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EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

Chicago, Illinois –October 17, 2014 – Voting by personal appearance at an Early Voting Center begins Monday, October 20, 2014 for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Election authorities in each county in the state have announced the locations of Early Voting Centers that will be open through November 2, 2014. Eligible voters will be able to vote at certain times and locations on two weekends during the early voting period. In less populous counties, the County Clerk’s office often is the Early Voting location.

There will be numerous Early Voting Centers throughout Chicago, suburban Cook County and populous counties in the metropolitan Chicago area. Nearly 380,000 people (or 10 percent of the ballots in Illinois) were cast at an Early Voting Center in the November, 2010 Gubernatorial Election.

“Voting early by personal appearance, without having to give a reason, has proven to be a popular option for Illinois voters,” said Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Voters appreciate the convenience of going to the polls on their own schedule.”

State law specifies that a permanent polling place for Early Voting must remain open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The law also states that the

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permanent polling places for early voting be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Holidays. Polling place hours on weekdays after October 28, 2014 are 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. During the final weekend before the November 4, 2014 General Election (November 1 and 2), the specific hours – a minimum of 14 hours – shall be determined by the election authority.

On Election Day, the following public universities shall conduct in-person absentee voting: University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and Springfield, Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and Edwardsville, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University in Macomb and Moline. The hours for in-person absentee voting on Election Day at the public universities will be determined by the election authority.

Early voting by personal appearance is one of the three voting options available to eligible voters. Absentee voting – in-person or voting by mail – is also available to all registered voters and runs through November 3, 2014, except at the public universities set forth in the above paragraph which will conduct in-person absentee voting on Election Day.

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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