

## **Poll Watchers Brief Guide to Voter Eligibility, Challenges, Electioneering and Provisional Ballots**

As a poll watcher you may encounter these common problems facing voters:

Voter is not on the voter rolls: Same Day registration is legal in Illinois and a voter MUST be allowed to register to vote at the polling place before casting his or her ballot.

Voter has moved: Depends where the voter has moved in the 30 days prior to election day. Refer to BALLOT ENTITLEMENT SHEET

Voter changed their name If the voter still resides at the same address, then they can vote a full ballot

Voter is registered, not on voter rolls Voter MUST be allowed to vote a provisional ballot See — PROVISIONAL BALLOT SHEET Voter is offered a provisional ballot If there is no polling place that has the voter listed as registered, the voter can request a provisional ballot.

Voter is listed on roll, but is challenged If the challenge is unwarranted for any reason, it should be contested. If the challenge is won, the voter may have the correct ballot. If it is lost, then the voter should have a Provisional Ballot.

### **KNOW ILLINOIS VOTER RIGHTS**

Jurisdictions MUST NOT apply standards or practices which deny or abridge the right to vote in violation of the United States or Illinois Constitution (denial on the basis of race, religion, gender, etc.)

ILLINOIS ELECTION JUDGES MAY NOT ASK VOTERS FOR PHOTO ID Qualified, Illinois registered voters who are on the voter rolls and/or have previously voted in the past two federal elections DO NOT HAVE TO SHOW A PHOTO ID TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

An Election Judge may ask: • For voter's name: (10 ILCS 5/17) (from Ch. 46, par.17-9) An election judge may ask a voter's name to verify voter eligibility; to determine the type of ballot needed—for polls with multiple precincts, for special elections, etc. • For current address: (10 ILCS 5/17) (from Ch. 46, par.17-9) 9

An election judge may ask a voter's current address, or nativity when looking up his or her name on the voter rolls or electronic pollbook

• For two forms of identification for several reasons, such as: Voter's name is listed incorrectly, or is unable to be understood by judge Address on voter application does not match the current address as stated by the voter Precinct has changed locations Voter's signature is not represented correctly Electronic poll book is not working \*\*A judge may ask a voter for any the following identification that displays current name and address: (10 ILCS 5/1A-16) Voter

registration card Utility Bill, Bank Statement or Paycheck Government Check or Government Document—United States or Illinois

EXCEPTIONS WHEN A PHOTO ID IS ALLOWED: • During Early Voting, and/or is a first-time voter (10 ILCS 5/1A-16) • Registration by mail, first time voter (10 ILCS 5/1A-16)

NO ELECTIONEERING • Electioneering is NOT permitted within a polling place or within 100 feet of a polling place. (10 ILCS 5/17-29) (from Ch. 46, par. 17-29)

- Election material — signs, buttons, pamphlets, cards, or other material is prohibited within this zone. Election material can also be clothing that can be easily recognizable as promoting a candidate or cause.

- Electioneering includes any verbal campaigning for candidates or for a political party. • Electioneering may also include a judge pointing to a candidate’s name when demonstrating how to mark a ballot (unless a disabled voter asks for assistance during voting).

- Electioneering may also include the name of a political party not associated with a candidate being displayed on touchscreen voting machines or DREs.

- A “campaign free zone” should be clearly marked with cones, flags, or something that is easily recognizable. The area is 100 feet from the entrance of the doorway to the poll room rather than the entrance of the building. A polling place in a private business, a public or private school, or in a church may apply the campaign free zone to its entire property. The law is to be “construed liberally in favor of people engaged in electioneering on all polling place property outside the campaign free zone....”. Campaigners are likely to win an electioneering issue, such as the temporary placement of a sign, or the handing out of campaign material so long as the campaigner is beyond the permitted zone 100 feet from the poll. Local laws that contradict this are void (have no effect.) 10

VOTER CANNOT BE CHALLENGED FOR REFUSAL TO SHOW SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (10 ILCS 5/4-22) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-22) “An individual shall not be required to provide his social security number when applying for a ballot. He shall not be denied a ballot, nor shall his ballot be challenged, solely because of his refusal to provide his social security number.” B



## 2020 Ballot Entitlement

Circumstance	Required Action	Required Documents	Result
Registered Voter	None	None	Can vote full ballot
Registered voter – registered via mail or online	Must vote in person and show proof of identification when voting for the first time	Proof of address/identity*	Can vote full ballot
Voter moved to a new precinct 30 days prior to Election Day and did not update registration	Same day registration (At County Clerk's office OR at precinct if available)	Proof of address and identity (2 forms) *	Can vote full ballot
Voter changed name prior to Election Day and did not update registration	Same day registration (At County Clerk's office OR at precinct if available)	Proof of address and identity (2 forms) *	Can vote full ballot
Voter requested mail-in ballot but decided to vote in person	Surrender mail-in ballot at the precinct OR submit affidavit	Mail-in ballot for cancelation OR a completed affidavit stating that they never received their mail-in ballot	Can vote full ballot
Voter is not registered	Same day registration (At County Clerk's office OR at precinct if available)	Proof of address and identity* (2 forms)	Can Vote full ballot
Voter is registered but not listed on roll at precinct	CHECK FIRST TO MAKE SURE VOTER IS AT CORRECT PRECINCT		Can vote provisionally

\*Acceptable forms of identification for same-day registration:

(Note: these MUST show name and address)

- A current and valid photo ID
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check or official government document/correspondence
- Paycheck
- Lease or contract for current residence
- Student ID and mail addressed to voter's residence