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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS RECEIVES 31,000 ONLINE VOTERS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – October 14, 2014 - The State Board of Elections announced that 31,000 online voter applications to register to vote were received by the close of regular registration at 11:59 p.m. on October 7, 2014. Of the 31,000 applications, 11,071 were received on the last 2 days. The online voter registration system was activated June 27, 2014.

Online voter registration reopens 2 days after the November 4, 2014 General Election.

In order to register online, the applicant is required to have an Illinois driver's license or State identification card issued by the Secretary of State. Required information also includes the complete driver's license number or state identification number, the issue date of the driver's license or identification card, birth date and the last 4 digits of the social security number.

Applicants who would like to register or update their existing registration for the November 4, 2014, General Election, may avail themselves of "Grace Period" Registration. "Grace Period" Registration is an extension of the period of time for a voter to register to vote or update existing registration information. "Grace Period" Registration extends from the close of registration through and including November 4, 2014. Once registered, the voter may cast a ballot during this "Grace Period" at the election authority's office or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority, or by mail, if no ballots are available at the office of the election authority.

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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