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Illinois E-Verify Statute Overturned

On March 12, 2009, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois **struck down** Illinois' E-Verify statute. This law differed from most state E-Verify legislation in that it actually prohibited employers from enrolling in the federal E-Verify pilot program until the E-Verify program met certain standards for speed and accuracy. The court held that the Illinois statute was invalid under the Supremacy Clause, thereby rejecting the state's argument that E-Verify's status as a mere pilot program permitted Illinois to force the federal program to meet its standards.