

Been Locked Up?

Don't Be Locked Out

Use Your Voice—VOTE!!

In Illinois, you automatically get back your right to vote after you are released from prison or jail (and people detained pre-trial in jail may be eligible too).* You just need to register and vote like any other citizen.

How Do I Register to Vote?

Illinois residents may register online or by mail (online registration and mail-in forms available at www.elections.il.gov under “Voter Services”). Registration is also available in person at county clerks’ offices, board of election commissioners’ offices, city and village offices, township offices, schools, public libraries, military recruitment offices, and other locations specifically designated by the election authority.

When Can I Register to Vote?

Regular registration is open year-round except during the 27-day period just prior to an election, and during the 2-day period after each election (one day in Chicago). However, you can still register and vote in person during the 27-day period through grace period registration, available in person at authorized sites.

How Can I Vote?

Voting methods include voting in person and voting by mail. Early voting (with evening and weekend hours available) is also an option, as is grace period registration and voting starting after regular registration deadlines have passed all the way up to and including election day.

Important Dates for November 3, 2020, General Election:

<u>Registration Deadlines:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 6: Last day to register in person• October 7-Nov. 3: Grace period registration/voting• October 18: Last day to register online• October 29: Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot	<u>Voting Dates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 7-Nov. 3: Grace period registration/voting• October 19-Nov. 2: In-person early voting• October 29: Vote-by-mail ballot applications sent by mail must be received• November 2: Last day for in-person vote-by-mail ballot application submission• November 3: Election day
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For More Information:

Illinois State Board of Elections
www.elections.il.gov
(217) 782-4141 (Springfield)
(312) 814-6440 (Chicago)

**Some people are still eligible to vote while detained in jail, and may be able to vote by mail (or in person in Cook County).*

A new state law requires that a voter registration application be provided to anyone who is eligible to vote and requests an application while in jail.