Do You Want to Vote By Mail? It's a 2-Step Process. Here's How it Works:

Step 1: Application
Applications to Vote by Mail will be mailed on or before August 1, 2020 to any person who voted in at least one of the following: 2018 General Election, 2019 Consolidated Election, 2020 Primary Election or anyone who registered to vote or change their address before July 31, 2020. Any registered voter not in one of the previous categories may request an application to vote by mail by contacting their County Clerk or going online to:
http://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx
To receive a ballot by mail, application forms must be filled out and returned to the office of the County Clerk where the person resides.

Step 2: Ballot/Voting
County Clerks can mail official ballots to registered voters starting on September 24, 2020. All voters who have applied to vote by mail by October 1 should receive their ballot by October 6. If you don't, call your County Clerk*. **Note: If you have not applied to vote by mail you can still apply to vote by mail until October 29, 2020. Once a ballot is received voters may vote the ballot and return it in the envelope provided. The ballot will be valid as long as it is postmarked on or before November 3, 2020.**

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Want to know more about the Vote by Mail legislation?

*November 3, 2020 is an Illinois state holiday** for schools, state universities, and all government offices with the exception of election authorities. All of these offices shall be closed on Election Day, except in the event that they are utilized as a polling place.

*Review of Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots**
Within two days after a VBM ballot is received (or before the end of the period for counting provisional ballots), a panel of three judges will review and compare the signature on the certification against the signature that is on file with the voter's registration record. The signature shall be presumed to match unless three out of three election judges unanimously determine that the two signatures do *not* match. The three judge panel will include representation of both major parties, Republican and Democrats.

*Rejection of Vote by Mail Ballots
Vote By Mail ballots may be rejected for these reasons:
    -Signature does not match the one on file or ballot was returned without
      a signature.
    -The ballot envelope was delivered opened.
    -The voter has already cast a ballot (Early or on Election Day)
If a Vote by Mail ballot is rejected, the County Clerk shall notify the voter within
two days after the rejection or within one day if the rejection occurs after
Election Day and in all cases before the close of the period for counting
provisional ballots. The voter shall be notified of the rejection through mail, email
or both and informed of the reason(s) the ballot was rejected.

If a Vote by Mail ballot is rejected based on the signature or lack of a signature
the voter shall be permitted to submit a statement that that the voter cast the
ballot, and upon receipt, the ballot shall be determined valid and will be
counted.

If a Vote by Mail ballot is rejected because the envelope was delivered opened,
the voter shall be permitted to vote in person or request another Vote by Mail
ballot, provided the voter submits an application and casts a new ballot prior to
the close of polls on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

If You Want to Vote by Mail, Be Sure to:
    *Fill out an application to Vote by Mail form and return to your County
     Clerk.

    ***Sign** your Vote by Mail ballot before returning it in the envelope supplied.

    *If after receiving a Vote by Mail ballot you change your mind, DO NOT
     DESTROY THE BALLOT! Bring the ballot to the place you wish to
     vote in person, either to an Early Voting site or your precinct polling place
     on Election Day, November 3rd. Be sure to surrender the Vote Mail by
     ballot to personnel on site before voting in person.

**To register to vote or check your registration status,
visit https://ova.elections.il.gov.**