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PRE-ELECTION VOTING DEADLINES APPROACHING

Springfield, Illinois – October 31, 2012 - The State Board of Elections wishes to inform voters that deadlines are approaching for the following: Grace Period Registration, Early Voting and Absentee Voting.

Grace Period Registration, which allows eligible voters to register or change their address during the registration period, runs through Saturday, November 3, 2012. Those who participate in Grace Period Registration must vote at the office of the election authority, at a voter registration location designated by the election authority or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority. Those who participate in Grace Period Registration are not eligible to vote at an Early Voting Center or at a polling place on Election Day.

The Deadline for voting at an Early Voting Center is Saturday, November 3, 2012. Voters casting a ballot at an Early Voting Center must display photo identification such as a current driver's license, state – issued ID, or another government-issued ID card.

In-person absentee voting runs through Monday, November 5, 2012. Absentee voting is available to any qualified elector of the State of Illinois properly registered. A person may request and vote an absentee ballot without specifying a reason for the absence from the polling place 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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