



# HOW TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE

Webinar with AgeGuide

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:30am

Vote Early !!

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF ILLINOIS

# Three ways to vote in Illinois



## VOTE BY MAIL

- Mail
- Dropbox
- Walk-in



## EARLY VOTING

- Election Authority 9/24-11/3
- Early Voting Site 10/19-11/3 (10/14-11/3 in Chicago)



## ELECTION DAY

- Polling place or
- the designated early voting site required by law to be open to any voter in that county/jurisdiction

# Vote By Mail in Illinois



## REQUEST A BALLOT

- online by election authority
- by mail application to election authority
- in person at your election authority



## RETURN YOUR BALLOT EARLY (IN SIGNED/SEALED ENVELOPE)

- by mail (early)
- by dropping it at your
  - election authority (dropbox or walk-in)
  - early voting site (dropbox or walk-in)



## TRACK YOUR BALLOT

- if possible, through your election authority

# IF YOU NO LONGER WANT TO VOTE BY MAIL

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## TURN IN YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT AND VOTE

- at an early voting site
- on election day at your polling place or designated election day early voting site

## IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

You may go to your polling place or early voting site, complete an affidavit and vote a regular ballot.

**note:** A provisional ballot will be counted as soon as it is determined that a VBM ballot was not received at the election authority

# HOW TO COMBAT VBM MISINFORMATION

## KNOW THE FACTS OF THE NEW LAW

Vote by Mail, Early Voting and Election Day Voting, Election Authority Requirements

## KNOW YOUR ELECTION AUTHORITY'S POLICIES

Dropboxes, curbside voting, postage, early voting sites, voting hours, tracking

## KNOW ALL THE DATES

Voter Registration, Early Voting, Vote By Mail

## PUSH OUT VOTER INFORMATION

- Webinars
- Social media posts
  - make sure they are set to public
  - boost
- Informational flyers/posters (virtual and physical)
  - QR codes and dates
- Conversations with friends and relatives
- Letters to the editor



# ELECTION WORKERS/JUDGES ARE NEEDED



## EARLY VOTING SITES

10/19-11/3

(10/14 - 11/3 in Chicago)

## ELECTION DAY

11/3

## VBM JUDGES

9/24-11/17



POLL WATCHERS

10/19-11/17

(must apply by 9/24)

# The ballot is available in many languages

- English - All counties
- Spanish - Cook, DuPage, Lake, and Kane
- Chinese - Cook
- Hindi - Cook - 2012 maybe Urdu and Gujarti (November 2020)
- Korean - Cook - March 2020
- Tagalog - Cook - March 2020
- Polish - Cook - November 2020
- Arabic - Cook - November 2020
- Russian - Cook - November 2020
- Ukranian - Cook - November 2020



*If you have a voting problem on election day, call your election authority or contact*



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866-OUR-VOTE (administered by the [Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law](#))

888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish/English) – administered by the [NALEO Educational Fund](#)

844-Yalla-US (Arabic/English) – administered by the [Arab American Institute](#)

888-API-VOTE (English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Urdu, Hindi, and Bengali) – administered by [APIAVote](#) and [Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC](#).

## Illinois 2020 General Election Dates

- 8/1/2020** Election Authorities mail ballot applications to those who have not yet requested one online per SB1863
- 9/24/2020** First day for early voting at the office of the election authority
- 9/24/2020** Last day for local Leagues (state non-partisan civic organizations) to request poll watching credentials for local elections authority
- 9/24/2020** Election Authorities begin mailing ballots to voters
- 10/6/2020** Last day for voter registration by deputy registrars.
- 10/7-11/3/20** Grace period registration and voting
- 10/18/2020** Last day for voters to register to vote online through the State Board of Elections website
- 10/14/2020** Chicago: First day of early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority
- 10/19/2020** First day of early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority
- 10/29/2020** Last day for election authority to receive application to vote by mail (Mail in ballots must be postmarked by election day)
- 10/19-11/3/20** In-person voter registration allowed at your early voting sites and your election day polling site
- 11/3/2020** Last day to return Vote By Mail Ballot(postmarked or deposited in dropbox by 7pm)
- 11/3/2020** General Primary Election Polls open at 6:00 am - 7:00 pm
- 11/3-11/17/20** Vote by Mail Ballots are counted as they arrive by mail. Provisional ballots are cured and counted.

## Major provisions of the Vote By Mail bill SB1863, for all Illinois election authorities

- As of June 16, registered voters may apply for a ballot online or by mail, email or in person.
- As of June 16, new or change of address registrants will be able to apply for a mail-in ballot at time of registration.
- No later than August 1, election authorities shall send ballot applications to anyone who voted in the 2018 general, 2019 consolidated, or 2020 primary elections and/or who registered to vote after March 17, 2020.
- September 24 - October 29, election authorities shall send ballots to applicants.
- Ballots must be completed and returned/mailed no later than election day, November 3.
- All ballots shall be accepted by the election authority even those with insufficient or no postage.
- An election authority may establish secure collection sites for the postage-free return of ballots.
- Election authorities shall establish a 3 member election judge panel to process mail-in ballots.
- No ballot will be rejected without all 3 judges being in agreement.
- Reasons for ballot rejection: (1) the certification envelope contains no signature; OR the signature on the certification envelope and the signature used by the election authority for verification purposes do not match, (2) the ballot envelope was delivered opened; (3) the voter has already cast a ballot; (4) the voter voted in person on election day; or (5) the voter is not a duly registered voter in the precinct.
- An election authority will inform the voter within 2 days of rejection and allow the voter to confirm that it is their ballot or complete their vote in person or by mail.
- November 3 is a state holiday. Closed schools may be used by election authorities as polling places on that day.
- Beginning no later than October 19, all early voting locations will remain open during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
- An election authority may establish curbside voting during early voting and on election day.
- A provisional ballot will be counted as a vote if the voter provides the election authority with the necessary documentation within 14 days of election day.
- Election authorities will open one location where all voters in their jurisdiction may vote on election day during polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they are registered.
- Election authorities may recruit election workers aged 16 and older.
- Those receiving unemployment payments may be paid as election workers without penalty.
- Each polling site must comply with Illinois Department of Public Health safety and health practices.
- Election authorities may apply for reimbursement for funds incurred by implementing this bill.
- This bill will be repealed on January 1, 2021.





**100% Nonpartisan election  
information you need.**

The Illinois Voter Guide is an online voter resource  
powered by [the League of Women Voters of Illinois](#).



**REGISTER  
TO  
VOTE**

[CLICK HERE](#)



**CHECK YOUR  
VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
STATUS**

[CLICK HERE](#)



**APPLY FOR  
VOTE BY MAIL  
BALLOT**

[CLICK HERE](#)



**FIND OUT  
WHAT IS ON  
YOUR  
BALLOT**

WILL BE AVAILABLE ON  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

*The Illinois Voter Guide will be updated as soon as ballots are finalized in late August. Sign up below to be notified when updates are ready and the guide goes live.*

Name \*

First Name

Last Name

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**EARLY!**

Early voting opens  
September 24 at  
election authorities  
statewide.

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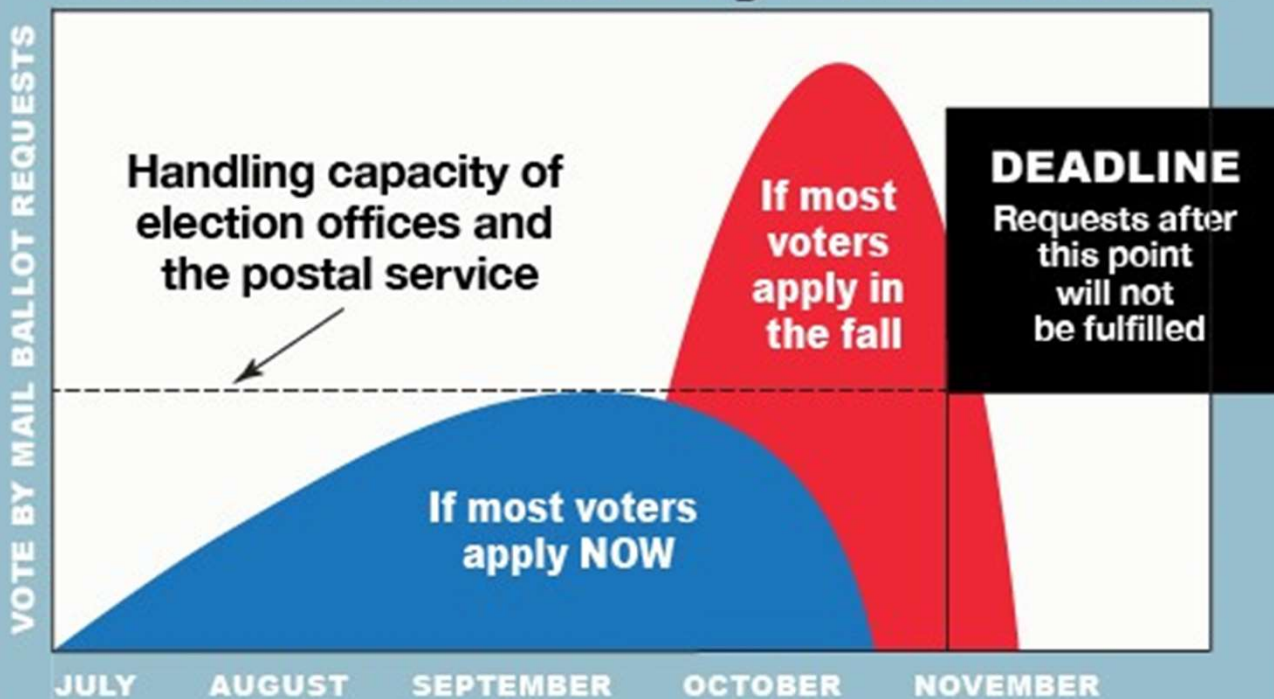


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# Flatten the Vote by Mail curve!



**Apply for your Vote by Mail ballot NOW!**

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DuPage County Clerk Election

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