

Additional Voter Resources

Illinois State Board of Elections • elections.il.gov

This statewide agency provides campaign finance reports and general information for voters across Illinois, including links to election agencies in Suburban Cook, the collar counties and downstate agencies.

BallotReady • ballotready.org

This award-winning, nonpartisan organization provides a system for voters to review every name and issue on the ballot and prepare notes to bring with them to the polling place. BallotReady aggregates content from candidates' websites, social media, press, endorsers and board of elections for comprehensive, nonpartisan information.

Election Line • electionline.org

This non-partisan, non-advocacy website was created through the Pew Center on the States and provides up-to-the-minute news and analysis on election reform.

Project Vote Smart • votesmart.org

This national library of information covers candidates and elected officials in five basic categories: biographical information, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances and interest group ratings.

USA.gov/voting • CanIVote.org • TurboVote.org

These sites are geared to help voters anywhere in the United States find information on voter registration, early voting, election day polling places and voting by mail.



Your vote is your voice. This brochure provides you with information on what to expect at the Illinois Primary Election on March 17, 2020.

Where and when may I register to vote?

1. Online: Use your IL driver's license or IL state ID at ova.elections.il.gov You will need the last four digits of your Social Security number.

2. In person through a deputy registrar OR when you vote at Early Voting or Election Day. You will need two forms of ID, at least one with your current address. Student IDs and a letter from your school may be used. A list of all acceptable forms of ID is at chicagoelections.gov

Is it better to register a month or more ahead of Election Day?

Yes. Registering at least one month before the election gives you the chance to Vote By Mail, an important option for those away at school.

Who is eligible to vote?

If you are a U.S. citizen and will be 18 years old on or before **Nov. 3, 2020**, you may vote in the March 17, 2020 Primary – even if you're still age 17 on March 17.

Do I have to choose a party to vote in the March 17 Primary?

Yes. You will request a Republican ballot or a Democratic ballot. There is also a non-partisan ballot, but that ballot lists only referendum questions, and no candidates. Remember: the party ballot and candidates you pick in the Primary *do not affect* how you may vote in later elections.

When does voting begin?

Voters may start to apply to Vote By Mail on Dec. 18, and ballots will be ready to be mailed out in late February. In-person "Early Voting" will open at 51 locations in Chicago, and city voters may use any Early Voting site in the city. On Election Day (March 17) voters must go to the precinct polling place for their home address.

What offices will be on the Primary ballot in 2020?

There will be candidates running for a mix of federal, state and local offices. The ballots will include candidates for US President, US Senate, US Representative, State Senate (in some districts), State Representative, and several candidates running for judgeships in the county courts, the state appeals court and the state supreme court.

How do I find what will be on my ballot?

Starting in late February, sample ballots will be available at chicagoelections.gov

What if I only want to vote for certain offices?

Whatever valid selections you make will be counted, even if you vote for only one or a few offices. Voters are encouraged to vote the entire ballot, but there is no requirement to vote on all of the offices.

What if I make a mistake?

If you are voting on a touch screen, follow the instructions or ask for help before casting your ballot.

If you are voting on a paper ballot and make a mistake, return the ballot to the Election Judges, and they will cancel that first ballot and give you a new one to vote.

Are voters in Illinois required to show ID?

If you are already registered and your signature matches the one on file, you should not be required to show an ID. However, if there is a question about your registration or signature, or if you need to register for the first time or update your registration, ID is required.

Learn more at chicagoelections.gov



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