FACULTY EMAILS: 2022 ELECTION



Option 1 – Register to Vote

Hello, everyone -

Ahead of this important November 2022 election, I'm sharing important information about voter registration. Illinois residents may register online until October 23, 2022. Illinois State University uses a system called <u>TurboVote</u> to help walk you through the quick and easy process to check your voter registration address, register, or get reminders. After October 23, 2022, 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 on campus, one of them must have your current Illinois State University address. Check out the <u>Redbird Voter Guide</u> 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 October 23, 2022. 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 oncampus locations.
 - October 17 November 4
 - o 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
 - o Bone Student Center, Founder's 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 <u>TurboVote</u>. When you receive your application in the mail, you'll
 need to fill it out and sign it according to the instructions. November 3: Last day
 to <u>requests a Vote by Mail ballot</u> electronically.
- Vote on Election Day: Illinois general election day is November 8, 2022. 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 online. All students registered in McLean County (except Bloomington residents) are eligible to vote at the Bone Student Center, Brown Ball Room.

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Option 3 – Ways to Vote

Hi, everyone –

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.

Early voting is now open at select locations in Illinois. Early voting will be available on campus from October 17 – November 4 for all voters, except Bloomington residents. Visit the <u>Redbird Voter Guide</u> for early voting locations, dates, and times.

Mail-in voting is also now available in Illinois. You should <u>request a mail-in ballot</u> from where you are registered to vote. (You can also request a mail-in ballot when you register through <u>TurboVote</u>.) When returning your mail-in ballot, it must be postmarked no later than November 3. 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 <u>Center for Civic Engagement</u> (300 W. North St, across from CVS) to get a stamp and mail your ballot.

Illinois State University will not have classes on Election Day, November 8. It is important to determine where you are voting before heading to the polls. All students, except Bloomington residents, can vote at one of the on-campus locations which can be found on the Redbird Voter Guide. Eastland Mall is the Vote Center in McLean County, so all residents can vote there. Illinois' Board of Elections website can help you determine the location of your polling place.

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