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**Accessible Vote by Mail Now Available in Illinois**

The State Board of Elections is pleased to offer an opportunity for election authorities (county clerk or board of election commissioners) to accommodate blind and low vision voters in the vote by mail process for the November 2020 General Election.

In participating jurisdictions, voters may request to receive their vote by mail ballot electronically. Voters must make this request directly to their election authority. After verifying you have completed an application to vote by mail, your election authority will ask you for your name, date of birth, and the email address where you would like to receive the link to your electronic ballot.

Within 5 business days of the request, you will receive an email from [noreply@access.vote](mailto:noreply@access.vote) with an Access PIN and a link to a website where you can access your electronic ballot.

Following the instructions on the accessible website, you may download your ballot and mark it using assistive technology. After you have completed and reviewed the ballot, please print, sign, and return it to your election authority in accordance with the instructions provided. Please note the wet signature of the person marking the ballot is required for the ballot to be counted. While the SBE has also recommended election authorities exercise consideration and discretion in evaluating the locations of the certifying signatures, election officials are bound by minimum statutory requirements. You may return the ballot by mail, in-person delivery, or by utilizing a drop box where available.

Accessible vote by mail is an accommodation which may not be available in every jurisdiction. Please contact your local election authority for information on whether this accommodation is available in your jurisdiction and for more information about voting by mail. Vote by mail ballots may be sent to voters as early as September 24, 2020, so the State Board of Elections encourages you to reach out to your election authority as soon as possible. If you receive a

ballot by mail, please contact your local election authority for further instructions about substituting it with an electronic, accessible vote by mail ballot.

You can access a demonstration of the accessible vote by mail platform at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=E6qj1DukMWc>.