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**Springfield, Illinois, October 4, 2002** - State election officials today urged Illinois citizens to take advantage of voter registration opportunities being made available this weekend.

Board director Ron Michaelson said that many election jurisdictions will hold last minute voter registration drives before the Tuesday's October 8 registration deadline.

"Deputy registrars will be available in many areas at schools, supermarkets, shopping malls and other places where people converge," Michaelson said, "and in the City of Chicago and suburban Cook County residents can download a voter registration application from the Internet," he added.

"In addition, citizens can register with precinct committeemen, by mail, in the offices of their local county clerk or board of election commission and many city, village and township offices," he said.

State officials urged Illinois residents who have moved, changed their name, or not yet taken time, to register before the October 8 deadline.

To qualify to register a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by Election Day and a resident of an Illinois precinct for 30 days.

Two forms of identification must be presented upon registration; one must contain the applicant's current home address.

For more information regarding voter registration, registration locations and hours contact your [local election authority](#).

State election officials estimate that over 1.7 million of the state's 8.7 voting-age-population is unregistered.

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