

VOTING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD

(PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ILLINOIS)

IN ILLINOIS, YOU DO NOT LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD OR YOU WERE INCARCERATED! BUT, THERE ARE SOME FACTORS THAT MAY TEMPORARILY KEEP YOU FROM VOTING.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTE IN ILLINOIS YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CHECK ALL 3 BOXES BELOW:

- You are a US citizen
IMPORTANT: do not vote or register to vote if you are not a US citizen
- You are 18 on general election day
IMPORTANT: 17 year olds can vote in a primary election if you will be 18 on general election day
- You've been an Illinois resident for at least 30 days

YOU **CANNOT REGISTER TO VOTE OR VOTE** IF YOU CAN CHECK ANY OF THE 3 BOXES BELOW:

- You are convicted of a crime and currently serving a sentence in any jail, detention center, state or federal prison
- You are on work release or furlough
- You are a resident of an Adult Transition Center

YOU **MAY BE ABLE** TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR VOTE IF:

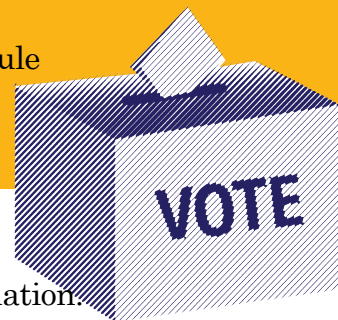
- You have been released on bail, bond, ibond, your own recognizance (ROR) or placed on electronic monitoring
- You are on probation, parole, or mandatory supervised release (MSR)
- You are arrested and in jail, but you haven't been convicted and sentenced

VOTING CHECKLIST:

- Make sure you are eligible to vote: **REVIEW THE BOXES ABOVE!**
- Register to vote – there are 3 ways to register to vote, make sure you pick the best option for you!
 - Your options: In person; by mail or online.
 - You must re-register to vote if you were registered before you were incarcerated.
- Vote – there are 3 options for voting. Pick the voting option that works best for you.
 - Vote by mail: best for people who may be restricted by sex offender laws
 - Early voting: best for first time voters, or if you don't have a flexible schedule
 - Election day voting: best for if you have a flexible work schedule
- Make sure you know where you go to vote.

HAVE QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFORMATION? Find out more from the **Illinois State Board of Elections** at <https://www.elections.il.gov/InfoForVoters.aspx> or call 217-782-4141 or 312-814-6440. *Press 4 for voting and registering information.

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ADDITIONAL

TIPS:

REGISTERING TO VOTE: TIPS AND THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

IMPORTANT: If you were registered to vote before you were incarcerated, you must re-register to vote!

- Make sure you have the right ID :
 - **ONLINE:** requires an Illinois Driver's License or State ID number. If you don't have those kinds of ID, you can still register by mail or in person!
 - **BY MAIL:** Driver's License number, State ID number or Social Security number. If you don't have those numbers available, you can send a copy of a current and valid photo ID **or** a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address, when you mail your application.
 - **IN PERSON:** Two forms of ID with at least one showing your current residence address.

IMPORTANT: An IDOC ID may be considered a "government-issued document"

VOTING: TIPS AND THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- **VOTE BY MAIL:** You can apply for a vote-by-mail ballot as early as 90 days before Election Day until 5 days before Election Day.
- **IN PERSON EARLY VOTING:** You can do in person early voting 40 days before Election Day until the day before Election Day.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY: On election day, you can vote between 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote and can't be turned away.
- **ID:** You don't usually need an ID to vote, but showing an I.D. can be the easiest way to clear up any questions about your eligibility to vote.
- **IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE NOT BEING TREATED FAIRLY AT THE POLLS CALL:** Election Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)

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