

# ***Been Locked Up?***

# **Don't Be Locked Out**

## ***Use Your Voice—VOTE!!***

***In Illinois, you automatically get back your right to vote after you are released from prison or jail.\*  
You just need to register and vote like any other CITIZEN.***

### **How Do I Register to Vote?**

Illinois residents may register **in person** at County Clerks' offices, Board of Election Commissioners' offices, city and village offices, township offices, schools, public libraries, military recruitment offices, and other locations specifically designated by the election authority. You can also register **online** or by **mail** (online registration and mail-in forms available at <http://www.elections.il.gov/InfoForVoters.aspx>).

### **When Can I Register to Vote?**

Regular registration is open year-round except during the 27-day period just prior to an election, and during the 2-day period after each election (1 day in Chicago). However, you can also register and vote during the 27-day period through "grace-period" registration, which is available only in person at authorized sites.

### **Important Dates in 2018**

February 21 – first day of "grace-period" registration and voting

March 20 – general primary election

October 10 – first day of "grace-period" registration and voting

November 6 – general election

### **For more information:**

- *Contact the Illinois Board of Elections:*  
(217) 782-4141 (Springfield)  
(312) 814-6440 (Chicago)
- *Read the "Registering to Vote in Illinois" pamphlet:*  
[www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/registervote.pdf](http://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/registervote.pdf)