

YOUR VOTING RIGHTS IN ILLINOIS



Election Day: **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** Polls Will Be Open 6 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Who can vote?

- You can vote if you are a U.S. citizen, are at least 18 years old on Election Day, have lived at your address for at least 30 days before the election, are not serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution because of a conviction, and are registered to vote.
- You can register *online* until 11:59 p.m. on October 20 here: https://ova.elections.il.gov/Step0.aspx
- You can register *in person* at a location designated by your local election office. Find your election office here: https://elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/ElectionAuthorities.aspx
- Confirm you are registered to vote at: https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx

Can I vote by mail?

- Yes. Registered voters can vote by mail OR in-person. If you wish to vote by mail, apply at: https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMailAgreement.aspx
- Your mail ballot application must arrive at the election office by October 31.
- Your mail ballot must be postmarked by November 5 <u>and</u> received by the election office by November 19. If provided by your election office, you may return the mail ballot at a drop box location. Find a location list here: https://www.elections.il.gov/VotingAndRegistrationSystems/VoteByMailBallotDropBoxLocations.aspx?MID=0RRSrGzAdpc%3d&T=638023004082804731

When and where do I vote in-person?

- Early voting begins on September 26 and ends on November 4. Check your local election authority for early voting locations here:
 https://elections.il.gov/VotingAndRegistrationSystems/EarlyVotingLocationsSearch.aspx?T=638003940366533
- On Election Day, November 5, the polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Do I need to show ID to vote?

- You do not have to show identification to vote on Election Day in most cases. But if the poll worker asks you to show ID, here is a list of acceptable ID: https://chicagoelections.gov/voting/when-you-need-id-vote
- If you do not have ID, ask for a provisional ballot. In order for that provisional ballot to be counted, you must present ID within 7 days of the election to the local election authority.

Can I bring someone to help me vote?

• Yes. If you need assistance with voting because you don't speak English or you have a disability, you can bring a person into the voting booth to help you vote. You can bring any person that you want except your employer, agent of your employer, your union representative or agent of your union representative. The person you bring does not need to be a registered voter. If you bring someone, tell the polling place workers when you arrive to vote. You and the person helping you will have to sign a form.

Can I receive a ballot in Spanish?

• You have the right to a Spanish ballot if you live in Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, or Will counties.

What if my name is not on the list of voters on Election Day?

• If your name is not on the list or your right to vote is challenged, ask for a provisional ballot.

Confirm you are registered to vote and find your polling place online at: https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx

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