

Automatic Voter Registration(AVR) in Illinois
For
November 6, 2018 General Election

Effective July 2, 2018, Illinois now has implementation of the **opt-in** portion of the Automatic Voter Registration(AVR) law passed unanimously by the Illinois General Assembly in 2017 and signed into law by Governor Rauner in August 2017.

When you now go to a Secretary of State Drivers Services facility for whatever service you need, as you engage in the process your name is automatically run against the State Board of Elections voter list. If your name is NOT found on the voter list as an active registered voter, you will be asked if you want to register to vote. If you say yes, you can register to vote immediately. However, you will then be asked on a touch pad to **confirm**:

1.I am a US Citizen

And

2.I will be 18 years old or older by the November 6, 2018 general election

Then you sign the touchpad and attest that you meet these two qualifications to register to vote. With opt-in registration, your voter registration application is now automatically and electronically transmitted from Drivers Services to the Illinois State Board of Elections. **You will be provided a receipt of voter registration application. Retain the receipt until you receive your voter registration card from your local election authority.**

You can answer “no” to either of the above 2 questions and then you won’t be registered. The voter registration process will end automatically, even if you had said “yes I want to be registered to vote.”

This process is NOT the same process as the one you will do for the service you came in the facility for originally (i.e., if you’re getting a new ID and need to sign for that, that’s separate from when you signed your voter registration).

Choosing not to register to vote for whatever reason will be kept CONFIDENTIAL by the Secretary of State, and it will not affect you in engaging in another service through the Secretary of State.

Information about AVR through Secretary of State will be provided on a sign in English plus signs translated into Spanish, Hindi, and Chinese in Drivers Services facilities throughout the state of Illinois.

If you plan to use the opt-in AVR for the November 6, 2018 election, make sure that you do so no later than October 1, 2018. In addition, until AVR is fully implemented in 2019, it's still strongly recommended that all eligible voters make sure they are registered to vote at their current address!
You can access your voter registration at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>