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SQUINT™ Special Report

Recent Illinois Legislation for Vote-by-Mail



We recently received SQUINTs similar to the one below regarding recent legislation in Illinois:



The SQUINT references the Belleville News-Democrat in their story of the recent expansion of vote-by-mail by signed into law in Illinois. Unfortunately, the Belleville News-Democrat mistakenly stated that there would only be one polling place per county on November 3rd. While the article was quickly updated to correct this error, the original version has been spread throughout social media. In fact, our analysis of many of the accounts used to propagate this story, indicate that many may be bots that have automatically generated the content. If a user does click on the story's link, the first paragraph of the story notes that in addition to local polling places, the law authorizes each county to establish a "super site" where any registered voters.