

Illinois

Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.

- ✓ Illinois allows 17 year-olds who will be 18 years old by the time of the general election to register to vote.¹
- ✓ Illinois allows registration on the day of the election²
- ✓ Those 17 year-olds who qualify can register [online](#) or by mailing in the voter registration form (available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)).
 - You can also register in person at certain government offices, including the County Clerk's office and the Board of Election Commissioner's office.
- ✓ As soon as you receive your voter ID card in the mail, you can consider yourself registered. If you do not receive your ID card within 3 weeks of registering, contact your election authority.
- ✓ You can also [check your registration status](#) online.

Illinois law does allow 17 year-olds to vote in primary elections, if they will be 18 at the time of the general election.³

Illinois law does allow certain high school students to serve as poll workers. To serve, the student must be a junior or senior "in good standing," must be a US citizen, must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, must have the written approval of the principal and parent or legal guardian, and must complete a training course.⁴

For more information, see ACS's resources on [pre-registration](#) and [youth poll workers](#) in all 50 states.

ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.

¹ 10 ILCS 5/3-6

² 10 ILCS 5/4-50

³ 10 ILCS 5/3-1

⁴ 10 ILCS 5/13-4(b)