



MALDEF ELECTION GUIDE

ILLINOIS – 2026



ELECTION DAY

Tues, Nov 3

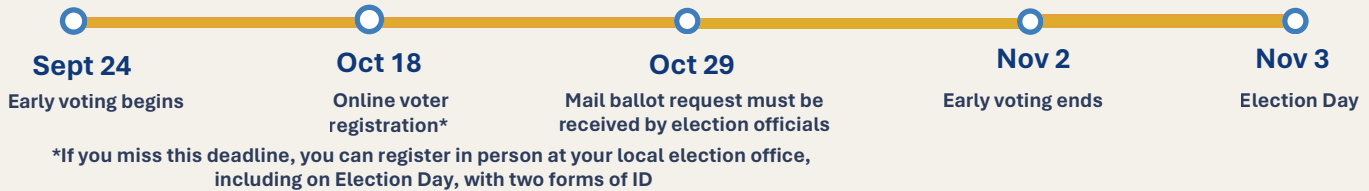
POLLS OPEN

6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

WAYS TO VOTE

By Mail · Early · Election Day

KEY DEADLINES — BE AWARE



Who can vote?

U.S. citizen + IL resident + 18+ on Election Day

+ Registered + Live in precinct 30+ days before election



Can I vote by mail?

Yes, any Illinois voter may vote by mail, and you should request a mail ballot as soon as possible. Your request must be received by Oct. 29. Your completed ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by the election office by Nov. 17. Some election offices allow you to return the mail ballot at a drop box location.



Do I need ID to vote?

Most voters do not have to show identification to vote on Election Day. But if you registered by mail and didn't provide proof of identity, you must show ID the first time you vote in person. You must also show ID for same-day registration and name/address change on Election Day.



What can I show if asked for ID?

US passport or military ID; driver's license or state ID; student or work ID; vehicle registration; lease or mortgage; credit or debit card; Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid card; insurance card; civic, union, or professional membership card; LINK, Public Aid, or IDHS card; or FOID card. Some mail addressed to you also works.

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Help in Spanish? ¿Ayuda en español?

You have the right to bilingual election materials and Spanish language assistance if you live in Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, or Will counties.

Si resides en los condados de Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake o Will, tienes derecho a recibir material electoral bilingüe y asistencia en español.

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Can someone help me vote?

Yes. If you are disabled or need help with English, you may bring anyone you choose to assist you — except your employer or a union representative. The helper does not need to be a registered voter. If you bring a helper, tell the polling place workers when you arrive. You and the helper must sign a form.



Not on voter list? Problem with ID?

If there is any problem accepting you as a voter, ask for a provisional ballot. If you voted provisionally because you lacked photo ID, you must bring acceptable ID to the registrar's office within seven calendar days of the election.



What if I have a felony conviction?

You can vote after a conviction *if* you have completed your sentence of confinement in any penal institution.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



Check Registration Status



Voter ID



Find Polling Place



Vote by Mail



Early Voting



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