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### **7,346,413 MILLION VOTERS REGISTERED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

**Springfield, Illinois – October 18, 2012** - As of the close of business on October 9, 2012, the traditional last day of registration, there were 7,346,413 registered voters for the upcoming November 6, 2012 General Election according to the Illinois Voter Registration database. This is a decrease of approximately 443,000 from the 2008 General Election.

Figures often spike for a General Election when the President is elected. The number of registered voters for the November, 2008 General Election was 7,789,500, of which 5,577,509 or 71.60%, turned out to vote. In contrast, at the most recent General Election in November, 2010, 3,792,770 of the 7,506,073 registered voters, or 50.53%, turned out to vote.

Although the traditional deadline for registering to vote has passed, a Grace Period that allows Illinois residents to register or change their voting address began on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Grace Period Registration runs through Saturday, November 3, 2012 is conducted at the office of each of the State's 110 election authorities.

The law requires that a person participating in the Grace Period Registration who wants to cast a ballot in the upcoming election to vote at the same office (at the discretion of the election authority, voting by mail may also be an option). Those who take advantage of Grace Period Registration are not allowed to vote at an Early Voting Center or at a polling place on Election Day. When registering to vote in person, two forms of identification are required and one must show the current address of the applicant.

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.

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