

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 24	First day absentee ballot applications are accepted.
January 5	<b>Last day to register to vote.</b>
January 6	First day of grace-period registration and voting.
January 11	<b>First day of early voting.</b>
January 26	Last day of grace-period registration and voting.
January 28	<b>Last day of early voting.</b>
Jan. 29 - Feb. 1	In-person absentee voting at the Lake County Clerk's office only.
February 1	Last day absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

**Eligibility:**

- **Any** registered Lake County voter may apply for an absentee ballot—It is no longer necessary to provide a reason.
- **College students** living away from home can sign up for the Temporarily Absent Student Program to receive an application for an absentee ballot—to sign up go to <http://lakecountyil.gov/CountyClerk/VoterServices/Default.htm> and click on “Temporarily Absent Student Program” under “Vote by mail.”

**How to vote absentee:**

To vote absentee by mail voters can:

- Fill out an application online by going to [lakecountyil.gov/COUNTYCLERK/default.htm](http://lakecountyil.gov/COUNTYCLERK/default.htm) and clicking on “Voter Services” on the left, and then on “Request a ballot by mail” under “Voting by mail.”
- Call the Clerk's office at (847) 377-2406
- Write or visit the Lake County Clerk's office at 18 N. County Street, Room 101, Waukegan.

After reviewing the application, the Clerk's office will then mail the voter an absentee ballot. Voters must postmark their absentee ballots before the day of the primary.

## EARLY VOTING

Voters can vote early from Monday, Jan. 11 through Thursday, Jan. 28.

State law requires early voters to display **valid identification**. Valid forms of ID include:

- a current driver's license,
- state-issued ID card, or
- another government-issued ID with a photograph.

Voting sites are by township-see attached sheet.

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote, a person must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old by the day of the primary.
- A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to the primary.

To register by mail, voters can:

- Download a voter application form from the website at [lakecountyl.gov/CountyClerk/VoterServices/VoterRegistration/OnlineApplication.htm](http://lakecountyl.gov/CountyClerk/VoterServices/VoterRegistration/OnlineApplication.htm)
- Call (847) 377-2410 to request that the Clerk's office mail them a form.

**Note:** First-time voters who register by mail no longer have to vote in person the first time they vote. They can either vote in person or vote absentee by mail (but not through early voting).

To register to vote in person, voters can:

- Visit the Lake County Clerk's office in Waukegan or other locations listed here: <http://lakecountyl.gov/CountyClerk/Publications/More%20Publications/Official%20Places%20of%20Voter%20Registration.pdf>  
Offices locations include township offices, libraries, and village halls in Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Gurnee, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, North Chicago, Vernon Hills, and Wheeling.
- Visit an Illinois Secretary of State's drivers license facility. You can register to vote when you obtain or renew your driver's license or state identification card.
- Trained volunteer deputy registrars may register you to vote.

Two forms of identification with at least **one** showing your current residence address is needed when you register in-person.

When to re-register:

- Your registration is permanent unless you move or change your name.
- **Address changes:** If you have moved within Lake County, you must transfer your registration by re-registering. You may choose to write your new address on the back of your voter identification card and mail it to the Lake County Clerk's office.
- **Name changes:** Voters who change their name, but not their address, do **not** have to re-register. If you have changed your name, vote after updating your information at the polls.

To check whether someone is registered, go to the Lake County Clerk's website and click "Am I registered to vote?"

## GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

**Grace-period registration and voting** is only the way to register to vote from Wednesday, Jan. 6 through Tuesday, Jan. 26. It is also the only way to vote if you are not registered or if your voter registration is not up to date. Grace period voters register at the Lake County Clerk's office and then vote immediately after registering or by absentee paper ballot. Grace period registrants are not eligible to vote at the polls on Election Day or take part in Early Voting.