

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Election Day: November 4, 2014
Polls are open 6:00am - 7:00pm

**WHY SHOULD I VOTE?**

Over the last 5 years, you've watched people all over the world put their lives at stake to elect their governments, to hold accountable those in office, and to make sure that the interests of the people guide the actions of the state. 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 are 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.

DEADLINES

Voter registration deadline: October 7, 2014
Absentee application deadline: October 30, 2014
Absentee ballot postmark deadline: November 3, 2014

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 Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov or call (312) 814-6440.

WHO IS RUNNING?

For information on candidates please view the Yalla Vote 2014 Illinois Voter Guide, available online at www.aaiusa.org/pages/yalla-vote-2014-voter-guides.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Identification is not required to vote at the polls unless a voter did not provide the required identification with the mail-in registration application. In that case, a voter must provide one of the following at the polling place: a current and valid photo identification, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document. When voting during the early voting period, voters must provide either an Illinois driver's license or another government-issued identification document containing the applicant's photograph.

EARLY VOTING

Illinois allows voters to vote early without providing any reason. Early voting can occur starting on the 22nd day before the election up to and including the 5th day before the election: October 20th through November 1, 2014. For information on early voting locations and hours, please contact your local County Clerk's Office, which you can find online at www.elections.il.gov/ElectionAuthorities/ElecAuthorityList.aspx?Selected=Election+Authorities.

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 Office, or by accessing the application online at www.elections.il.gov/votinginformation/absenteevoting.aspx. Applications to vote by mail must be received no later than October 30th, and completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by midnight on November 3, 2014.