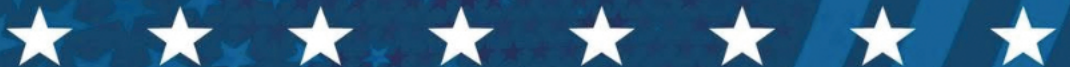


MARCH 17



2026



PRIMARY ELECTION

at a glance

DECEMBER

17

Vote By Mail Applications Open

JANUARY

30

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)
Balloting Begins

FEBRUARY

5

Vote By Mail Ballots Begin to be Mailed
Last day to register for Pollwatcher
Credentials

FEBRUARY

12

Early Voting begins in Downtown Chicago
• NEW SUPERSITE LOCATION! 137 S. State St.
• 69 W. Washington St. – 6th Floor

FEBRUARY

17

Last Day for Paper Voter Registration

FEBRUARY

18

First day of Same Day Registration
and Voting

MARCH

1

Last day to Register to Vote Online at
ova.elections.il.gov

MARCH

2

Early Voting begins in all 50 Wards of
Chicago
Any voter can vote at any Early Voting site!

MARCH

12

Deadline to Apply to Vote By Mail

MARCH

17

Election Day
*Vote at your assigned precinct polling
place or any of 51 vote centers!*

USPS MAIL:

No stamp required. Return your ballot
for free using USPS Mail.



SECURE DROP BOXES

Vote By Mail ballots may be returned
at any of the 52+ Secure Drop Boxes
across the city – for locations, go to:
chicagoelections.gov/voting/drop-boxes



BALLOT RETURN DEADLINE

7:00pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Vote By Mail ballots must be properly postmarked by
March 17 or returned via Secure Drop Box by 7:00pm.
Voters are encouraged to return their VBM ballot back
as soon as they can. In Illinois, election authorities
will continue to count properly postmarked ballots
through March 31.

WAYS TO VOTE

VOTE BY MAIL

Learn more at chicagoelections.gov/voting/vote-mail



EARLY VOTING

Learn more at chicagoelections.gov/voting/early-voting



ELECTION DAY (MARCH 17)

Vote at your assigned precinct polling
place or a vote center between
6:00am-7:00pm. Find your polling
place at chicagoelections.gov/voting/your-voter-information



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