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April 7, 2015 Run-Off Elections Overview

The April 7, 2015 Supplementary (Run-Off) Elections will decide contests for Mayor and Alderman in 18 of the city's 50 Wards.

Each contest will feature only the two candidates who received the most votes on Feb. 24. All ballots in the City of Chicago will list the two candidates for Mayor. Ballots in the 18 wards with aldermanic run-offs (the 2nd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 29th, 31st, 36th, 37th, 41st, 43rd, 45th and 46th Wards) also will list the two candidates for Alderman in that ward.

Polling places will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all of the city's 2,069 precincts.

On Election Day, it is important that each voter casts a ballot only at the polling place assigned to that voter's precinct.

The Chicago Election Board's web site at chicagoelections.com provides voters with their:

- Voter registration status
- The April 7 polling place for their precinct
- A map to the polling place
- Sample ballots
- The status of the voter's absentee balloting or early voting

For information **before Election Day**, voters may visit the web site or call (312) 269-7900.

For questions or complaints **on Election Day**, voters may visit the web site or call "Election Central" at (312) 269-7870. The Election Central phone lines will be operational only on Election Day. Election Central will be staffed by Board personnel, attorneys and investigators who can: provide legal assistance;

dispatch investigators or equipment technicians; help solve other polling-place problems; and, provide language assistance in Spanish, Polish, Chinese, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu and Korean.

To ensure a trouble and fraud-free election, the Chicago Election Board will have more than 300 investigators assigned to Election Day duty. This will include roving investigators assigned to every ward who will make unannounced inspections of polling places – and investigators who are assigned to respond to calls for assistance. The Board also will have teams of standby judges who can be transported to polling places where there are staffing issues. Further, more than 1,700 polling place administrators and technicians will be assigned to polling places and will be on call at the warehouse to resolve equipment issues.

If voters applied for absentee ballots but do not receive them in time to return them with a postmark of Mon., April 6 or earlier:

- Early Voting will be available daily through Sat., April 4. Chicago's 51 Early Voting sites are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through April 4.
- In-person absentee voting will be available at the Election Board, 69 W. Washington St., Lower Level:
 - Sun., April 5: 9 a.m. to noon.
 - Mon., April 6: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Or, the voters may go to their polling places on Election Day. The voter may surrender the absentee ballot to the election judges. If the voter does not have the absentee ballot, the voter must complete an affidavit saying that the ballot was not received or was not cast.

Voters who have cast ballots in Grace Period Voting or Early Voting cannot return to change their votes for any reason. Judges in each polling place will be supplied with electronic poll books, and paper poll books as a backup. Both the electronic and paper poll books will provide election judges with the ability to see which voters have already cast ballots. Voting more than once, or even *attempting* to vote more than once, is a felony.

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The electronic poll books also will provide Judges of Election with the ability to perform a citywide search so that voters who arrive in the wrong polling places may be directed to the correct polling place for their precincts.

Voters who are not yet registered or who need to update their old registration with a name or address change must act by April 4. Grace Period registration and voting is being offered at all of the City's 51 Early Voting sites through April 4. Under current state law, there will **not** be Election Day registration at the Run-Off Elections on April 7.

Persons who claim to be legally registered but whose registration records cannot be found on Election Day are allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots will be kept separately from standard ballots. Voters have seven calendar days after Election Day to submit proof of registration to the Election Board. The election authority then has 14 days after Election Day to determine if the voter was qualified and whether that ballot can be partially or fully added to the count. Eligible provisional ballots are then merged into the election totals.

A total of 1,441,637 Chicagoans are registered to vote in this election. The current voter-registration total is up 1.4% from the February 2015 Municipal Election and 5.3% from the November 2014 General Election.

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