

THE ILLINOIS ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT (HB 2225/SB 1197)

101st SESSION ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2019-2020 SUMMARY

HB 2225/SB 1197 provides a **single solution** to a **complex** election integrity problem.

HB 2225/SB 1197 introduces critically needed **external, independent review** throughout the entire election system.

HB 2225/SB 1197 does this through **three** mandatory election system **audits**:

1. **Election Day audit** consisting of a count of a random sample of 10% of the paper ballots cast in each precinct, to be conducted in the polling place, immediately upon close of the polls.
2. **A parallel central tabulation audit** of all votes cast as recorded on precinct poll tapes, by independent public accountants, within 48 hours of the close of the polls.
3. **Pre-election operational audit** of elections systems, that identifies and reports election system security weaknesses, together with the steps necessary to remediate security weaknesses discovered.

These **three audits** will provide **extremely high assurance** that votes and **ballots** are being **accurately recorded, accurately tabulated** and **accurately reported**.

No U.S. election system provides anything close to the **comprehensive level** of external, independent, review mandated by **HB 2225/SB 1197**. (CODE RED: JONATHAN SIMON)

The **estimated cost** of implementing **HB 2225/SB 1197** over a two-year general election cycle is approximately **\$4,000,000** covering both a **Primary** and a **General Election**.

The bulk of this cost can be covered by voluntary **citizen contributions** made to **The Illinois Ballot Integrity Fund**, maintained by the **Illinois State Board of Elections**, and by voluntary **check offs**, made by taxpayers on Illinois Form 1040.

HB 2225 submitted by **State Representative Linda Chapa-LaVia (83rd District)**

SB 1197 submitted by **State Senator Christina Castro (22nd District)**

Resources to Consult:

1. **DVD-Stealing America Vote by Vote (You Tube)**
2. **DVD-Uncounted: The New Math of American Elections (You Tube)**
3. **Website: National Election Defense Coalition www.electiondefense.org/**
4. **Website: Illinois Ballot Integrity Project www.ballot-integrity.org/**
5. **Election Integrity Conference 2017 <https://electionintegrityconference.wordpress.com/>**
6. **For additional information: Contact IBIP at quickinfo@qnc.us or 630-460-0857**