





## **Equip for Equality is the Illinois State Protection & Advocacy Service for people with disabilities.**

Provide advocacy services in the areas of fundamental rights, employment, civil rights, social services, and special education.

Investigate abuse and neglect in institutional settings.





# Why do we vote?



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**VOTE AS IF  
YOUR LIFE  
DEPENDS  
ON IT  
BECAUSE  
IT DOES!**

**JUSTIN DART**

FATHER OF THE ADA AND CO-FOUNDER  
OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (AAPD)



## VOTING IS...

- ✓ Our Power
- ✓ Our Right
- ✓ Our Hope





## DID YOU KNOW?

62% of people with disabilities voted in 2020, up from 56% in 2016.





# Who Can Register to Vote?

- ★ You must be a United States Citizen.
- ★ You must be 17 years old on or before the date of the Primary Election and turn 18 on or before the date of the General or Consolidated Election.
- ★ You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- ★ You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction.
- ★ You may not claim the right to vote anywhere else.



# Guardianship and Voting

Even if you have a guardianship, you still have the right to vote!





# When Should I Register to Vote?

- ★ You have never registered before
- ★ You have moved
- ★ You have changed your name

Otherwise, you are already registered and do not need to do anything before you vote.



# Identification to Register to Vote

You also must display [two pieces of identification](#).

Neither needs to be a photo ID, but

One must include your current address.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- **Illinois driver's license**
- **Illinois state ID**
- **Employee or student ID**
- **Credit card**
- **Social security card**
- **Birth certificate**
- **Utility bill in applicant's name**
- **Mail postmarked to the applicant**
- **Valid U.S. passport**
- **Public aid ID card**
- **Lease or rental contract**



# How Do I Register to Vote?

Illinois, you can choose from 3 ways to register:

- ★ filling out your registration form online
- ★ sending your registration form by mail
- ★ or going to a government office or polling place in person

The time for registering is different, depending on the method you choose.



# How Do I Register to Vote?

Online



You can register using the link above.

- ★ The form must be submitted by midnight, Sunday, October 23rd.



# How Do I Register to Vote?

**In Person:** If you register before Election Day, you can go to many different places, for example:

- Any office of the Illinois Secretary of State
- Your local Board of Elections office
- Other government buildings, depending on where in Illinois you live
- Any Early Voting location



# Ways to Vote

There are three ways to cast a ballot in Illinois for the 2022 Gubernatorial Elections. Eligible voters can participate in Early Voting, Vote By Mail or on Election Day at their assigned polling place.



# Voting by Mail

- First day to have requested a mail ballot was 8/10/2022
- Must be registered to vote and request a vote by mail ballot by 11/3/2022
- All in-person early voting requests must be made by 11/7/2022.
- You can also now register for permanent by mail voting.



# How Do I Vote By Mail?

## Voting By Mail Agreement



Voting By Mail





# Where Do I Go To Vote? (Polling Place)



**LIBRARY**



**HOUSE OF  
WORSHIP**



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

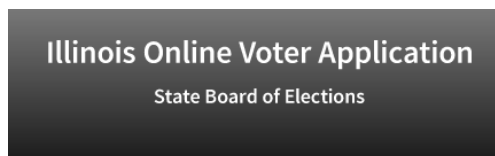


**SCHOOL**



# Where Do I Go To Vote? (Polling Place)

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx>



## POLLING PLACE LOOKUP

Five Digit Zipcode\*

\* = Required



Polling Place Locator



# Ways to Vote

## What do you need to Early Vote?

1. Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot vote on Election Day.

**2. Government-issued photo ID is not required** but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address or signature. Providing an ID can also speed up the process because we have ID card readers at every check-in station.

**You can register to vote at ALL Early Vote Sites.** NOTE: Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change must present two [forms of ID](#), one of which shows the voter's current address.



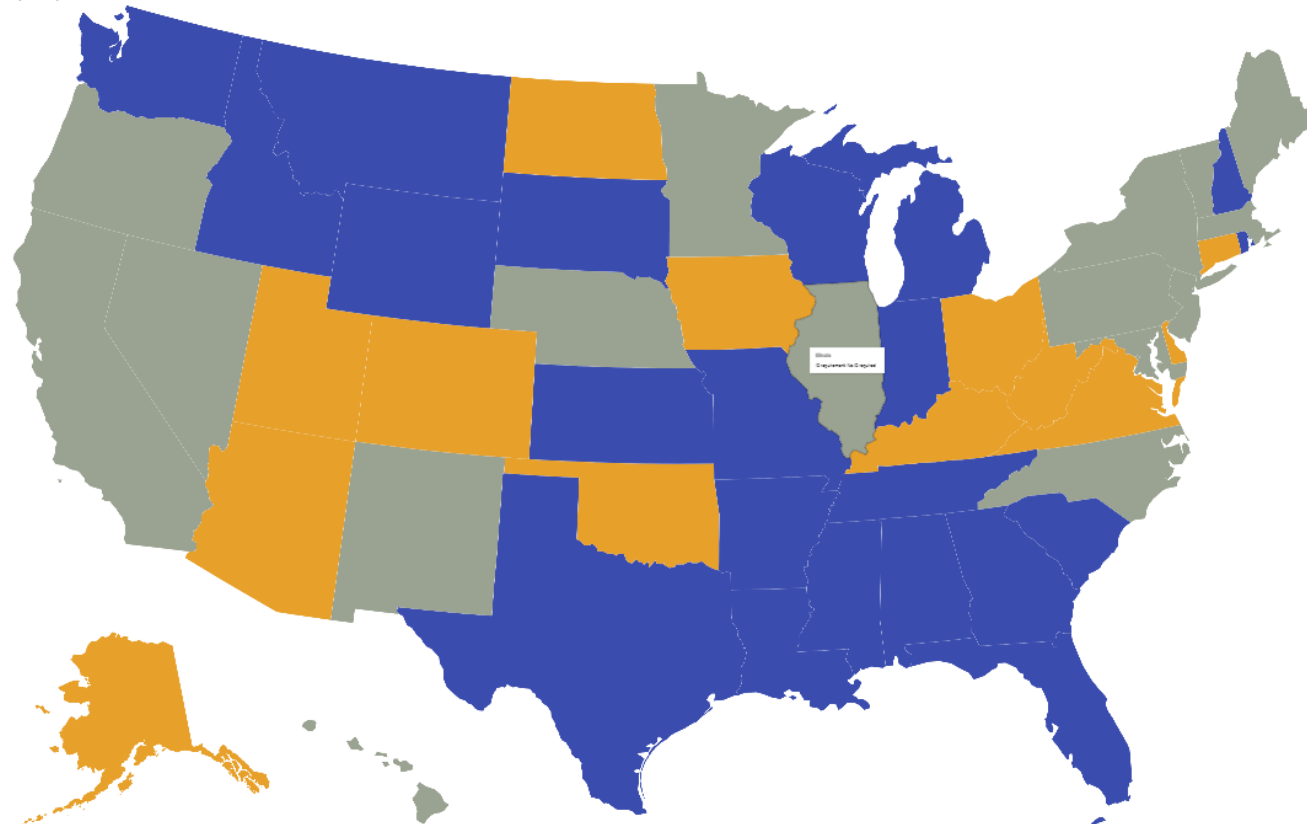
# Ways to Vote In Person

★ Paper Ballot

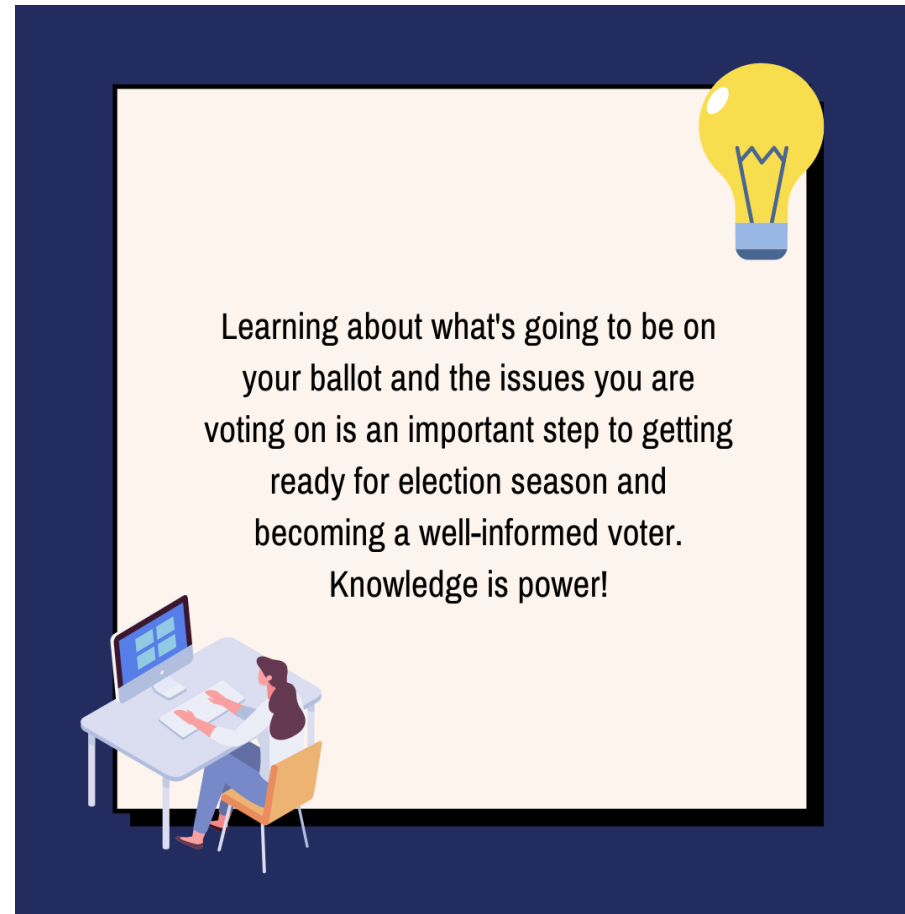
★ Electronic Voting Machine



Voter identification requirements by state  
The map below shows states that require voters to present identification to vote. States that do not require voters to present identification are shown in gray. States that require voters to present identification are shown in blue. States that require voters to present identification are shown in orange. States that require voters to present identification are shown in blue. States that require voters to present identification are shown in orange. States that require voters to present identification are shown in blue. States that require voters to present identification are shown in orange.



Illinois does not require voters to present identification while voting, in most cases. First-time voters who registered by mail and did not submit their driver's license number, state ID number, last four digits of their social security number, or other form of ID are required to present identification showing their name and address before voting.





## HOW TO HELP:

### 1. Find out what's on the ballot

- a. Use online resources such as [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) or [whenweallvote.org](http://whenweallvote.org) to stay informed. Questions to ask as you research: What policies or laws are being introduced or decided on this season? Who are the candidates on the ballot, and who will be represent you and your community?



# Learn About the Candidates

## HOW TO HELP:

### **2. Research key issues in your community**

- a. Attend a local town hall/community event and engage with others to gain their perspective.
- b. Read local columns or papers on voting issues.
- c. Organize a voting issues town hall for community members to attend and express their perspective of issues in the community.





# Learn About the Candidates

## HOW TO HELP:

### 3. Learn where candidates are on disability issues

- a. Keep an eye on how candidates engage and communicate with the disability community.
- b. Questions to ask as you research: How is the candidate engaging with the disability community? Is their message accessible to all audiences, or does it exclude the disability community? Is the candidate vocal about supporting the disability community?



# Learn About the Candidates

[Illinois Voter Guide](#)

[Vote 411](#)

[Vote Smart](#)

[Ballotpedia \(more progressive\)](#)

[Ballot Ready](#)



# Interview with Da Wen

- What year or when did you start to vote?
- How old were you when you registered to vote?
- Did someone support you to register to vote?
- How did they support you?
- Do you vote in most elections?
- How do you vote?
- Do you vote at a polling place? Who takes you?
- Do you vote by mail?
- Does anyone help you with that?
- How did you feel being able to vote?
- Do you have any advice for people about voting?



# Thank You!

