



GOTV in Illinois

First things first

Register to vote:

- Go to: vote411.org/pflag
 - Check your registration status
 - If you are not registered – REGISTER NOW.
 - Find information about who is eligible to vote in Illinois
- When you register you will be asked for your current address and ID Number (driver's license, state ID, or social security number).
- The voter registration deadline in Illinois is October 6 (by mail), October 18 (online), and November 3 (in-person).



**If you miss the registration deadline,
you can still register in person at
select "grace period registration
sites" through election day.**

Voter Identification

In Illinois, ID is required to register but not to cast a ballot. However, there are circumstances where ID will be required. For example, you will be asked to provide two forms of ID if :

- You are a first-time voter who registers to vote by mail without submitting valid ID
- You are registering to vote in-person during the early voting period or on election day
- The signature you provide at the polls does not match the signature on file with your registration or your voting rights are challenged

If you are unable to provide ID, you may vote a provisional ballot.

Acceptable ID

Driver's license

State ID

US Passport

Student ID

Utility bill

Bank statement

Paycheck

Lease or Mortgage

And more!

Voting While Trans/Nonbinary

The state of Illinois does not provide any specific guidance for trans and nonbinary voters. Here are a few recommendations from Advocates for Trans Equality:

- Bring valid ID and backups (voter registration card, utility bill)
- Share the #VotingWhileTrans guide with poll workers
- If needed, connect with a volunteer attorney on-site or call the National Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Worst case, request and cast a provisional ballot and be sure to ask for follow-up instructions



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Voting While Living With a Disability

- In Illinois, voters with a disability may request assistance at the polls from anyone except their employer or union representative. If assistance is provided by poll workers, it will be provided by two election judges (one from each party).
- Curbside voting is available for elderly or disabled voters who cannot access a polling location due to its structural features.
- Voters with print disabilities can use Accessible Vote by Mail to receive their ballot electronically and then return it by mail.
- All polling places in Illinois are required to have accessible voting machines in accordance with ADA and HAVA guidelines.
- The Illinois State Board of Elections has more information available here: elections.il.gov/ in the “Information for Voters” section including a PDF guide.

Voting as a New Citizen

Naturalized citizens have the same right to vote as citizens born in the United States. VoteRiders, a nonpartisan organization focused on voter-ID, recommends that new citizens:

- Update ID documents to be sure your citizen status is reflected accurately.
- Check your voter registration to ensure that you are registered (and then check again before your state's voter registration deadline).
- Familiarize yourself with the laws in your state that have to do with voting. Verify if language assistance is readily available.
- You can find additional information here: voteriders.org/voter/citizen



Absentee voting or voting by mail

Vote by mail.

- Illinois does not require an excuse for mail voting.
- Voters must request their mail ballot by October 29.
- In Illinois, a mail ballot must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 17.
- You can request a mail ballot here:
elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMail.aspx
- Your mail ballot cannot be hand delivered on election day. It must be mailed, placed in a drop box, or hand delivered to the election authority's office.



**PFLAG recommends that voters
request their absentee ballots as soon
as possible and get them in the
mailbox no later than Tuesday,
October 20.**

Early voting

Vote early.

- All registered voters in Illinois can vote early for any reason.
- You can find information about early voting locations in Illinois here: vote411.org/pflag
- The local election authority determines the locations and hours for early voting.
- A list of early voting hours and locations will be available on the Illinois State Board of Elections' website at least 10 days prior to the beginning of any early voting period.
- Early voting begins in Illinois on September 24 and ends on November 2.



Voting on Election Day:

Vote on election day.

- Polls open in Illinois at 6am and close at 7pm on Tuesday, November 3.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here:
vote411.org/pflag
- If you arrive and are told you won't be allowed to vote:
 - Don't panic. Ask why, fix any problems, ask about same day registration, request a provisional ballot, etc.
 - Call 866-OUR-VOTE or 888-VE-Y-VOTA.



**If you are in line to vote
when the polls close,
STAY IN LINE.**