

Get Out the Vote in Illinois



The voter registration deadline in Illinois, for the November 2026 election, is Tuesday, October 6 (by mail) and Sunday, October 18 (online).



ID Requirements

In Illinois, photo ID is not required to register and cast a ballot. However, first-time voters who register by mail without identification, those registering to vote in-person during early voting and on election day, and voters whose signature does not match the one on file from their registration may be asked to provide two forms of ID that verify their name and address.

Absentee Voting

Illinois does not require an excuse for mail voting.

Voters must request their mail ballot by Thursday, October 29.

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 3 and received within two weeks.

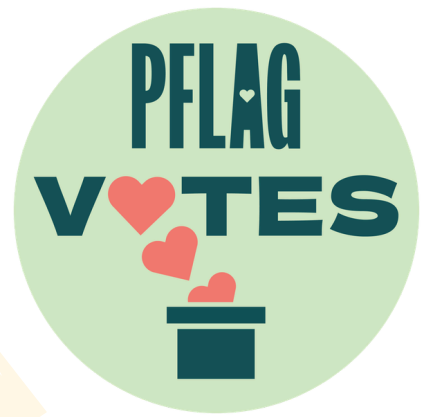
You can request a mail ballot here:
elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMail.aspx

Your mail ballot cannot be hand delivered to your polling place on election day. It must be returned by mail, placed in a drop box, or delivered in-person at the election authority's office.

Learn more at: pflag.org/PFLAGVotes



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**If you are in line to vote on election day
when the polls close – STAY IN LINE.
You must be allowed to cast your ballot.**

Early Voting

All registered voters in Illinois can vote early for any reason. Early voting begins on Thursday, September 24 and ends on Monday, November 2.

Voting on Election Day

Polls open in Illinois at 6 am and close at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 3.

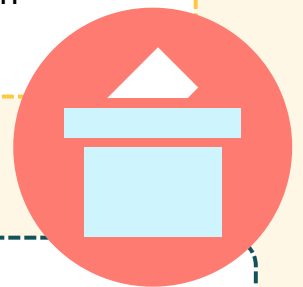
You can find information about the location of your polling place here: ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx

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

Need Help?

Vote Riders: voteriders.org/freehelp

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