



DeKalb County Clerk
Elections Office
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FAQ's for DeKalb County Voters – March 2020 General Primary Election

Registering to Vote:

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) began July 1st, 2018. As a reminder, residents will only be Automatically Registered when they obtain, renew or make a change to their Illinois Driver's License or State I.D., this is an opt-out program. Those individuals in possession of a Temporary Visitor's Driver's License do not qualify for the AVR program.

Age Requirement: You may be 17 years of age to vote in a Primary Election, just as long as you turn 18 on or before the November General Election (11/03/2020).

Identification: Two (2) forms of Identification are required, one (1) proving your physical residential DeKalb County address. Neither a Post Office Box, nor a Business address may be used as a residential address; they may however, be used as a Mailing Address. You must also provide either your Driver's License/State I.D. number or the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number.

Registration Deadline: The last day to register, in person, for the March 17th, 2020 General Primary Election is February 18th, 2020; however, On-line Paperless Registration is available through midnight on March 1st, 2020. A Mail-in Registration form may also be used to register but must be postmarked on or before February 18th, 2020. You may obtain the Mail-in form from the State Board of Elections website at:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/DocDisplay.aspx?Doc=Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/R-19.pdf>

This form must be mailed to: DeKalb County Clerk, 110 E Sycamore St., Sycamore, IL 60178

On-line Paperless Registration: Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>. In order to utilize this system, you must have a valid Illinois Driver's License or State I.D. number, the issue date of the identification and the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number. Please be accurate in your data entry so that your registration may be processed.

Voting

The Polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m., if you are in line at 7 p.m. you will be allowed to vote.

Vote by Mail: Begins February 6th, 2020; any registered DeKalb County Voter may obtain an application on our website at <http://dekalb.il.clerkserve.com>. The last day to make application to Vote by Mail is Thursday, March 12th, 2020.

Early Voting: Begins on February 6th, 2020 and ends on March 16th, 2020. During the period from March 2nd, 2020 through March 16th, 2020, four other Early Voting Sites will be available; Holmes Student Center-NIU and DeKalb Township Building (ends March 16th, 2020), Kirkland City Hall and the Sandwich Fire Station (ends March 14th, 2020). Please see the Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule at <http://dekalb.il.clerkserve.com>. While Identification is not required to Early Vote, providing your Driver's License or State I.D. will expedite the process.

Grace Period Registration: Begins February 19th, 2020 and ends March 16th at 7:00p in Sycamore. and is available to all DeKalb County residents on Election Day to register for the first time, change their address or do a name change and vote. Two (2) forms of identification are required, at least one (1) containing a DeKalb County residential address. Please see the Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule at <http://dekalb.il.clerkserve.com>.

Same Day Registration: Is Precinct Specific and available to all DeKalb County residents on Election Day to register for the first time, change their address or do a name change and vote, in their Precinct/Polling Place. Two (2) forms of identification are required, at least one (1) containing a DeKalb County residential address. If you do not know, in which Precinct you reside, please call the Elections office at 815-895-7147 or visit one of our [*Election Day Registration Centers*](#) on Election Day.

Election Day Registration Center: DeKalb County has 3 Election Day Registration Centers (a.k.a. Same Day Registration Centers) where DeKalb County residents may register for the first time, change their address or do a name change and vote; two (2) forms of identification are required, at least one (1) containing a DeKalb County residential address. Election Day Registration Centers are not Polling Places, if you are an already Registered Voter you must Vote at your assigned Precinct/Polling Place. The Election Day Registration Centers are located at the following: DeKalb County Administration Bldg-110 E Sycamore Street in Sycamore, NIU- at the Holmes Student Center, in the Heritage Room and the DeKalb Township Building-2323 S 4th Street, DeKalb. Election Day Registration Centers are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m..

Provisional Voting: If you are unable to provide proof of your DeKalb County address, on Election Day, you may Provisional Vote. Provisional ballots are not put into the tabulators on Election Day, they are deposited in a separate envelope and you will have 7 days to provide proof of your residency to the Elections Office in order to have your ballot counted.