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CONTACT:

COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES EARLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS

_____,
(Name of Clerk)

(Name of County)

Beginning with the March 21 primary election, County Clerk, announced today that voters can cast a ballot prior to Election Day beginning on Oct. 16 without offering a reason or an excuse for wanting to vote early.

For the November general election, early voting runs until Thursday, Nov. 2.

Early voting will be conducted at _____ (Insert details of location and/or hours, if so desired.)

The new state law requires that a registered voter show valid photo identification before voting early. Voters casting an early ballot must display a current driver's license, a state-issued ID card or another government-issued ID with a photograph.

The law prohibits a person who voted during the early voting period from voting at the polls on Election Day, Nov. 7. The votes cast during the early voting time period will not be counted until after the polls close on Election Day.

Until this year, voters who wanted to vote early had to request an absentee ballot and offer a reason such as being physically incapacitated or out of the county on Election Day. Since absentee voting laws remain in place, those people can still cast an absentee vote by mail by providing a reason as required under law.

Approximately 35 other states allow some form of early voting, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

For more information about early voting or voting locations, contact _____ at _____.