

APRIL 5, 2011 ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION

Eligible citizens who wish to participate in the Consolidated Election on April 5, 2011 should register to vote before the March 8, 2011 deadline. To register to vote, you must be: a U.S. citizen; 18 years old by Election Day; and a resident of your precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election. Suburban voters who have recently moved or changed their name need to re-register at their current address.

Registration applications for suburban Cook County residents can be printed from the Clerk's website (cookcountyclerk.com). Forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Polish.

After completing the application, suburban voters should return it to the Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington, Fifth Floor, Chicago, IL 60602.

Residents wishing to register in person may visit Cook County Clerk David Orr's office in Chicago, their municipal or township office***, or one of the Clerk's offices located at the five suburban Cook County courthouses:

- North suburbs: 5600 W. Old Orchard Road, Room 149, Skokie
- Northwest suburbs: 2121 Euclid Ave., Room 238, Rolling Meadows
- West suburbs: 1311 Maybrook Square, Room 104, Maywood
- South suburbs: 16501 S. Kedzie Ave., Room 238, Markham
- Southwest suburbs: 10220 S. 76th Ave., Room 238, Bridgeview

Prospective voters should bring two pieces of identification to register, including one displaying a current address.

*****To register in person in River Forest Township, please contact the River Forest Township Clerk, Carla Sloan, at 312-317/7911.**

CANDIDATES

A list of candidates for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election is available on the Clerk's website (cookcountyclerk.com). Write-in candidates and referenda can also be found under the 2011 Elections section of cookcountyclerk.com.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting by mail is a convenient way to cast your ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day or to cast your ballot during Early Voting at a designated Early Voting site.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for an absentee ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason.

Registered voters can cast absentee ballots by mail or in person before Election Day.

MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

To obtain an absentee application, registered suburban Cook County voters can:

- Download and print the application (cookcountyclerk.com), or
- Call the Cook County Clerk's office at (312) 603-0946 to request that we mail you an application, or
- Pick one up at the River Forest Community Center, the River Forest Village Hall, or the River Forest Library.
- The last day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot is five days before the election (**application must be received by the Clerk's office in Chicago by Thursday, March 31, 2011**).

NOTE: Applications must be submitted by mail, certified courier or in person. Applications cannot be accepted by email or fax.