

2026 November Election Information

KEY DATES – For the November 3, 2026 Election

10/06/26	In Person voter registration by voter registrars closes
10/18/26	Last day to register to vote by online application at https://ova.elections.il.gov
10/19/26	First day of early voting for most locations (check your county website)
10/29/26	Last day to request a mail ballot
11/02/26	Last day of early voting
11/03/26	Last day mail in ballots may be postmarked is ELECTION DAY

ON THE BALLOT

- U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Illinois Governor, Other State Executives, State Senate, State House, various county offices and the appellate court

WAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- **To register or confirm your Voter Registration** – If you have moved, legally changed your name, or have not voted for many years go to <https://ova.elections.il.gov> for further information. Lake County Residents may call the Lake County Clerk's office with registration-related questions at 847.377.2410.
- **Register online by 11:59PM on October 18, 2026** - Go to [https:// ova.elections.il.gov](https://ova.elections.il.gov), the Illinois Online Voter Registration Application website. There will be blackout dates from 10/19/2026-11/4/26.
- **If you need help registering** - You can visit a township office, library or village hall where someone can help you register online.
- You can register when applying for or renewing your Illinois driver's license or ID card at a Secretary of State facility.
- **To register by mail** - Download, print, complete, and mail the form for your county. Applications are available in several languages. Applications must be postmarked by **October 06, 2026**.
 - Suburban Cook County: <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/agency/register-vote>
 - Lake County: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/361/Voter-Registration#bymail>
- **Last minute registration** - You can register and vote at the same time (you must do both) at early voting locations or on Election Day at your designated voting place. Check with your county clerk for required ID.

WAYS TO VOTE

- **In Person – Early or on Election Day** - Check with your county for early voting dates and voting locations. Keep in mind early voting sites and Election Day voting sites are usually different. Confirm the location before you go to vote. ID may be required.
 - **Suburban Cook County Early Voting Sites:** <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/early-voting/early-voting-locations>
 - **Lake County Early Voting Sites:** <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4322/Early-Voting>
- **Vote by Mail:**
 - **SEE SEPARATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FLYER AND CHECK WITH YOUR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION**
 - **Suburban Cook County:** <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail>
 - **Lake County:** <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4321/Voting-by-Mail>

- **WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I AM AWAY AT COLLEGE, STUDYING ABROAD OR IN THE MILITARY DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE?**
 - If you are living in the US, you may request that your Illinois ballot be mailed to you at any address you specify and vote by mail (see above).
 - If you prefer, in some states, you may be allowed to re-register to vote in your college state's election (instead of in Illinois) – most colleges will have information for you if it is an option.
 - Voters located outside the United States (for example, in a study abroad program) have different deadlines to request a ballot. If you plan to be out of the country on Election Day, contact your election authority early to get details. An online application form is at <http://tinyurl.com/4kjxh9xa>. You can also find helpful information and links at <https://www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter> and <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas-voter-services>

OTHER VOTER RESOURCES

- **Candidate Information**
 - <https://www.vote411.org/> is brought to you by League of Women Voters Education Fund. It contains nonpartisan information regarding candidates in their own words and links to recorded candidate forums sponsored by The League of Women Voters. Information is available close to election day.
 - <https://www.injusticewatch.org/judicial-election-guide/> (Cook County) and <https://www.isba.org/> have information about judicial candidates close to the election. They include ratings and/or evaluations by area lawyers or bar associations.
 - Check your local newspaper's website. They often have information about candidates available.
 - Visit your local League of Women Voters website (such as this one) for information on upcoming candidate forums and other election information. (lwvpalatinearea.org)
- **Ballot Information** - See who is on your ballot as information becomes available by visiting your county sites or Vote411.org.



www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections



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



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