



**QUESTION:**

I received a Vote By Mail application from your office. If I didn't request it, why did I receive it?

**ANSWER:**

Governor Pritzker signed a bill, effective on June 16, 2020, which required a Vote By Mail application to be sent to every active registered voter who applied to vote in any of the following elections:

- 2018 General Election
- 2019 Consolidated Election
- 2020 Primary Election

The signed bill also required a Vote By Mail application to be sent to any active registered voter who has registered to vote or changed registration address after the 2020 Primary Election through July 31, 2020.

**QUESTION:**

Multiple applications were sent to me. Why did I receive so many?

**ANSWER:**

Included in the bill Governor Pritzker signed, was a requirement to send an application to the voter's registration address and any other mailing address to which a prior Vote By Mail ballot was sent. You may receive up to 5 applications if the addresses below are different:

- Registration address
- Mailing address
- 2018 General Election ballot mailing address
- 2019 Consolidated Election ballot mailing address
- 2020 Primary Election ballot mailing address

**QUESTION:**

Doesn't sending applications to everyone increase the opportunity for voter fraud?

**ANSWER:**

Panels of election judges from each party review the signature on the ballot envelope and compare with the digital signature on the voter's most recent registration to determine validity. Should the ballot be rejected for missing or non-matching signature, the voter will receive a rejection letter with the opportunity to present an ID or respond to the rejection letter.

**QUESTION:**

Are local taxpayers funding the expenses for these applications to be sent?

**ANSWER:**

Costs related to producing and mailing the Vote By Mail applications are covered by federal emergency funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).



**QUESTION:**

If my relative who was an active registered voter has passed away or moved out of county since voting in any of the last 3 elections, would my relative have received an application?

**ANSWER:**

Applications were and are being sent to active registered voters only. Voters who have been marked as deceased, moved out of county, or inactive are NOT eligible to receive an application. Deceased voters were not sent an application **unless we were not notified of the death**. Out of county voters were not sent an application **unless we were not notified of the move**.

**QUESTION:**

Do I have to Vote By Mail?

**ANSWER:**

No. You may use any of the following methods to vote in the 2020 General Election:

- Early Voting
  - September 24 – November 2 at the Will County Clerk’s Office
  - October 19 – November 1 at Early Voting sites\*

\*See [www.thewillcountyclerk.com](http://www.thewillcountyclerk.com) for details.

- Grace Period Voting – register and vote at the same time
  - October 7 – November 2 at the Will County Clerk’s Office
  - October 19 – November 1 at Early Voting sites\*

\*See [www.thewillcountyclerk.com](http://www.thewillcountyclerk.com) for details.

- Vote on Election Day
  - November 3 from 6am to 7pm at your Polling Place

**QUESTION:**

What do I do with my application if I choose to vote in-person?

**ANSWER:**

If you do not wish to Vote By Mail, you may discard/shred your application and use any of the in-person voting methods.

**QUESTION:**

If I submit my application and request a ballot, what do I do if I choose to vote in-person?

**ANSWER:**

If you wish to vote in-person, you may bring your Vote By Mail ballot with you to surrender at your Polling Place or Early Voting site. Should you forget to bring your Vote By Mail ballot with you, you may complete an **Affidavit of Voter to Cancel Vote By Mail Ballot to Vote Early** at Early Voting sites, or complete the **Provisional Voter Affidavit Envelope** on Election Day.