



CAIR ILLINOIS VOTING GUIDE

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The Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) supplies excellent information, answers voting questions and provides ballot and candidate information.

ISBE Phone: (217) 782-4141 (Springfield Office) and (312) 814-6440 (Chicago Office)

ISBE Email: webmaster@elections.il.gov

ISBE Website: <http://www.elections.state.il.us>

When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Find your local polling station at <http://www.elections.state.il.us/VotingInformation/RegistrationLookup.aspx>.
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

- If you do not have a photo ID with a current address, bring two IDs that contain your name and address, such as a utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck, etc.
- You cannot be turned away from voting because you did not bring proper identification. If you do not have proper ID, you can vote using a provisional ballot.

Contact Your State Democratic Party

- Phone: (217) 546-7404
- Website: <http://www.ildems.com>

Contact Your State Republican Party

- Phone: (312) 201-9000
- Website: <http://www.weareillinois.org>

Contact Your Local CAIR Chapter

- **CAIR Illinois**
Phone: (312) 212-1520
Email: info@chicago.cair.com
Website: <http://chicago.cair.com>

How to Register to Vote:

- To register, print the voter registration form from <http://www.elections.state.il.us/InfoForVoters.aspx>, and mail it to your local election authority.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.
- Registration must be received by October 9, 2012.

Absentee Voting:

- All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee.
- Request an absentee voting application from <http://www.elections.state.il.us/votinginformation/absenteevoting.aspx>, and mail it to your local election authority.
- Absentee ballots can be requested from September 27, 2012.
- All absentee ballot requests by mail must be received by November 1, 2012.
- In person absentee requests must be made by November 5, 2012.
- Voters are strongly encouraged to go to the polls to vote if possible.

Early Voting:

- All registered voters are eligible for early voting in-person.
- For poll locations and hours contact your election authority.
- Early voting begins on October 15, 2012 until November 3, 2012.

What to Bring on Election Day:

- Bring a photo ID with your current address, such as an Illinois driver's license, your state ID, or a US Passport.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.

Your Rights as an Illinois Voter are as Follows:

- To vote if you have registered by October 9, 2012.
- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.

Due to CAIR's 501(c)3 status, CAIR does not endorse any specific candidate or campaign and cannot give advice about how you should vote.

Major newspapers may produce a guide to candidate positions.



- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.
- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the Illinois State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141 (Springfield Office) or (312) 814-6440 (Chicago Office).
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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