



## WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Here in the U.S., it's your right to cast a ballot. Whether you are interested in school improvements, better roads, or lower taxes; whether your priority is immigration reform or loosening restrictions on small businesses; whether you're concerned about government accountability, environmental protection, or U.S. foreign policy- the ballot box is where you get to choose your city priorities, your state laws, and our federal policies.

## HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in Illinois, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms, please visit the State Board of Elections website <http://www.elections.il.gov/> or call (312) 814-6440.

## DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Illinois State law does not require you to provide proof of identification to cast a ballot unless you are voting for the first time and did not provide a photo ID at the time of registration or are registering on election day as part of the registration grace period. If you are on an inactive voter list, you may be required to present two forms of ID. In any case it is advisable to bring a valid photo ID. These voters must bring two forms of identification and at least one must include your current address:

Acceptable forms of identification are:

- Driver's license or state issued ID card
- Passport
- Employee ID card
- Credit or debit card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Health club ID
- Insurance plan ID
- Social Security card
- Utility bill in your name
- Public assistance ID card
- Lease or rental contract

## EARLY VOTING

Illinois allows voters to vote early without providing any reason. Early voting begins the 40th day before the election and ends the day before Election Day. A list of early voting hours and locations will be made available on the Illinois State Board of Elections website at least 10 days before early voting begins.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day, you can apply to cast your ballot by mail. You must apply to vote absentee by contacting your local County Clerk's or Board of Elections office. Visit the State Board of Elections website for more information: <http://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/VotingByMail.aspx>.

## RESOURCES

For more information on voting in your state please visit [www.aaiusa.org/illinois](http://www.aaiusa.org/illinois).