

# Registering to Vote?

## Here's how:

Please follow these steps to become a registered voter in Illinois:

1. Visit the following link to find out where your County Clerk is located, what forms of identification you will need, and how to accurately complete and submit your voter registration form:

[www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)

2. Determine if you want to register by mail or in-person. (Online voter registration begins July 2014.)

3. Download your voter registration form online or contact your County Clerk to find out where forms are located near you.

4. Complete your voter registration form and submit it to your county clerk by mail or in-person.

5. You should receive your voter ID card in the mail within three (3) weeks after sending your form.

6. To check your registration status, visit [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) and click: "Am I Registered to Vote in IL?."

## More Information...

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute  
[www.paulsimoninstitute.org](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.org)

Illinois Board of Elections  
[www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)

The Republican Party of Illinois  
[www.ilgop.org](http://www.ilgop.org)

The Democratic Party of Illinois  
[www.ildems.com](http://www.ildems.com)

The Green Party of Illinois  
[www.ilgp.org](http://www.ilgp.org)

The Libertarian Party of Illinois  
[www.lpillinois.org](http://www.lpillinois.org)

Project Vote Smart  
[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

Rock the Vote  
[www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com)

Vote 411  
[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

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## The Story of 'Suffrage at 17'

The 2013 passage of 'Suffrage at 17' legislation in Illinois began when 40 students from Stevenson High School visited the 2004 Iowa caucuses and saw young people participating. The students and their teacher began researching suffrage at 17 in other states and advocated for a similar law in Illinois.

During the process of introducing the legislation in 2009 and the passage of the bill in 2013, students testified in support of the bill, used social media to advocate for the importance of the law, and networked with civic groups, lobbyists, and elected officials to gain support for the bill.

—2013 McCormick Foundation

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## Why Should I Vote?

In 2008, 18-29 year-olds impacted the election by 7 points!

In 2012, young voters like **YOU** rocked the polls and changed the outcome of the presidential election!

### Age and the Vote 2008-2012

	2008		2012	
	Obama %	McCain %	Obama %	Romney %
All voters	53	45	50	47
<b>18-29</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>
30-44	52	46	52	45
45-64	50	49	47	51
65+	45	53	44	56
<b>NET 30+</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>

PEW RESEARCH CENTER. Based on exit poll data from the National Election Pool, provided by NBC News and National Public Radio (NPR)

NET 30+ depicts how the election would have turned out had young voters not voted.

### Illinois HB 226

The Legislature approved and the governor signed this bill allowing eligible 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the General Election.



If you want to voice your political concerns and advocate for your interests, then...

- ★ REGISTER to vote!
- ★ LEARN about the candidates.
- ★ CHOOSE who will get your vote.
- ★ VOTE and make your voice heard!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**03/18/14**—IL Party Nomination Election

**11/04/14**—IL General Election