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**Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 2014 - GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 8, 2014** – Although the traditional deadline for registering to vote extends through Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, a Grace Period that allows Illinois residents to register or change their voting address begins Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Grace Period Registration continues through the close of the polls on Election Day, November 4, 2014. Once registered, this voter may cast a ballot during the “Grace Period” at the election authority’s office or at a location designated for that purpose by the election authority.

This law requires a person participating in the Grace Period Registration who wants to cast a ballot in the upcoming election to vote at the same office. Those who take advantage of Grace Period Registration are not allowed to vote at their polling place on Election Day or a non-permanent early voting location.

The 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 for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

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When registering to vote in person, two forms of identification are required – one must show the current address of the applicant. Acceptable identification includes a lease or contract for a residence. A photo identification card issued by a university or college can be used 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](http://www.elections.il.gov) and clicking "Voters" tab and then clicking "Am I Registered to Vote in Illinois" in the center of the page. The service is made available through the Illinois Voter Registration System database, a requirement of the Federal Help America Vote Act.

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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