

VOTE BY MAIL INFORMATION

The League of Women Voters is closely monitoring the ongoing legal challenges involving new federal requirements for voting by mail. If you plan to vote by mail in the November 3 election, here's what you can do:

1. **If you receive a mail ballot, return it as early as practicable. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO VOTE BY MAIL!** Your ballot must be physically returned or **POSTMARKED** by **November 03, 2026**.
 - 1.1. **MAIL IS NOW BEING POSTMARKED THE DAY IT IS PROCESSED, NOT MAILED, which can be days after mailing.** If you are mailing your ballot on or after **October 20, 2026, go to the post office counter and request a MANUAL POSTMARK.**
 - 1.2. Use a drop box to return your ballot if possible. Drop box locations will be listed on the county websites (QR codes below) along with available dates and times. Note that many drop boxes may not be available for use on November 3.
2. **If you requested a ballot and don't receive it, act promptly.** Check your ballot status and contact your local election official to learn what options are available to you. Do not assume that you have to give up on voting. You can vote in person with a provisional ballot.
3. **Have a backup plan.** Know your options for voting in person if you need them, particularly if your ballot does not arrive in time.
4. **Get reliable, current information.** Election rules may change as litigation continues. Use VOTE411.ORG and your local election officials for the most current instructions.



<https://www.vote411.org/il-lwvpbsa>



<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4926/County-Clerk-Elections>



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The League works to provide voters with the facts and clarity they deserve when they go to cast their ballot. It is at our local polling places where the stakes of our national elections are realized, in our voter registration systems, our local election offices, and communities.