

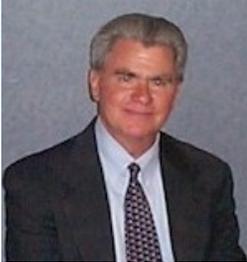


ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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TWO WEEKS TO GO! Absentee voting, military voting, early voting, grace period registration all ongoing and the November General Election itself only two weeks away.

Elections for U.S. Senate, including a Special Election for the unexpired term, constitutional officers, Congress, the state legislature, judges and local offices all on the November 2 ballot.

On behalf of the Board and SBE staff, thanks to Illinois Election Officials for their dedication, hard work and preparation for the mid-term elections.

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

In October 2009, the President signed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. This new federal mandate requires all states to establish laws and procedures which will allow military and overseas voters to make requests for registration and absentee ballots electronically. This allows much quicker ballot access to men and women overseas, who while serving our country abroad, have limited time to request, review and cast a ballot.

Last month, the Illinois State Board of Elections (IBOE) became one of the first states in the nation to comply with federal law by releasing its MOVE compliant system on the Board's public website. This system allows military and overseas voters anywhere in the world to electronically make application for voter registration and an absentee ballot.

Illinois' MOVE system provides the most functionality of any state provided system in the country. The IBOE system simplifies the process of completing an application with a step-by-step "wizard" that clearly indicates required fields and notifies the applicant when they have missed necessary information.

Once the application is completed and sent to the appropriate election authority, the voter can return to the site to check the status of their application and receive their ballot electronically. After returning their ballot to the appropriate election authority, the voter can check the status of their ballot, find out if it was counted, or if not, the reason why.

Military and overseas voters can access MOVE capability by visiting the IBOE website at www.elections.il.gov and clicking on the MOVE feature under NEWS in the middle of the page.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State.

Elections are administered locally by the State's 110 election authorities.



IMPORTANT DATES

2010 GENERAL ELECTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES

General Election - November 2, 2010

Last day to register to vote Tuesday, October 5

Grace Period Registration and Voting

First Day Wednesday, October 6
Last Day Tuesday, October 26

Early Voting

First Day Monday, October 11
Last Day Thursday, October 28

2011 CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION DEADLINES

Consolidated Primary Election- February 22, 2011

Last day to register to vote Tuesday, January 25

Grace Period Registration and Voting

First Day Wednesday, January 26
Last Day Tuesday, February 15

Early Voting

First Day Monday, January 31

2011 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION DEADLINES

Consolidated Election - April 5, 2011

Last day to register to vote Tuesday, March 8

Grace Period Registration and Voting

First Day Wednesday, March 9
Last Day Tuesday, March 29

Early Voting

First Day Monday, March 14
Last Day Thursday, March 31

2010 – 2011 BOARD MEETINGS

- **Monday, September 20** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, October 19** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, November 23** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield - Meeting date was changed to certify the results of the U.S. Senate unexpired term
- **Friday, December 3** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago - Statutory deadline for proclamation of results of the November general election.
- **Tuesday, January 18** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Wednesday, February 23** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, March 21** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, April 19** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, May 16** Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, June 14** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago

Board meetings between the Springfield and Chicago offices will be connected via video conference if the necessary equipment is available. Dates, times and locations of Board meeting dates are subject to change.

For additional dates pertaining to the 2011 Consolidated Primary or Consolidated Election please refer to the 2011 Election and Campaign Finance

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Illinois Disclosure Information System 2.0

A new program for the electronic filing of campaign disclosure reports, IDIS 2.0, has been released by the Board. A number of users have already filed semi-annual and pre-election reports, as well as Schedule A-1s, using the new system. Old committee data may be migrated into the new program, which provides a smooth transition between the two systems. It is imperative that all users of IDIS 1.2 begin using the new program as soon as possible in preparation for changes in the law that will become effective January 1st. Assistance in the download and installation, as well as in the use of IDIS 2.0, is available by contacting the Board. IDIS 2.0 may be downloaded from our website or, upon request, provided to the user on a cd. Workshops in the use of IDIS 2.0 are being offered in both the Springfield and Chicago offices; registration is required.

ABSENTEE VOTING APPLICATION

At the request of many election authorities throughout the state, the State Board of Elections revised its absentee ballot application and posted it on the Board's website. In an effort to ensure that the applications are sent to the proper jurisdiction, and not the SBE, a custom absentee application for each jurisdiction was prepared with the proper mailing address. The SBE website provides a link to those jurisdictions that have their own application posted on their website. Please contact Brent Davis for further information bdavis@elections.il.gov.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislature will meet in Veto Session November 16, 17, 18, 30 and December 1 and 2, 2010.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FY 11 BUDGET

In September 2010, the Board approved a budget plan which funded the county clerk's stipend at 50%. At this time, election day judges of election and early voting assistance can only be funded for the November general election. A supplemental will be requested during Veto Session for additional funding for election judges but cannot be guaranteed. At this time early voting assistance payments can not be funded for scheduled elections other than the November primary. Further information will be made available as the fiscal year continues.



HAVA FUNDING UPDATE

Current grants available to all jurisdictions

VAID III -- available until **November 2010** - all paperwork must be submitted by December 17, 2010 - Can be used for polling place accessibility only, including accessible voting equipment.

OS Voting Equipment—available until **November 5, 2010**

Phase III — available until **November 2012**. Paperwork and guidelines have been distributed via e-mail to all election jurisdictions.

IVRS STATE GRANT

Paperwork for the 2010-2011 Illinois Voter Registration State Grant will be forthcoming in early April 2011. Funding for this program was cut in the State Board of Elections budget and will be reflected in the total amount a jurisdiction will receive.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Visit the Election Assistance Commission's website at www.eac.gov to find useful election related publications.

The EAC Website also features a variety of information for voters, including registration deadlines for each state, how to register using the National Mail Voter Registration Form, and how to become a poll worker.

ILLINOIS STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION

7,600,962 registered voters

50,100 election judges worked the election

***101 election judges schools conducted by SBE—
3,926 election judges attended***

11,210 precincts - 7,376 polling places

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Early voting ballots counted -- 141,868

Grace period ballots counted -- 3,379

Provisional ballots counted -- 1,250

In-person absentee counted -- 17,277

Mail-in absentee counted -- 41,418

Military/Overseas counted -- 1,609

(Figures from the 2010 Post Election Day Survey)

MISCELLANEOUS

The Division of Election Training and Resource Development has scheduled 154 election judges schools for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Scheduling for the April Consolidated Election will begin in January 2011. Contact Eric Donnewald at edonnewald@elections.il.gov for further information.

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Current election related publications available on the SBE website: 2010 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar; 2010 Candidates Guide; 2011 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar; 2011 Local Election Officials Handbook; Deputy Registrar Guidelines; and Military and Overseas Voters Guidelines. Other publications available are five Directory of Officials: County Officers, State and Federal Officers; Democratic Precinct Committeemen, Green Party Precinct Committeemen and republican Precinct Committeemen.

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The Election Center offers a program for election officials to become a Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA). State Board of Elections employee, Cris Cray earned that designation this August in Orlando, Florida. This is a comprehensive 12 course educational program designed to assist professionals at all levels. If interested in pursuing this program please visit the Election Center's website www.electioncenter.org.

MEET THE STAFF—DIVISION OF VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES

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