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What's New? Election Day Registration!

Voters may now (1) register to vote for the first time, or (2) file an address change, or (3) file a name change on Election Day at their home precinct polling place.

To use Election Day Registration, a voter must go the precinct polling place for that voter's home address and present two forms of ID, at least one of which shows the voter's current address. Acceptable forms of ID are listed on the next page.

New voters and those filing changes in Chicago may find their precinct and polling place by entering the current home address ONLY at chicagoelections.com/info. Those who already are registered may enter their last names, as well, to verify their voter status.

"We have built our web site and set up our polling places to serve both the voters who are registered already and those who need Election Day Registration," said Chicago Election Board Chairwoman Marisel A. Hernandez. "In each precinct, there will be two stations with electronic poll books to serve voters who are already registered and those who arrive on Election Day to create or update their registration records."

"The most important thing is to review our mailing or visit our web site and go to the right precinct and polling place. Even if voters find themselves in the wrong polling place, poll workers will be able to use the electronic poll books to look up the correct precinct and polling place, and even text that information to the voter's phone."

To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, have lived in your precinct since Oct. 9, and not claim the right to vote anywhere else. A list of acceptable forms of ID is on the following page – and will be available at each precinct polling place.

"Chicago led the state with 35,000 Election Day registrations in the March Primary and we are bracing for even more at this General Election," Hernandez said.

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Forms of ID

To register to vote for the first time OR to file an address change or a name change, a voter needs to present two forms of ID, at least one of which shows the voter's current address.



- Passport or Military ID
- Driver's License or State ID card
- College/University/School/Work ID
- Vehicle registration card
- Lease, mortgage or deed to home
- Credit or debit card
- Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare card
- Insurance card
- Civic, union or professional membership card
- LINK/Public Aid/Department of Human Services card
- Illinois FOID card

Alternatives include mail addressed to a voter, such as:

- Bill, Transcript or Report Card from School
- Bank Statement, Pay Stub or Pension Statement
- Utility, Medical or Insurance Bill
- Official mail from any government agency



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