

VOTING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD



Illinois Registration Guide

If you were incarcerated, have a criminal record, or are in pre-trial detention, you still have the right to vote!

Your right to vote is **automatically restored** once you leave the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). If you are in pre-trial detention, you have the right to vote!

Am I eligible to vote?

In order to to vote in Illinois you must be:

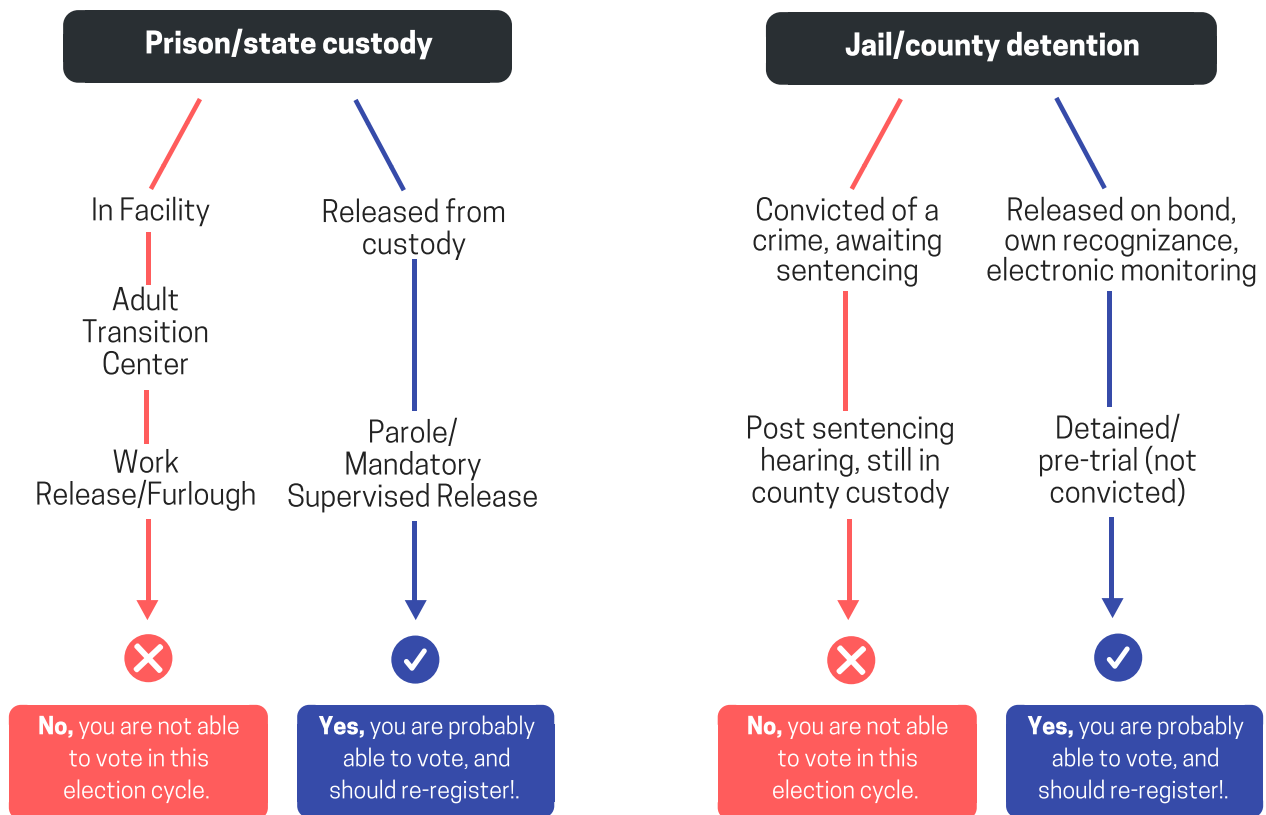
- a U.S. citizen *do not register to vote or attempt to vote if you are undocumented
- 18 years old on general election day *A 17 year old can vote in a primary if they turn 18 by general election
- an Illinois resident for at least 30 days

Who cannot vote?

Individuals who **have been convicted and are in custody.**

I am 18+ years old, a U.S. citizen and an Illinois resident, but I am in correctional custody.

Can I vote?



* **If you are in jail but haven't been convicted:** if you are detained in the county you live in, under state law that county jail must give you an opportunity to apply to register to vote and to vote by mail.

For more information from the Illinois State Board of Elections
Visit www.elections.il.gov or call (217) 782-4141 or (312) 814-6440



How can I register to vote?



Online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

You will need:

- * Illinois driver's license or State ID number
- * Last four digits of your social security number
- * Date the license or ID was issued
- * Your birth date



Mail an application to your County Clerk or the Board of Election Commissioners

You will need:

- * Illinois Voter Registration Application form
- * If you don't have ID numbers, send in a copy of valid photo ID **OR** copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document that shows name and address
- * Illinois driver's license or State ID number



In-person at county clerk's office, the DMV, schools, libraries, etc.

You will need:

- * Illinois Voter Registration Application form
- * Driver's license or State ID **OR**
- * Last 4 digits of SSN and photo ID **OR**
- * 2 documents proving identification, with 1 showing current address
- * A copy of a document proving your residential address

* **NOTE:** An IDOC ID counts as a government-issued ID.

* **For more information,** go to <https://www.dmv.org/il-illinois/voter-registration.php> OR call the State Board of Elections: (217) 782-4141 or (312) 814-6440

When and where can I vote?



By mail

You can apply for a vote-by-mail ballot as early as 90 days before Election Day until 5 days before Election Day. May be best for those limited by sex offender laws.



Early in person

You can vote in person early 40 days before Election Day until the day before Election Day. Best for 1st time voters.



Election Day

You can vote from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote and can't be turned away.

Voting tips

- * **If you are in jail but haven't been convicted:** if you are detained in the county you live in, under state law that county jail must give you an opportunity to apply to register to vote and to vote by mail.
- * You don't usually need an I.D. to vote, but **showing an I.D.** can be the easiest way to clear up any questions about your eligibility to vote.
- * **You do not need a home or stable address to vote.** You must simply be able to receive mail at the mailing address listed.
- * Be aware of **deadlines.** Regular registration closes 27 days before an election, although some sites offer in-person grace period registration.

Important contact information

Illinois State Board of Elections

www.elections.il.gov
(217) 782-4141 or (312) 814-6440
100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601

Election Hotline (in case of unfair treatment)

www.aclu.org/know-your-rights-illinois-voter-information
1-877-523-2792 or 1-866-687-8683

Vote.org (to find local election office)

1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
<https://www.vote.org/state/illinois/>

John Howard Association of Illinois

www.thejha.org

