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Tues., Feb. 18 is Deadline to Register to Vote

The Chicago Election Board's special hours for last-minute voter registration at 69 W. Washington St. in Chicago:

- Sun., Feb. 16 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 17 – Presidents Day – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 18 – 9 a.m. to Midnight

Tues., Feb. 18 is the deadline to register to vote in Illinois' March 18 Primary Election. The Chicago Election Board will be open at 69 W. Washington St. until midnight on Tues., Feb. 18 to accept registrations from new voters and those who need to update their address records.

"For the first time in Illinois history, voter registration is open to most 17-year-olds. Under a new state law, U.S. citizens who were born on or before Nov. 4, 1996 are eligible to register and cast ballots in the March 18 Primary, even if they are still 17 on Election Day," said Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of the Chicago Election Board. "We hope to see many young voters make history at this election."

Those who already are registered need not act. Chicagoans may [check their voter status at chicagoelections.com](#).

However, those registering for the first time and those who need to update their name or address records should visit the Election Board or submit a mail-in form postmarked by Feb. 18. The [mail-in form](#) is available at [chicagoelections.com](#).

To register to vote, a person must be: a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years of age by Nov. 4, 2014; and a resident of the precinct at least 30 days before the election.

From Feb. 19 through March 15, Chicagoans may still register or update their records through the "Grace Period" program. But during the "Grace Period," voters must register in person at the Election Board **and vote during the same visit**. "Grace Period" voters cannot cast ballots in their home precincts on Election Day.

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