

VOTING BY MAIL FACT SHEET



How to Vote by Mail This Election in Illinois

Voting by mail is one of the safe and secure ways to cast a vote in Illinois, and is one of the several ways to cast your ballot prior to Election Day. You may request your vote by mail ballot through the mail, in person, or online if available through your election authority. You can return your ballot via mail, in person to your election authority's office, or drop box if available.

New this year, you also have the option to request to be placed on the permanent vote by mail list. You will then receive a ballot for every subsequent election until you are removed from the list.

Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

➔ Step 1: Make sure you're registered to vote.

Anyone can vote by mail in Illinois without an excuse, as long as they are registered to vote.

If you need to register you can

- **Register online**

If you know the last 4 digits of your SSN and you have a Illinois Driver's License or State ID number, you can register at ova.elections.il.gov

- **Register by mail**

Printable registration forms are available at elections.il.gov

- **Register in person**

You can register in person at your election authority's office

If you need to check to see if you're already registered:

- **Check online**

You can check your registration status at anything online at ova.elections.il.gov/registrationlookup.aspx



**DON'T
FORGET!**

**Regular
Registration**

Closes May 31, 2022

Online Registration

Closes June 12, 2022

➔ Step 2: Request your vote by mail ballot

You may request an application in person or online at elections.il.gov

Your application must include

- Name
- Home address
- Address you want the ballot sent
- Party affiliation (for the primary)
- Signature

If submitted by mail outside the US, an application must be made at least 30 days prior to the election to receive a full ballot!

**Request an
application today!**

First day to request
March 30, 2022

Last day to request
June 23, 2022



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Submitting your vote by mail ballot



Step 3: Filling out your Vote by Mail ballot

Before you begin voting

- Make sure you received the correct ballot for the party primary you wish to vote in
- Carefully read the instructions on how to fill out the ballot

Voting

- Fill out the ballot using the marking method outlined in the instructions
- Make sure to flip the ballot over and vote the choices on the back (if applicable!)

After you've filled out the ballot

- Sign the certification located on the ballot envelope
- Place the ballot in this envelope and seal it

If you need assistance voting your ballot, the name and address of the individual providing the assistance must be filled in on the ballot envelope.

First day for mailing of ballots to voters:
May 19, 2022



Step 4: Returning your ballot to be counted

There are several ways to return your ballot. You can use the one most convenient to you!

By Mail

- Postage is typically around \$1.40
- The US postal service will deliver all ballots it receives, even those with improper postage
- All ballots must be **postmarked by Election Day and received by July 12, 2022**

In person

- You can hand deliver your ballot to your local election authority's office up to and on Election Day
- If someone else is delivering your ballot for you, they must sign the affidavit on the ballot acknowledging third-party delivery

By Dropbox

- Some jurisdictions offer secure dropboxes for returning vote by mail ballots
- These are available until 7pm on Election Day
- You can find out if your election authority has a dropbox location available by visiting elections.il.gov and clicking on *Voting by Mail DropBox Locations*

Still have questions or want to learn more about the elections process in Illinois?

You can find out more about voting by mail and about how we are keeping elections safe and secure in Illinois by visiting elections.il.gov

