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FORECLOSURE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY PREVENT VOTING

SPRINGFIELD, IL, Oct. 20, 2010 – The State Board of Elections today reminded Illinois voters that people who have been issued a foreclosure notice or placed on a foreclosure list should not automatically lose their voting rights.

Registered voters who have recently moved and have not notified their election authority (usually a county clerk or city election commission) of their change of address have options for voting on Election Day, Nov. 2. Registered voters who moved:

- Within 27 days of the election in the same precinct can vote a full ballot by signing an affidavit
- More than 30 days before the election within the same election jurisdiction, but outside their precinct, and did not transfer their registration can vote on a ballot for federal offices only – after completing an address correction form, at their old polling place
- Within 30 days before the election outside of their precinct, but still live in the state, and did not transfer their registration, can vote a full ballot in their old polling place after completing an affidavit.

In addition, persons who are challenged at their polling place have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not always counted, however. Voters who cast a provisional ballot may submit documents demonstrating reasons that their vote should be counted.

Eligible voters can:

- register to vote (and cast their ballot immediately or, at the discretion of the election authority, by mail) during the Grace Period until Oct. 26 at the office of their local election authority;
- vote at an Early Voting Center through Oct. 28;
- vote absentee by mail, or absentee by personal appearance at the office of their local election authority until the day before the election;
- vote at their polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters should check with their election authority regarding hours of operation and other details.

More information also is available at www.elections.il.gov .

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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