

FACULTY EMAILS: 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION



Option 1 – Register to Vote

Hello, everyone -

Ahead of the important primary election this March, I'm sharing important information about voter registration. The primary election will determine the nominees for political parties, who will then advance to the November 5 general election.

Illinois residents may register online to vote in the primary election until March 3, 2024. Illinois State University uses a system called [TurboVote](#) to help walk you through the quick and easy process to check your voter registration address, register, or get reminders. After March 3, 2024, voters may register to vote at their polling place when they vote, either during early voting or on Election Day. Please note that during the registration process, you will need access to your Social Security number and information from a state issue ID card such as a driver's license.

Additionally, Illinois offers same-day registration while in-person during early voting or on Election Day. During this time frame, you can register and vote at the same time. Proper identification is required. Bring two forms of ID, both must have your name and one must have your current address. If you want to vote in McLean County, one of your forms of ID must have your current Illinois State University address. Check out the [Redbird Voter Guide](#) for a full list of acceptable identification.

Option 2 – Ways to Vote

- **Register:** Register [online via TurboVote](#). Online voter registration for the Illinois general election is available until March 3, 2024. Same-day registration is available during [early voting or on election day](#). During this time frame, you can register and vote at the same time. Proper identification is required.
- **Vote Early:** Avoid lines on election day and vote early. All students registered in McLean County (except Bloomington residents) are eligible to vote at one of the on-campus locations.
 - March 4 - 15
 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Bone Student Center, Founders Suite
 - Watterson Towers, Rosa Parks Room
- **Vote by Mail:** If you cannot make it to a polling place during an early voting time or on Election Day, you can request a ballot request application and a pre-paid envelope through [TurboVote](#). When you receive your application in the mail, you'll need to fill it out and sign it according to the instructions. March 14 is the last day to [request a Vote by Mail ballot](#) electronically.
- **Vote on Election Day:** Illinois primary election day is March 19, 2024. Polling place hours are 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you are entitled to vote. Not sure where to go to vote? Illinois voters can [look up their polling place](#)

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[online](#). All students registered in McLean County (except Bloomington residents) are eligible to vote at the Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center.

Option 3 – Ways to Vote

Hi, everyone –

As the primary election approaches, you have three options in terms of how you can cast your ballot in Illinois: early voting, mail-in voting, or in-person voting on Election Day. Early and mail-in voting offers alternatives to minimize long lines on Election Day and ensure an efficient voting experience for all Redbirds. Illinois offers same-day registration and voting, so you can register to vote and vote at the same time. The primary election will determine the nominees for political parties, who will then advance to the November 5 general election. Visit the [Redbird Voter Guide](#) for all election information.

Early voting is now open at select locations in Illinois. Early voting will be available on campus from March 4 – 15 for all voters, except Bloomington residents. The Redbird Voter Guide has information on early voting locations, dates, and times.

Mail-in voting is also now available in Illinois. You should [request a mail-in ballot](#) from where you are registered to vote. (You can also request a mail-in ballot when you register through [TurboVote](#).) When returning your mail-in ballot, it must be postmarked no later than March 19. However, to ensure that your vote is counted, you are encouraged to mail your ballot earlier. If you are in need of a stamp, please visit the [Center for Civic Engagement](#) (300 W. North St, across from CVS) to get a stamp and mail your ballot.

You can also vote on Election Day, March 19, 2024. It is important to determine where you are voting before heading to the polls. All students and McLean County residents, except Bloomington residents, can vote at the Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center. [Illinois' Board of Elections website](#) can help you determine the location of your polling place if you are voting outside of McLean County.

This is an important election, so I hope you will make your voice heard!