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Instructions on Voter Registration

Registration is a process whereby a citizen of the State of Illinois becomes a voter. It is a record of voter qualifications and provides information for identifying the voter on election day.

As a volunteer deputy registrar for the Board of Election Commissioners, you are responsible for all registration supplies in your custody. These materials must be securely kept at all times and may not be transferred to another deputy registrar.

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This instruction handbook pertains to completing City of Chicago registration forms and to registering residents of the City of Chicago.

If any questions arise, call the Board at 269-7851.

Registration and Identification Requirements

In order to be eligible to register to vote, a person must:

- a. be a citizen of the United States on the day he or she registers;
- b. be 18 years old on or before the date of the next election:
- c. be a resident of the precinct at least 30 days on or before the date of the next election;
- d. present proper identification as explained below.

Two pieces of identification must be presented at the time of registration. Follow the guidelines below to determine if the identification is acceptable.

- 1. Both pieces of identification must contain the applicant's name.
- 2. One piece of identification must contain the current address from which the applicant is registering.
- 3. The two pieces of identification must be from two different sources, i.e. two different credit cards from two different companies; two bills from different utility companies such as a gas bill and an electric bill; a school identification card and a social security card, etc.
- 4. A letter delivered to the applicant through the U.S. postal system from a state, federal or city agency, a utility company, an employer or school, a credit company or a civic, union or professional association may be accepted as one of the pieces of identification.

- 5. Identification cannot be self-generated, as for example, a handwritten or typed wallet identification card.
- 6. Acceptable identification may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. driver's license
 - b. social security card
 - c. utility bill
 - d. employer or student identification card
 - e. credit card
 - f. civic, union, or professional association membership card
 - g. birth certificate
 - h. public assistance identification card
 - i. library card

NOTE: A residence is a permanent abode, a place where a person actually lives. No one may register from a place of business or office, unless the person actually lives there and it is his or her permanent abode.

How to Complete a Registration

Remember, as a volunteer deputy registrar, it is your responsibility to complete the registration form in a legible manner. Your neighbor's right to vote depends on your accuracy.

There are three steps in the registration process. They are:

Step 1

Find out if the person needs to register and is qualified to register to vote.

Step 2

Ask the person to complete the pink preliminary form containing voter information and record the identification presented.

Step 3

Complete the registration form and return it to the Board of Election as directed.

Step 1

Find out if the person needs to register and is qualified.

Determine whether the person meets the requirements for voter registration and request identification as explained on the previous page.

Ask the applicant if he or she has ever registered in the City of Chicago. If so, find out if the person has had a name or address change within the City. Consult the table of contents for the location of change of name and change of address information.

Do not duplicate a current registration. If the voter has not moved or changed his or her name since last voting, the registration record should still be current. If the person has lost his or her verification card, consult the table of contents for the location of information on lost or stolen verification cards.

Step 2

Ask the applicant to complete form 276A and record the identification presented.

Have the applicant complete the pink form 276A.

All information must be provided. See completed sample below. This form will be attached to the completed registration form when you have finished.

A registration will not be processed without a completed pink form 276A.

Indicate your sponsor organization on the pink form on the line "Civic Organization".

Record the type of identification the applicant showed you on the bottom of the form 276A. If you do not indicate the type of identification presented, the registration will not be processed.

Step 3

Complete the official registration form 276.

PRINT, use black or blue ball point pen. DO NOT ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO FILL IN THIS FORM. Copy the information from the pink form 276A which the applicant completed.

Sample — Completed Form 276A INFORMATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION Last Name To be filled in by APPLICANT Apt. or Lot No 57. 11/015 EGISTRATION **Prior Registration:** (If Changed) Date of Naturalization Date of Court REGISTRAR: complete this section To be filled in Doan Type of identification Displayed: (check appropriate boxes) Civic Organization. Civic Membership Card О Professional Card Utility Bill by REGISTRAR Credit Card Social Security Card X Other (Specify below) Driver's License Student I.D. Employee I.D. Union Mambership Card ck appropriate box if any infe metica No Identification Given Naturalization Information Check box if Form No. 280 Social Security Number (Give applicant Form 27) (Change of Name) is attached Rev 11/86

A. SECTION 1 — Complete for ALL registrations — see sample below

NAME: Print the applicant's last name, first name and middle initial. A married women must give her own first name, not her husband's. If the applicant is a senior or junior, circle Sr. or Jr.

ADDRESS: Print the house number, street direction (N.-north, S.-south, E.-east, or W.-west), street name, apartment number or lot number and zip code.

DATE OF BIRTH: Indicate the exact month, day and year of birth. If the applicant refuses to give this information, the registration will not be processed. Use numbers to indicate the month, day and year.

PLACE OF BIRTH: Print the state of birth, or country, if the applicant is foreign born. Do not print U.S.A. or America if the applicant was born in the United States—print the state of birth. Proper state abbreviations may be used. Do not print the county—indicate the country, if foreign born.

SEX: Circle "M" for a male or "F" for a female applicant.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Print the applicant's social security number, if available. If the applicant does not have a social security number, leave the section blank and continue with the rest of the registration.

PRIOR REGISTRATION: Indicate the address the applicant was registered from previously. If the applicant has never registered before, print "1st Registration."

NAME IF CHANGED: If the applicant has registered before under a different name, print the previous name.

PRECINCT/WARD: Leave these sections blank.

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B. SECTION 2—Complete for persons born outside the U.S. only

An applicant born outside of the United States must provide naturalization information required in Section 2. This section is completed *only* if the applicant was born outside the United States. Persons born in Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands are citizens by birth and do not require additional proof of citizenship.

- CITIZENSHIP: Indicate, with a cross mark (x), whether the applicant was born of U.S. parents or was naturalized.
- IF NATURALIZED: Indicate, with a cross mark (x), whether the applicant has his or her own papers or derived citizenship under his or her parent's papers. The sections requesting court, city, state and date of naturalization must be completed.

SAMPLE — SECTION 2 — Complete for persons born outside of the U.S. only

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Do not refuse to register a naturalized citizen if he or she does not have specific citizenship information available at the time of registration. Complete the registration as much as possible and issue the applicant post card form 27—notice to complete registration. Print the applicant's name and address on the form and give to the applicant to finish and return to the Board.

SAMPLE — Incomplete citizenship information form 27

To be completed and returned by APPLICANT

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C. SECTION 3—Complete if applicant is unable to sign name only

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REASON FOR INABILITY TO SIGN NAME: Indicate, with a cross mark (x), the reason the applicant cannot sign the form.

SAMPLE — SECTION 3 — complete if applicant is unable to sign name only.

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D. SECTION 4 — Complete for ALL registrations

Administer the oath, which is required by law, to the applicant. This oath is located at the bottom of the registration form in section 4.

Enter the date of the registration and sign your name on the line provided for signature of the registration officer. Have the applicant sign his or her name, as it appears in SECTION 1, on the line provided for signature. If the applicant cannot sign, and SECTION 3 has been completed as explained above, have the applicant make his mark on the line.

SAMPLE — SECTION 4 — Complete for ALL registrations

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Attach the pink form 276A, completed by the applicant, to the back of the finished registration form. Registrations will not be accepted without the completed pink form.

Remove the green tissue receipt from between the copies of the registration form. Give the green receipt to the applicant. A registration is not complete, however, until the person has received a verification card from the Board.

Issue the applicant a "Notice" form 277 for his or her information.



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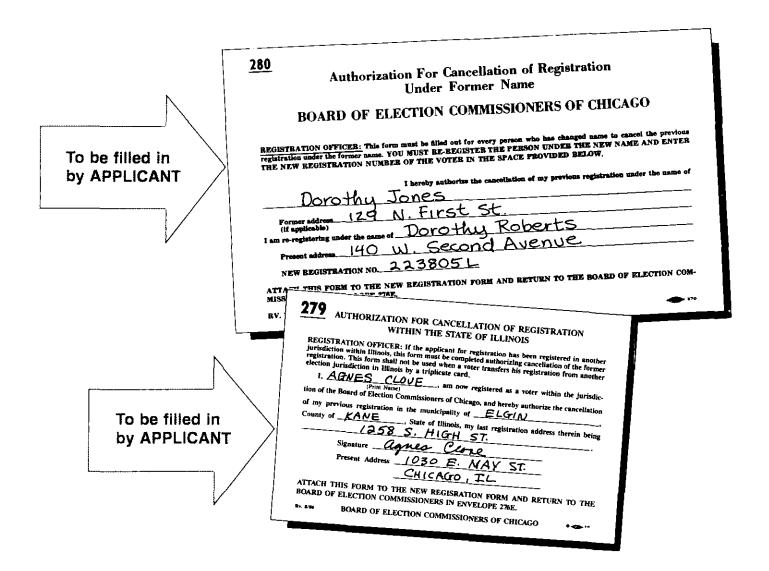
Change of Name

If the applicant was previously registered within Chicago and has had a change of name, the former registration must be cancelled and a new registration, under the new name, must be taken. The applicant must complete form 280 and must also re-register under the new name. Indicate the previous name if changed in Section 1 on the new registration and attach form 280 to the new registration.

Change of Address

If a previously registered voter in Chicago has changed his or her address, the person should re-register. If the applicant submits a change of address card, simply attach the card to the completed new registration. Do not accept any change of address cards unless the person also completes a new registration. In this manner, the voter will be saved the inconvenience of a second

SAMPLE — Cancellation of former registration



trip to register, if the former registration at the

old address is no longer valid.

Persons may attempt to submit a change of address card for a spouse, friend or acquaintance.

Do not accept change of address cards for these persons, since it is impossible for you to verify whether the former registration is still valid.

Reregister any person who has had a change of address and be certain to record the prior address where registered in Section 1 on the registration form. Attach the change of address or old verification card to the new registration.

If the applicant has been registered from another address in Illinois, outside of Chicago, complete form 279, which authorizes the cancellation of the previous registration. Do not use this form if the applicant was registered in another state, or was registered in Chicago and is simply re-registering. Attach form 279 to the completed registration.

Members of Religious Orders

If the applicant is a member of a religious order, enter the civil last name, omit the applicant's first name, and enter the name acquired in the religious order and any other name adopted. Complete the remainder of the registration as required.

Lost or Stolen Verification Cards

If a registered voter requests a new verification card, do not take a new registration unless the applicant has moved or had a name change. If the card has been lost or stolen, the person must contact the Board of Election Commissioners directly.

Requests for new verification cards (i.d. cards) should be sent to the Board of Election Commissioners, Room 308, City Hall, Chicago, IL 60602. The request must include name, address, and signature, as registered, of the person requesting the replacement card.

Important Reminders:

- 1. Only those persons who are qualified may register to vote. These instructions and forms are for registering residents of the City of Chicago only, not suburban Cook County.
- 2. Identification is required and must be recorded on the bottom of form 276A by the deputy registrar.
- 3. A pink form 276A must be completed by the applicant and must be attached to the back of the registration when finished.
- 4. The official registration form must be completed by the deputy registrar, not the applicant.
- 5. The official registration form must be dated and signed on the day it is completed.
- 6. All registrations must be *PRINTED* in a legible manner.
- 7. Do not scratch out or attempt to erase on the form. If an error is made, mark the form "VOID" and begin on a new form.
- 8. Do not print any information in the margin areas of the registration form.

Completing the Registration Audit Report

A registration audit report, listing all used registrations, must be completed by the deputy registrar. Each registration must be listed on the audit report by serial number and in numerical order. A Board employee will verify each name and address listed from the individual registration and sign the report. Voided or spoiled registrations must also be listed on the audit form.

A copy of the audit report will be given to the deputy registrar as a record of the registrations returned. However, no registration will be complete until the registration is processed and a verification card is received by the applicant.

If, for any reason, a registration cannot be processed by the Board, a notation will be made on the original audit report kept by the Board. Registrations will not be accepted without a completed audit form.

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Returning Completed Registrations

All completed registrations must be returned to the Board by the volunteer deputy registrar or registration coordinator within 7 days of the completion of the registration. Completed registrations will be accepted in the Board office Monday thru Friday—9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Board is located in City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St. Room 308. Special return arrangements may be set by the Board upon request.

Verification of Registration Cards

The applicant will receive a verification of registration card within four weeks of the date the registration is returned by the deputy registrar. If the applicant does not receive a card within this time period, the person should call the Board at 269-7936.