047	1524	162
Madison County	17784	17102	8213	8889	579
Marion County	2179	1883	783	1100	294
Marshall County	740	595	256	339	145
Mason County	1023	564	233	331	459
Massac County	744	717	382	335	7
McDonough County	1304	1290	596	694	14
McHenry County	21040	20776	8946	11830	84
McLean County	4882	4803	1914	2889	79
Menard County	769	717	267	450	52
Mercer County	863	801	371	430	49
Monroe County	2128	2025	984	1041	92
Montgomery County	1428	1396	584	812	32
Morgan County	1920	1785	692	1093	24
Moultrie County	820	575	223	352	245
Ogle County	3502	3379	1341	2038	123
Peoria County	10091	9835	4269	5566	232
Perry County	1080	1059	361	698	11
Piatt County	1018	713	330	383	305
Pike County	820	800	321	479	20
Pope County	188	187	82	105	1
Pulaski County	216	102	60	42	49
Putnam County	332	288	124	164	43
Randolph County	1286	1145	494	651	30
Richland County	856	771	338	433	11
Rock Island County	12429	12272	4829	7443	156
Saline County	1049	926	445	481	123
Sangamon County	14855	13542	4423	9119	240
Schuyler County	322	301	125	176	7

Name	SOS App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	SOS App's Registered	Newly Registered SOS Applications	Updated SOS Applications	SOS App's Rejected
Scott County	219	192	80	112	27
Shelby County	1151	957	360	597	194
Stark County	329	247	107	140	82
St. Clair County	14911	14540	6881	7659	364
Stephenson County	3454	3334	1404	1930	120
Tazewell County	7845	6935	2901	4034	152
Union County	940	864	392	472	33
Vermilion County	2254	2217	1045	1172	36
Wabash County	644	418	223	195	13
Warren County	729	573	278	295	23
Washington County	693	679	277	402	12
Wayne County	942	790	279	511	123
White County	724	708	291	417	13
Whiteside County	3252	3057	1269	1788	195
Will County	47628	46964	20024	26940	647
Williamson County	3794	3759	1528	2231	35
Winnebago County	7815	7673	3617	4056	142
Woodford County	1852	1656	732	924	196
City of Bloomington	5275	4522	1964	2558	753
City of Chicago	174274	132471	69942	62529	41750
City of Danville	1555	1443	762	681	110
City of East St Louis	779	638	347	291	94
City of Galesburg	1555	1292	623	669	263
City of Rockford	9819	9608	3996	5612	173

Department of Human Services (DHS) Family and Community Services (FCS) and Rehabilitation Services (RS)

Name	DHS-FCS App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	DHS-FCS App's Registered	Newly Registered DHS-FCS Applications	Updated DHS-FCS Applications	DHS-FCS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	6329	4828	2035	2793	809

Name	DHS-RS App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	DHS-RS App's Registered	Newly Registered DHS-RS Applications	Updated DHS-RS Applications	DHS-RS App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	377	322	322	0	36

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Name	DNR App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	DNR App's Registered	Newly Registered DNR Applications	Updated DNR Applications	DNR App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	771	586	470	116	158

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

Name	IDES App's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	IDES App's Registered	Newly Registered IDES Applications	Updated Registered IDES Applications	IDES App's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	464	368	243	125	61

State Board of Elections Online Voter Applications (OVA)

Name	OVA's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
STATEWIDE COUNTS	291883	245558	23397
Adams County	1133	941	97
Alexander County	55	44	11
Bond County	168	115	53
Boone County	1060	782	126
Brown County	74	61	3
Bureau County	578	413	157
Calhoun County	55	49	6
Carroll County	181	136	23
Cass County	183	124	59
Champaign County	7304	6126	1175
Christian County	516	444	72
Clark County	186	144	25
Clay County	148	115	33
Clinton County	642	557	26
Coles County	933	802	131
Cook County	62518	52762	491
Crawford County	214	178	18
Cumberland County	107	93	4
DeKalb County	2765	2299	466
DeWitt County	261	196	65
Douglas County	370	319	23
DuPage County	23350	21010	77
Edgar County	220	197	5
Edwards County	58	44	14
Effingham County	476	431	28
Fayette County	356	255	71
Ford County	286	203	77
Franklin County	506	425	26
Fulton County	492	426	66
Gallatin County	54	40	14
Greene County	171	142	10
Grundy County	1325	1173	17
Hamilton County	152	130	22
Hancock County	257	222	3
Hardin County	32	28	1
Henderson County	83	69	14
Henry County	888	793	20

Name	OVA's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
Iroquois County	473	408	9
Jackson County	1312	1154	11
Jasper County	105	103	2
Jefferson County	606	477	60
Jersey County	357	328	8
JoDaviess County	344	267	77
Johnson County	102	80	21
Kane County	11527	10207	1320
Kankakee County	2353	2034	58
Kendall County	3416	2821	595
Knox County	374	309	65
Lake County	15713	14109	38
LaSalle County	1724	1556	9
Lawrence County	162	143	2
Lee County	521	399	83
Livingston County	643	543	26
Logan County	460	354	44
Macon County	1716	1352	364
Macoupin County	824	701	123
Madison County	6756	5857	877
Marion County	557	333	166
Marshall County	171	127	44
Mason County	191	119	72
Massac County	210	192	2
McDonough County	593	519	9
McHenry County	7654	6841	462
McLean County	3700	3292	408
Menard County	195	157	10
Mercer County	213	181	14
Monroe County	689	606	21
Montgomery County	405	240	165
Morgan County	487	425	9
Moultrie County	209	162	47
Ogle County	1018	879	139
Peoria County	4250	3704	175
Perry County	212	186	11
Piatt County	352	286	66
Pike County	182	163	6
Pope County	51	44	0
Pulaski County	65	46	15
Putnam County	85	73	12
Randolph County	372	312	11

Name	OVA's Received 11/28/2023 - 11/27/2024	OVA's Registered	OVA's Rejected
Richland County	170	142	16
Rock Island County	2464	2153	58
Saline County	275	221	54
Sangamon County	3882	3311	473
Schuyler County	86	73	1
Scott County	92	66	26
Shelby County	312	253	34
Stark County	75	55	20
St. Clair County	4592	4022	570
Stephenson County	737	655	81
Tazewell County	2986	2445	37
Union County	229	187	42
Vermilion County	867	731	136
Wabash County	96	59	12
Warren County	218	170	2
Washington County	199	182	3
Wayne County	164	118	46
White County	162	143	19
Whiteside County	932	730	153
Will County	17673	15726	1943
Williamson County	1275	1098	177
Winnebago County	3070	2681	126
Woodford County	923	760	87
City of Bloomington	2318	1872	446
City of Chicago	65044	50449	9168
City of Danville	435	360	33
City of East St Louis	115	85	13
City of Galesburg	402	320	55
City of Rockford	2584	2114	381