

## VOTER REGISTRATION TOOLKIT:

### A brief overview of Voter Registration rules & regulations in Illinois. ILLINOIS DOES NOT USE VOTER REGISTRATION FOR JURY DUTY!!

#### Who should register?

- Are you a United States Citizen?
- Are you at least 18 years old on or before the next election?
  - For a General Primary, you must be 17 and will be 18 by the General Election
- Have you lived in your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election?
- Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted or registered?
- You must not be convicted **or** in jail.
  - You may register and vote once your sentence is served.
- You cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else.

There are three ways for a citizen of the U.S. to register to vote in the State of Illinois.

1. A person who is a Certified Voter Registrar may fill out the necessary forms and file them with the county.
2. Any Illinois resident who is a U.S. citizen may fill out their own voter registration form, either online or by mail-in form and turn them in; in either case **YOU SHOULD PLAN TO BRING AN ID THE FIRST TIME YOU VOTE!!**
3. In person, at your polling place, on election day or for early voting.

To register online via the Illinois State Board of Elections website: <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

You need to have Either;

1. The last four digits of your Social Security number
2. **Or** an Illinois State ID or an Illinois Driver's License
  - a. The date the license or ID was issued.
  - b. Your birth date.

To register by mail or in person two forms of ID are necessary, **you do not have to have a photo ID, BUT**, one ID must have your current address. If you do not have an Illinois Driver License or State ID, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

If you register by mail, then you must **EITHER** include the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, **OR** send copies of 2 forms of ID with the application: one must be - a copy of a current, and valid, photo identification. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ID may be - a copy of a current utility bill, lease agreement, rental agreement, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document which shows your current name and address.

**You are not required to show identification at the polling place if you are registered to vote from the address where you reside.** The only exception to this is if you registered BY MAIL and failed to include the necessary identification with the registration, then two forms of identification may be required before casting a ballot.

**If you registered to vote by mail or online, YOU SHOULD PLAN to have a proof of ID and address the first time you vote.**