

State of Illinois

MILITARY & OVERSEAS VOTER GUIDELINES

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PREFACE

This *Military and Overseas Voter Guidelines* booklet has been designed to provide information to Illinois citizens who live overseas or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and will not be in their home county on Election Day. Please be advised that for military personnel, Illinois law allows for you to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time.

Additional information can be obtained from either our Springfield office (217) 782-4141 or our Chicago office (312) 814-6440, or from your local election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners). Please visit our website (www.elections.il.gov) for a complete listing of all [election authorities](#), along with their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails. A listing of local election authorities in Illinois is also included in this guide.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq. as amended) or as otherwise indicated. This guide may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates.

Legal information contained in this guide is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient evidence for a legal argument.

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MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING EMPOWERMENT ACT (MOVE)

With the passage of the MOVE Act, the UOCAVA voter (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) has the option to choose the method of delivery for their vote by mail ballot. This means the voter can opt to have their ballot mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to them. They can also receive their ballot through their Illinois MOVE site account.

The UOCAVA voter must sign their registration/ballot application and either mail, fax, or scan the signed application and e-mail it back to the election authority before the request that appears in IVRS (Illinois Voter Registration System) can be processed. No matter what method of delivery the UOCAVA voter chooses, all procedures for verifying the application will still be in place.

The MOVE Act requires state election officials to provide online access to registration and ballot request forms, electronic options for blank ballot delivery, downloadable write-in ballots in case of late ballot arrival, and voter status tracking services. MOVE updates and amends the UOCAVA Act (The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act).

FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

The [Federal Postcard Application \(FPCA\)](#) is a form provided by the Department of Defense to permit members of the U.S. Armed Forces, their dependents, and U.S. citizens abroad to a vote by mail ballot and if necessary, to register to vote. This Postcard Application may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or mail to your respective local election authority.

Instructions for the Completion of the FPCA

The authority to collect your personal information on this form comes from 52 USC 20301 et seq., “Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act” (UOCAVA). [Click here](#) for the FPCA form.

- Block 1: Select the category that describes you. Insert name (last, first, and middle), then enter date of birth, your valid Illinois Driver’s License or State ID number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number, one of which is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for your voter registration purposes.
- Block 2: Insert street address of your Illinois voting residence. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- Block 3: Insert address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.
- Block 4: Recommended, but not required, to provide your contact information to allow your county election officials to follow up if more information is required.
- Block 5: Illinois allows you to receive the vote by mail ballot by mail, e-mail, and fax or via Illinois’ Online Ballot Upload system. Select one of the boxes. To vote in primary elections, you must enter a political party affiliation. Political party

affiliation is not required if only requesting vote by mail ballots for general elections.

- Block 6: This section is not required for Illinois voters. If you would like to further explain your voter information, registration, or your address, you can use this space to do so, or include anything that may assist the county election official in accepting the application.
- Block 7: Sign (with wet ink) and date after reading the statement. No witness or notary is required.

Once your FPCA is complete, sign it and submit it by e-mail, fax, or mail. Contact information for local election authorities is included in this guide, starting on page 10.

Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

This form is for absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States. It is used to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and update your contact information. See your State's instructions at FVAP.gov.

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

1. Who are you? Pick one.

I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND:

- I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine -OR- I am an eligible spouse or dependent.
- I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my return is uncertain.
- I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

Last name		Suffix (Jr., II)		Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
First name		Previous names (if applicable)			
Middle name		Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY)	/	/	
Social Security Number	-	Driver's license or State ID #			

2. What is your address in the U.S. State or territory where you are registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot?

Your voting materials will not be sent to this address. See instructions on other side of form.

Street address		Apt #	
City, town, village		State	
County		ZIP	

3. Where are you now? You must give your CURRENT address to receive your voting materials.

Your mailing address. (Different from above)

Your mail forwarding address. (If applicable)

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4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.

Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Email:		Phone:	
Alternate email:		Fax:	

5. What is your voting preference? Select One.

How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office?

- Mail
- Email or online
- Fax

What is your political party for primary elections?

6. What additional information must you provide?

The following need more information: Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Vermont, and Virginia. (Ex. Proof of residency, employer, etc.) You may also use this space to clarify your voter information. See the *Voting Assistance Guide* at FVAP.gov.

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7. You must read and sign this statement.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

Sign here **X**

Today's date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

MILITARY VOTERS

Qualifications to Vote

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old*
- Not be registered to vote anywhere else.

**A person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary election or consolidated primary election, and who is otherwise qualified to vote, is qualified to vote at that caucus, general primary or consolidated primary, including voting a vote by mail, grace period or early voting ballot with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following general election or consolidated election for which candidates are nominated at that primary.*

(10 ILCS 5/3-6)

Illinois law allows for military personnel to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. A request for a vote by mail ballot shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every election in that one calendar year. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

Defining a Military Voter

A military voter is one who is a member of the United States Uniformed Service currently on active duty (10 ILCS 5/20-1). It also includes the following:

- A family member or dependent of voting age accompanying them
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration; or
- U.S. Government employees serving outside the U.S.

Registering to Vote and Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

If you meet all of the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting a vote by mail ballot is simple. Follow these steps:

- Send an [FPCA](#) (or similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every year and whenever you change your mailing address. Please visit our website at www.elections.il.gov for a complete listing of all [election authorities](#), along with their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails. A listing is also included, beginning on page 10 in this guide. (10 ILCS 5/20-1b)
- To apply for a vote by mail ballot, the local election authority must receive your FPCA or similar application form not later than 10 days before Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- Illinois law allows for a spouse or dependent (who is registered to vote) of the military member to register that person in lieu of the official postcard. (10 ILCS 5/20-3)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created.

How Do I Cast My Vote?

Voting is now easier for military voters. A military member on active duty (or who was on active duty at any time within 60 days of the election) is allowed to vote in-person at the designated polling place for their permanent residence. Voter registration is not required. (10 ILCS 5/4-23, 5-29.01, 6-67.01)

If voting by mail, the ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

CREATING A “MOVE” ACCOUNT

The MOVE site will enable you to set up a MOVE account to register to vote and request vote by mail ballots for upcoming Federal elections. This site was designed to help ease the burden of members of the Uniformed Services (and their eligible dependents) and overseas voters in requesting a voter registration and a vote by mail ballot application. This site will give you the ability to keep in contact with your local election official and to track the status of your application and ballot. Go to <https://move.elections.il.gov/> to create your account.

FAMILIES OF MILITARY VOTERS

Qualifications to Vote:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old*
- Not be registered to vote anywhere else.

**A person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary election, or consolidated primary election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that caucus, general primary, or consolidated primary, including voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the immediately following general election or consolidated election for which candidates are nominated at that primary.*

(10 ILCS 5/3-6)

Illinois law allows for military personnel to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. A request for a vote by mail ballot shall entitle the applicant to a vote by mail ballot for every election in that one calendar year. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

A family member of a military voter is a spouse or dependent who, by reason of active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified and registered to vote.

Illinois law allows children born to military members who have reached the age of 18 but have never resided in Illinois to be eligible to vote in Illinois.

A family member (mother, father, sister, brother, husband, or wife) of the said elector may apply for vote by mail ballots for such military voter as long as they are a registered voter in the election precinct for which this application is made. (10 ILCS 5/20-3)

Registering to Vote and Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

If you meet all the qualifications to vote, registering to vote and requesting a vote by mail ballot are simple. Follow these steps:

- Send an [FPCA](#) (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local election authority every year and whenever you change your mailing address. Please visit our website, www.elections.il.gov, for a complete listing of [election authorities](#), along with their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails. A listing is also included, beginning on page 10 in this guide.
- You can apply to register to vote and to receive a vote by mail ballot simultaneously by executing the FPCA or similar application.
- To be eligible to receive a vote by mail ballot, the local election authority must receive your FPCA or similar application form not later than 10 days before Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created (see page 5 for instructions).

How Do I Cast My Vote?

Voting is now easier for families of military voters. A family member is allowed to vote in-person at the designated polling place of their permanent residence. If voting by mail, the ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2)

Note: Voters in this section are entitled to a full ballot if their FPCA (or similar form) arrives at least 30 days before the election. If their FPCA (or similar form) arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before a Federal election, the voter will receive a ballot for Federal offices only.

OVERSEAS VOTERS QUALIFICATIONS – TWO CATEGORIES

“CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES”

These are civilian citizens of the United States, and their spouses and dependents of voting age when residing with or accompanying them, who maintain a precinct residence in a county in this State and who intend to return to that residence. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

Registering to Vote and Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

- Send an [FPCA](#) (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local [election authority](#) every calendar year and whenever you change your mailing address. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)
- If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 30 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, State, and Federal offices; however, if your FPCA (or similar form) arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before the election,

registration is waived and the local election official will send you a ballot for **Federal offices only**. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

- If you are a registered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 10 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, State, and Federal offices. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created (see page 5 for instructions).

“NON-RESIDENT CIVILIAN CITIZENS”

These are civilian citizens of the United States (a) who reside outside the territorial limits of the United States, (b) who had maintained a precinct residence in a county in this State immediately prior to their departure from the United States, (c) who do not maintain a residence and are not registered to vote in any other State, and (d) whose intent to return to this State may be uncertain. (10 ILCS 5/20-1)

Registering to Vote and Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

- Send an [FPCA](#) (or a similar application furnished by your local election authority) to your local [election authority](#) every calendar year and whenever you change your mailing address. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)
- If you are an overseas non-resident civilian citizen otherwise qualified to vote in Illinois, you may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over your precinct of former residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the **Federal offices only**. The application must be received not less than 10 days before a Federal Election. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)
- Or a “MOVE” account may be created (see page 5 for instructions).

Note: In a Federal election, voters in this section are entitled to receive a ballot for Federal offices only.

Illinois law requires that uniformed and overseas voters must have had a previous address in Illinois and not be registered to vote in any other state. Illinois law also allows uniformed and overseas voters to register to vote and to apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time. Spouses and dependents of uniformed voters who have never resided in Illinois are also qualified to vote in Illinois elections. Spouses and dependents of “Non-Resident Civilian Citizens” who have never resided in Illinois are not qualified to vote in Illinois Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.1, 20-2.2, 20-2.3 and 20-3)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Casting Your Vote

In order to be counted, the voted ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the election authority within 14 days following the election.
(10 ILCS 5/20-2)

Local election authorities shall, at least 46 days prior to the date of any election at which Federal officers are elected and 45 days prior to any other regular election, have a sufficient number of ballots printed so that such ballots will be available for mailing 45 days prior to the date of the election to persons who have filed application for a ballot under the provisions of Article 20.

If ballots are not available by this date prior to the election, local election authorities must mail to the voter a Special Write-In Vote by Mail Blank Ballot along with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials need be notarized or witnessed.

Electronic Transmission of FPCA's and Ballots

Pursuant to the Federal MOVE Act, FPCA's and ballots yet to be voted may be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed; however, in order for your ballot to be counted, the FVAP requires that a hard copy containing an original signature must be received by the local election authority.

Late Registration

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or Merchant Marine or those discharged within 60 days of an election who return to Illinois too late to register for the upcoming election are still entitled to vote in-person in that election, but only by affidavit. Registration is not required. Voters who register through grace period registration must vote in the office (or designated location) of the local election authority for that election.

Where to Send the FPCA (or similar form)

Mail the completed FPCA (or similar form) to your respective county clerk or board of election commissioners. Addresses and phone numbers for these election authorities start on page 10.

SIX THINGS TO HELP ENSURE YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT IS COUNTED

1. Start by contacting your Unit/Embassy/Organization Voting Assistance Officer for help in the vote by mail registration and voting process. In Illinois, military personnel are able to register to vote and apply for a vote by mail ballot at the same time.
2. Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at www.fvap.gov for information on voting by mail registration and voting process.
3. Ensure that you have applied for your vote by mail ballot using the hard copy or on-line versions of FPCA.
4. Track your application/ballot using the Illinois MOVE computer site (<https://move.elections.il.gov>).
5. Use the Federal Write-In Vote by Mail Ballot if you are overseas and your State vote by mail ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the State's deadline.
6. Sign and mail your completed ballot.

ILLINOIS ELECTION AUTHORITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Adams County Clerk

507 Vermont
Quincy, IL 62306
Ph: 217/277-2150
Fax: 217/277-2155
countyclerk@co.adams.il.us

Alexander County Clerk

2000 Washington Avenue
Cairo, IL 62914
Ph: 618/734-7000
Fax: 618/734-7002
acc@lazernetwireless.net

Bond County Clerk

203 West College
Greenville, IL 62246
Ph: 618/664-0449
Fax: 618/664-9414
bococlerk@bondcountyil.com

Boone County Clerk

1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103
Belvidere, IL 61008
Ph: 815/544-3103
Fax: 815/547-8701
jstapler@boonecountyil.org

Brown County Clerk

200 Court Street, Room 4
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353
Ph: 217/773-3421
Fax: 217/773-2233
countyclerk@browncoil.org

Bureau County Clerk

700 South Main Street, Room 104
Princeton, IL 61356
Ph: 815/875-2014
Fax: 815/879-4803
countyclerk@bureaucounty-il.gov

Calhoun County Clerk

PO Box 187
301 South County Road
Hardin, IL 62047
Ph: 618/576-9700
Fax: 618/576-9723
rita.hagen@calhouncountyil.net

Carroll County Clerk

301 North Main
PO Box 152
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
Ph: 815/244-0221
Fax: 815/244-3709
cclerk1@carroll-county.net

Cass County Clerk

100 East Springfield Street
Virginia, IL 62691
Ph: 217/452-7217
Fax: 217/452-7219
countyclerk@co.cass.il.us

Champaign County Clerk

1776 East Washington Street
Urbana, IL 61802
Ph: 217/384-3724
Fax: 217/384-1241
mail@champaigncountyclerk.com

Christian County Clerk

101 South Main Street
PO Box 647
Taylorville, IL 62568
Ph: 217/824-4969
Fax: 217/824-5105
michael.gianasi@christiancountyil.com

Clark County Clerk

501 Archer Avenue
Marshall, IL 62441
Ph: 217/826-8311
Fax: 217/826-2519
clerk@clarkcountyil.org

Clay County Clerk

PO Box 160
111 East Chestnut Street, Room 106
Louisville, IL 62858
Ph: 618/665-3626
Fax: 618/665-3607
claycock@wabash.net

Clinton County Clerk

850 Fairfax Street, Room 230
PO Box 308
Carlyle, IL 62231
Ph: 618/594-6620
Fax: 618/594-0195
Elections@clintonco.illinois.gov

Coles County Clerk

651 Jackson Avenue, Room 122
Charleston, IL 61920
Ph: 217/348-0503
Fax: 217/348-7337
jcoe@co.coles.il.us

Cook County Clerk

69 West Washington Street, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60602
Ph: 312/603-0906
Fax: 312/603-9786
voter.reg@cookcountyil.gov

Crawford County Clerk
100 Douglas Street
PO Box 616
Robinson, IL 62454
Ph: 618/546-1212
Fax: 618/546-0140
elections@crawfordcountyclerk.net

Cumberland County Clerk
PO Box 146
140 Courthouse Square
Toledo, IL 62468
Ph: 217/849-2631
Fax: 217-849-2968
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DeKalb County Clerk
110 East Sycamore Street
Sycamore, IL 60178
Ph: 815/895-7147
Fax: 815/895-7148
elections@dekalbcounty.org

DeWitt County Clerk
201 West Washington Street
Clinton, IL 61727
Ph: 217/935-7780
Fax: 217/935-7789
dsmith@dewittcountyil.com

Douglas County Clerk
401 South Center, Suite 203
PO Box 467
Tuscola, IL 61953
Ph: 217/253-2442
Fax: 217/253-2233
elections@douglascountyil.com

DuPage County Clerk
421 North County Farm Road
PO Box 1028
Wheaton, IL 60187
Ph: 630/407-5500
Fax: 630/407-5501
david.lindstrom@dupageco.org

Edgar County Clerk
115 West Court Street, Room "J"
Paris, IL 61944
Ph: 217/466-7433
Fax: 217/466-7430
agriffin@edgarcountyillinois.com

Edwards County Clerk
50 East Main Street, Suite 12
Albion, IL 62806
Ph: 618/445-2115
Fax: 618/445-4941
countyclerk@edco-il.us

Effingham County Clerk
101 North 4th, Suite 201
PO Box 628
Effingham, IL 62401
Ph: 217/342-6535
Fax: 217/342-3577
countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us

Fayette County Clerk
221 South 7th Street, Room 106
PO Box 401
Vandalia, IL 62471
Ph: 618/283-5000
Fax: 618/283-5004
jbarker@fayettedcountyillinois.org

Ford County Clerk
200 West State Street, Room 101
Paxton, IL 60957
Ph: 217/379-9400
Fax: 217/379-9409
amy@fordcounty.illinois.gov

Franklin County Clerk
100 Public Square
PO Box 607
Benton, IL 62812
Ph: 618/438-3221
Fax: 618/435-3405
gwoolard@franklincountyil.org

Fulton County Clerk
100 North Main, Room 105
PO Box 226
Lewistown, IL 61542
Ph: 309/547-3041
Fax: 309/547-3326
inelson@fultonco.org

Gallatin County Clerk
484 North Lincoln Boulevard West
PO Box 550
Shawneetown, IL 62984
Ph: 618/269-3025
Fax: 618/269-3343
galcoelections@gmail.com

Greene County Clerk
519 North Main Street
Carrollton, IL 62016
Ph: 217/942-5443
Fax: 217/942-9323
dbanghart@greenecountyil.org

Grundy County Clerk
111 East Washington Street, Room 12
PO Box 675
Morris, IL 60450
Ph: 815/941-3222
Fax: 815/942-2222
elections@grundyco.org

Hamilton County Clerk
100 South Jackson Street
McLeansboro, IL 62859
Ph: 618/643-2721
Fax: 618/643-2756
coclerk@hamiltonco.us

Hancock County Clerk
PO Box 39
500 Main Street
Carthage, IL 62321
Ph: 217/357-3911
hancockcovoters@hotmail.com

Hardin County Clerk
102 East Market Street
PO Box 187
Elizabethtown, IL 62931
Ph: 618/287-2251
Fax: 618/287-2661
jcowsert@shawneelink.net

Henderson County Clerk
307 Warren Street
PO Box 308
Oquawka, IL 61469
Ph: 309/867-2911
Fax: 309/867-2033
coclerk@mchsi.com

Henry County Clerk
307 West Center Street
Cambridge, IL 61238
Ph: 309/937-3480
Fax: 309/937-2796
blink@henrycty.com

Iroquois County Clerk
1001 East Grant Street, Room 104
Watseka, IL 60970
Ph: 815/432-6960
Fax: 815/432-6999
registerandvote@co.iroquois.il.us

Jackson County Clerk
1001 Walnut Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Ph: 618/687-7360
Fax: 618/687-7359
Frank.Byrd@jacksoncounty-il.gov

Jasper County Clerk
204 West Washington Street, Suite 2
Newton, IL 62448
Ph: 618/783-3124
Fax: 618/783-4137
atarr@jaspercountyil.org

Jefferson County Clerk
100 South 10th Street, Room 105
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Ph: 618/244-8020
Fax: 618/244-8023
jeffcoclark@jeffil.us

Jersey County Clerk
200 North LaFayette Street
PO Box 216
Jerseyville, IL 62052
Ph: 618/498-5571
Fax: 618/498-7721
countyclerk@jerseycounty-il.us

JoDaviess County Clerk
330 North Bench Street, Room 108
Galena, IL 61036
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Fax: 815/777-3688
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Johnson County Clerk
117 North 5th Street
PO Box 96
Vienna, IL 62995
Ph: 618/658-3611
Fax: 618/658-9665
pammorris@johnsonco.illinois.gov

Kane County Clerk
719 South Batavia Avenue, Building B
Geneva, IL 60134
Ph: 630/232-5990
Fax: 630/232-5870
elections@co.kane.il.us

Kankakee County Clerk
189 East Court Street
Kankakee, IL 60901
Ph: 815/937-2990
Fax: 815/939-8831
countyclerk@k3county.net

Kendall County Clerk
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
Ph: 630/553-4104
Fax: 630/553-4119
dgillette@co.kendall.il.us

Knox County Clerk
200 South Cherry, 1st Floor
Galesburg, IL 61401
Ph: 309/345-3815
Fax: 309/345-3801
serickson@co.knox.il.us

Lake County Clerk
18 North County Street, Room 101
Waukegan, IL 60085
Ph: 847/377-2400
Fax: 847/984-5827
voterregistration@lakecountyil.gov

LaSalle County Clerk
707 East Etna Road
PO Box 430
Ottawa, IL 61350
Ph: 815/434-8202
Fax: 815/434-8319
countyclerk@lasallecounty.org

Lawrence County Clerk
1100 State Street
Lawrenceville, IL 62439
Ph: 618/943-2346
Fax: 618/943-3786
lawcoclerk@hotmail.com

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I register to vote and request a vote by mail ballot at the same time?

Yes. For military and overseas voters, Illinois law allows for you to register to vote and request a vote by mail ballot at the same time. If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election authority must receive your FPCA (or similar form) not later than 30 days before the election in order to receive a full ballot.

What is the Federal Postcard Application?

The Federal Postcard Application ([FPCA](#)) form serves as both an application to register to vote and an application for a vote by mail ballot.

Does the FPCA need a notary signature or a witness signature?

No.

I am in the U.S. military. Can I vote? Can my wife/husband vote?

Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces while on active duty and otherwise qualified to vote may vote by mail without first being registered to vote in Illinois. The wife or husband of the military person and all dependents of voting age can also vote by mail without first being registered to vote. In order to vote in-person on Election Day, the spouse or the child must be registered to vote in Illinois. The military member (if on active duty no more than 60 days prior to the election) need not be registered. For more information, contact your local [election authority](#). You can also find contact information located in this guide starting on page 10.

I would like to vote, but don't know how. Where can I find assistance?

Specific information on applying and registering to vote is contained in the *Voting Assistance Guide* distributed by the Department of Defense. This Guide is a very valuable resource for the military and overseas voter. You may obtain a PDF version of the *Voting Assistance Guide*, as well as other voting related information and links on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov.

Where do I send my FPCA?

E-mail, fax, or mail your completed FPCA to your respective local election authority.

Must I submit a separate application for each election?

Submission of the FPCA serves as a request to receive a ballot for every election in one calendar year.

Is Internet voting allowed in Illinois?

No.

Am I able to fax or e-mail my completed ballot to the respective election authority?

No. In order for the ballot to be counted, a hard copy of the ballot, along with an original signature on the ballot envelope, must be mailed back to the election authority.

When mailing an FPCA or a voted ballot to my state or territory, do I have to pay postage?

Generally, all election-related materials are mailed postage-free from any APO or FPO mail facility, all U.S. embassies and consulates, and any post office in the U.S. You must pay postage if the materials are mailed from a non-U.S. postal facility. In addition, State law allows for return delivery of a ballot by a licensed motor carrier engaged in the delivery of property (for example, UPS and Federal Express). You will be responsible for any delivery costs they charge.

When is the best time to apply for a vote by mail ballot?

FVAP recommends submitting the FPCA in January of each year. Be sure to notify your local election official of any change of address.

What is an election for Federal office?

An election for Federal office is any general, primary, special, or runoff election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating, or electing any candidate for the office of President and Vice-President, Presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Nominating Convention, and candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary.

If I do not maintain a legal residence in the U.S., what is my “legal State of residence?”

Your “legal State of residence” for voting purposes is the State or territory where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may not have property or other ties in their last State or territory. When completing the residence section of the FPCA, be sure to enter the entire mailing address of your last residence, including street or rural route number.

This information is necessary to place you in the proper voting district, ward, or precinct. Illinois allows family members of citizens temporarily residing overseas who are U.S. citizens and who have never resided in the U.S. to claim their parent’s Illinois residence as their own. (10 ILCS 5/20-1.3, 20-2.1)

Can I register or vote in-person at the embassy or consulate?

At the present time, there are no provisions for in-person voting or on-site registration to be conducted at U.S. embassies or consulates. U.S. embassy and consular officials will assist U.S. citizens in completing FPCA forms for their State, witness or notarize FPCA forms and ballots (if required), and provide other voting by mail information. U.S. embassy and consulate locations also serve as a mailing point where FPCA forms and other election materials may be mailed back, postage paid, to your local voting jurisdiction in the U.S.

May I register to vote online?

Anyone with a current Illinois driver's license or State ID may register to vote online at the following link on the Illinois State Board of Elections website:

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>.

Who is my State Senator? State Representative? Congressman? U.S. Senator?

Elected officials can be found by selecting the "Find My Elected Officials" button under Voter Services on the SBE website, www.elections.il.gov. Searches can be made by address, district type and number, or the public official's name.

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