



Registering to vote is the first step in engaging in civic life and becoming a good steward of your God-given responsibility of self-government. Any Illinois citizen who will be eighteen by Election Day -- November 4th -- is eligible to register.

Note: October 7th is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming November 4th General Election.

The process for registering is easy and convenient, but, sadly, millions of Americans choose not to take the time. Estimates count that from 35 percent to 50 percent of Americans are not registered to vote.

It seems to be even worse among self-professing Christians. Research shows that only about 60 percent of Christians are registered to vote, and of those, only 60 percent actually vote. **This means that only 36 percent of Christians actually vote.**

Just think about...

- how many people you know who have never registered or have moved and need to re-register.
- how many teens you know who are turning 18 and can vote for the first time this year.
- engaging citizens who have not voted in the past to become actively involved in impacting our nation's future!

Registering Voters is Easy! IFI has created a free voter registration packet containing all of the information you need to conduct a drive. Please consider holding a voter registration drive at your church.

Just 2 Simple Steps:

1. Provide copies of the Illinois Voter Registration Application on the day you choose to hold your registration drive. These are also available on our web site. Make as many copies as you need.
2. Mail completed application(s) to your local election authority. If you are unsure of your election authority, please feel free to contact us. Call 708-781-9328 during normal business hours and we will be glad to help!

Another option if you have a tablet or laptop with internet access is to have people register directly through the Illinois State Board of Elections website, <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

Included Voter Registration Resources:

- [Constitutional Protections for Pastors](#)
- [Voter Registration Bulletin Insert](#)
- [What Churches Can and Cannot Do](#)
- [How to Conduct a Voter Registration Drive](#)
- [2014 Election Schedule and Registration Deadlines](#)
- [List of Illinois Election Authority Locations & Phone Numbers](#)

Thank you in advance for holding a voter registration drive. Don't hesitate to call us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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