



Top 10 ACTION ITEMS for Honest Elections

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1. Become a Precinct Committeeman, obtain your legal precinct list and join the IEIP Voter Rolls Working Group to help clean the rolls on your local level.
2. Become a (well-trained!) election official (Election Judge, Board Member, or even a paid employee of the clerk's office).
3. Become a (well-trained!) election observer, credentialed by your favorite candidate or local political party – *“Eyes on Every Ballot”*.
4. A few weeks prior to election, check your registration status online – make sure you haven't “fallen off” the voter rolls.
5. Help friends and family check their registration status – resolve issues BEFORE voting begins!
6. Help conquer the Crisis of Confidence in voters– turnout is critical– their vote matters and everyone must vote! Good laws are being passed in many states, election integrity coalitions and task forces are working hard!
7. Continue the fight against the takeover of our elections by the Federal government– leave elections to the states.
8. A few days before you vote, download your sample ballot from your county election website and select your candidates. You are allowed to take that sample ballot with you to vote. Planning ahead will save time in the voting booth. Encourage friends and family to do the same, and help them if needed. Your sample ballot will help you recognize if a poorly-trained Election Judge gives you the wrong ballot– this happens far too often.
9. Help to start an election integrity task force in your own county!
10. PLEASE consider using our *“Claim your name, secure your vote”* strategy to secure YOUR vote. Encourage everyone to do the same:
 - Use the official County Clerk's Application for a one-time Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot (see Clerk's office or online). Do NOT opt-in to the Permanent VBM list. Permanent VBM ensures a LIVE ballot will be mailed to your address, even after you move or die. See *Note below. Use the official form from your County Clerk/Election Authority. Third-party non-government organizations send mass mailings of VBM applications to collect YOUR PERSONAL DATA.
 - Follow up to make sure you receive your ballot– *you have “claimed your name”*– no one else can request YOUR ballot. You don't want to go to vote in person only to be told that someone already voted in your name (as happened across the nation in the 2020 election). When you go to vote, if you are told you already voted, report it to law enforcement. Ask your Election Authority: How/when/where did they record you as having voted? If EA indicates you voted by mail, politely ask EA, “To what address did you mail my ballot? Show me the VBM Ballot application requesting my ballot. Show me signatures on the application for my VBM ballot and my voter registration records”. Take documented proof for law enforcement. Do not be aggressive or rude. You need the EA's help and cooperation with law enforcement.
 - Take your VBM ballot with you and Early Vote in person as soon as you are able. When you show up to vote in person (not before), write “SURRENDERED” on both sides of your VBM ballot and the VBM return envelope. Tell the Election Judge that you want to vote a LIVE ballot. If the Election Judge tells you that you must use your VBM ballot, calmly tell the EJ that is NOT THE LAW. The IL Election Code allows you to SURRENDER your VBM ballot and vote a LIVE ballot (10 ILCS 5/17-9, Ch. 46, par. 17-9). Make sure the Election Judge secures your spoiled VBM ballot in a “Spoiled Ballot Envelope”. You do not want your unmarked VBM ballot to “sprout legs” and “wander off” to be voted by a nefarious character.

*Note: If you have already signed up for Permanent VBM, wait until after the election and send a letter to your election authority, requesting that you be removed.
Per IL Election Code 10 ILCS 5/19-2.