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SPRINGFIELD, IL, February 26, 2002 - The State Board of Elections has added a new feature to its website that provides voters with the step-by-step basics on how to vote a ballot.

The new "How to vote" section is available for punch card and optical scan ballots and can be accessed on the Board's website www.elections.state.il.us under "Voting Information" or the "How to vote a punch card or optical scan ballot" under the "Points of Interest" section.

This new feature details a step-by-step voting process, from how to obtain a ballot to ballot marking and casting of a secret ballot. The Board developed the new feature to assist voters and familiarize them with the type of voting system utilized in their jurisdiction. Voters who don't know what type of system is used in their area can access that information by going to the "Voting Systems by County" section under "Voting Information."

"We have received a number of calls from voters unfamiliar or confused about the type of voting system they will be using for this year's primary election," Board Chairman Elaine Roupas said.

"In response, we developed a new website feature that walks voters through the process," she said. "We think this feature will be a big help familiarizing voters with the voting process before they go to the polls."

"Please visit our website and remember to vote on March 19," Roupas said.

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