



## When do voters need identification to vote?

There are several situations when voters need to show identification before voting. Usually, ID is required to prove the voter's identity and residency at the address of the registration. Here are the most common situations:

- Any time a voter uses Early Voting, the voter must present a **government-issued photo ID** such as a current Illinois driver's license, a current state identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State or a current passport. This is a requirement under Illinois law.
- A new voter who registered by mail who has not previously supplied the Election Board with appropriate ID needs to show sufficient ID the first time they vote.
  - Special Note: If you registered on or near the Oct. 7 deadline and your name does not show up on the precinct poll sheet at your polling place, be sure to ask the judges to check the "supplemental" poll sheet!
- "Inactive" voters (also known as "challenged" voters) need to prove they're still living at the address of their registration. Most often, a voter registration becomes "inactive" or "challenged" because an Election Board mailing to that voter was returned with an indication that the voter had moved.
- A majority of the judges of election at a polling place may challenge the voter based on a mismatch of the signature or other discrepancy in the voter registration, or if the voter does not appear on the voter rolls.

Please note that even if you don't have ID, you may cast a "provisional" ballot.

Please ALSO note that if you are in the wrong precinct on Election Day, your provisional ballot will not count, by law. On Election Day, a provisional ballot must be cast in the precinct where you are registered to vote.

If a provisional ballot is cast in the correct precinct, the voter has two days after the election (by Nov. 6, 2008) to deliver documentation and/or ID to show that their registration was valid – so that the provisional ballot may be counted. That proof must be delivered to or presented at the Chicago Election Board offices at 69 W. Washington St. on the Sixth Floor.

## What forms of identification can a voter use to prove identity and residency?

A voter needs two forms of ID, at least one of which must show the address of the registration. These may include:

- A valid and current Illinois driver's license
- A valid and current state ID issued by the Illinois Secretary of State
- A copy of a current and valid photo ID
- A current utility bill with name and address
- A current bank statement with name and address
- A recent government check with name and address
- A recent paycheck with name and address
- A recent government document that shows the name and address