

## **NOTICE TO VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS**

Your ballot may be returned to the election authority by mail, delivered in person, or dropped off at the drop box in front of the Courthouse, 10 Public Square, Belleville, Illinois. In person delivery can be by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter, or by a company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making deliveries. If delivered, the ballot must be received by the election authority prior to the polls closing (at 7:00 PM) on Election Day. If mailed, the ballot must be postmarked by Election Day (please note that special rules apply to a voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center within 14 days of the election; you may contact your election authority for further information if this is your situation).

If you need to cancel/correct/change a vote, a replacement ballot may be obtained by contacting your local election authority.

### **TO THE VOTER**

In signing the certification on the vote by mail ballot envelope, you are attesting that you personally marked this vote by mail ballot in secret. If you are physically unable to mark the ballot, a friend or relative may assist you after completing the enclosed affidavit. Federal and State laws prohibit your employer, your employer's agent or an officer or agent of your union from assisting physically disabled voters. State law prohibits a candidate whose name appears on the ballot (unless the physically disabled voter is the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of the candidate) from assisting a physically disabled voter.

### **TO THE PERSON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS**

You have been selected by a voter to provide voting assistance. Under Illinois law, only voters who are blind, physically disabled or unable to read or write the English language may be assisted by a relative or friend. Individuals who cannot assist voters include the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union, or a candidate whose name appears on the ballot (unless the candidate is the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of the voter).

You must mark the ballot as directed by the voter. Individuals who make any attempt to influence the voter's choice of candidates, party or votes in relation to a public question or to mark the ballot other than as directed by the voter may be guilty of a class 3 felony. If you cannot tell the voter's intent, you must not mark the ballot in any way. You may not subsequently divulge the candidate(s) or public questions for whom the voter instructed you to cast ballots.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**COUNTY CLERK THOMAS HOLBROOK would like to announce the last day for voter registration is Tuesday, October 6, 2020, to be eligible to vote in the November 3, 2020, General Election.**

**Anyone wanting to register, had a name change, or change their address can do so at the St. Clair County Building, 10 Public Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Clerk's office, Belleville, Illinois, during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition to the County Clerk's office, you can also register to vote at any local City/Village Hall, Township Office, library, or on our website at [www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us](http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us)**

**When registering to vote, you must have two (2) forms of identification (one must have your current name and address).**

**Grace Period Voting begins October 7, 2020 thru November 3, 2020. With Grace Period Voting, you can come in and register to vote and you must vote at that time.**

**If you have any questions, please contact COUNTY CLERK THOMAS HOLBROOK at 277-6600, Extension 2377.**

## PRESS RELEASE

### VOTING BY MAIL IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

St. CLAIR COUTY – With coronavirus a continuing concern as the 2020 general election approaches, County Clerk Thomas Holbrook encourages voters to consider voting by mail as a safe, secure and convenient option to in-person voting.

The Illinois General Assembly this year passed an election bill that provides many safeguards against the spread of coronavirus in the voting process for the Nov. 3 general election. Chief among them are provisions to increase voting by mail throughout the state.

“Vote by Mail is a safe and legal process. No person should have to put themselves, their family, co-workers or their community’s health in jeopardy to exercise their constitutional right to vote.” Thomas Holbrook, County Clerk.

In St. Clair County the special vote-by-mail provisions for the 2020 general election are:

- All registered voters will receive a vote by mail application, with a postage paid return envelope within the next few weeks.
- Those who registered to vote or updated their registration between March 18 and July 31 will be mailed an application for vote-by-mail ballot
- The state’s online voter registration site allows users to request a mail ballot when they register.
- Anyone can register to vote or request an application for a ballot on our website: [www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us](http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us).

Ballots will be mailed to applicants beginning Sept. 24, which is also the first day of early voting. The deadline for applying for a mail ballot is 5:00 p.m., Oct. 29. After Oct. 29, voters can still receive a mail ballot by applying in person at the County Clerk’s Office, St. Clair County Courthouse, #10 Public Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Belleville, IL 62220. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3 to be accepted, and properly postmarked ballots will be accepted through Nov. 17.

“The protocol for vote by mail ballots has in the past, and will continue to be open and fair to assure full verification of ballots.” Thomas Holbrook, County Clerk.

St. Clair County has a tracking system for voters to check the status of their applications and/or ballots on our website: [www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us](http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us).

If you have any questions please contact us at 618-825-2366 or email to: [elections@co.st-clair.il.us](mailto:elections@co.st-clair.il.us).