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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 5

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, Sept. 29, 2010 – The traditional deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 2 general election is Oct. 5.

More than 7.3 million Illinois residents are currently registered, according to the Illinois Voter Registration System database at the State Board of Elections.

Voters in this election will elect candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, U.S. Senate, representatives in Congress, state senators and representatives in the General Assembly, certain county offices and judges.

In the race for the U.S. Senate, there is a special election to fill an unexpired term as well as the election to a full six-year term. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois declared a special election for the unexpired term for U.S. Senator to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Barack Obama on Nov. 16, 2008. The official ballot will include candidates to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term which will immediately follow the candidates on the ballot for the six-year term. The candidate elected to fill the unexpired term will serve in the current Congress from the time that the election results are final (Dec. 3) until the new Congress convenes on Jan. 3, 2011.

The registration requirements to be eligible to vote are: be a citizen of the United States; be at least 18 years old by Election Day; and have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

When registering to vote, two forms of identification are required – one must show the current address of the applicant. A new state law adds identification that is acceptable for registration. A photo identification card issued by a university or college is acceptable only if accompanied by a copy of the voter's lease or mail postmarked to the voter's address.

Illinois residents may check their registration online by going to www.elections.il.gov and clicking "Voters" at the top of the page and then clicking "Am I Registered?" on the next page.

Eligible voters who miss the Oct. 5 deadline may register during Grace Period Registration that runs from Oct. 6 until Oct. 26.

However, the law requires that during the grace period people must register at the office of their election authority and – if they desire to vote in the general election - must vote at the same office or by mail at the discretion of the election authority. Those people are not allowed to vote at an Early Voting Center or at a polling place on Election Day.

Some of the Early Voting Centers may be open on the Columbus Day Holiday and all of the Early Voting Centers across the state will be open the next day, Oct. 12. Check with your local election officials for details.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State.

Elections are administered locally by the State's 110 election authorities.

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