

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

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WHAT IS GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION?

Grace period registration is an extension of the regular registration deadline. Grace period registration authorizes each election authority to establish procedures for the registration of voters and for change of address during the period from the close of registration for an election through Election Day. Although the traditional voter registration period closes 28 days prior to the election, grace period registration extends that deadline from the 27th day prior to an election through Election Day. Grace period registration is only available “in-person” at designated sites.

WHAT IS GRACE PERIOD VOTING?

If a voter who registers to vote or changes his or her address during this grace period wishes to vote at the election or primary occurring during this grace period, he or she must do so in-person at the same time that he/she registers. The election authority may allow grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has no ballots prepared and available when the registration occurs.

WHERE IS GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING AVAILABLE?

During the grace period, people can register and vote:

- at the office of the election authority,
- at a permanent polling place established by the election authority,
- at any other early voting site beginning 15 days prior to the elections,
- at some polling places on Election Day,
- or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority.

Check with your local election authority to determine the locations and hours available in your area.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO REGISTER AND VOTE?

The requirements for grace period registration and voting are: U.S. citizenship; at least 18 years of age by Election Day; 17 years of age to vote in a General Primary if individual will be 18 as of the following General Election and resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day. Two forms of identification are also required.

MAY I VERIFY THAT MY VOTER REGISTRATION IS CORRECT?

Yes. Illinois residents can check with their local election authority, or go online at www.elections.il.gov to the link called “Registration and Polling Place Information” to verify that his or her registration is correct.

CAN A GRACE PERIOD BALLOT BE REVOKED?

No. A person who casts a grace period ballot shall not be permitted to revoke that ballot and vote another ballot with respect to that primary or election.