New Legislation for Voting In Illinois

The Illinois Legislature passed **SB2123** that went into effect on August. 4 as **Public Act 103-0467**. Following are the key provisions:

- Makes the Nov.2024 General Election Day a State holiday (but no subsequent election days)
- Changes the deadline when the General Assembly is to have drawn districts for the Chicago elected school board from July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024
- Requires voting centers to provide curbside voting. Also requires jurisdictions with more than 500,000 inhabitants to have at least 2 voting centers.
- Provides that on or after a person's 16th birthday, a person may pre-register to vote (this section only not to be effective until Jan. 1, 2024).
- Creates two new task forces:
  - Ranked Choice and Voting Systems Task Force to have a final report by March 1, 2024; and
  - Security of Remote Vote by Mail Task Force to study the feasibility of election authority electronically transmitting a vote-by-mail ballot and the voter returning a marked vote-by-mail ballot electronically. To complete study by June 30, 2025.
- Extends
  - The Voting for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Task Force to July 1, 2025 (from Jan. 1, 2024)
  - The Public Financing of Judicial Elections Task Force to July 1, 2025 and provides that the report to be due by June 30, 2024 (rather than 2023)