

Important information from the Lake County Clerk's Office regarding the upcoming General Primary Election on February 5, 2008:

Listed below are important upcoming dates, voter registration information, voting options and voting locations. We thank you in advance for distribution of this information on your website or through any publications that might be timely.

**Important Dates for February 5, 2008 General Primary Election**

January 8.....Last Day to Register  
January 14 to 31 ..... Early Voting

Start of Absentee Voting Pending ballot certification by State Board of Election:

January 31                      Last Day to Request Absentee Voting Application  
February 4                      Last Day to Vote In-Person Absentee

**Voter Registration**

New residents of Lake County and those who moved within the county may register at the County Clerk's office or many convenient locations throughout the county. Check our website for your specific information. If you moved to Lake County or changed your name more than 27 days before the election, you must be registered in order to vote on Election Day, February 5, 2008.

**Absentee Voting**

Absentee Voting by mail or in-person at the Clerk's office will begin after the December 27, 2007 start date. Ballot printing cannot begin until the names of candidates for state and federal offices are certified to the local clerk by the State Board of Elections. The State has held initial hearings and will reconvene on December 21st.

Requests for an Application for Absentee Ballot will be accepted in person, by mail and via email at [absentee@co.lake.il.us](mailto:absentee@co.lake.il.us) until January 31, 2008. Voting will be offered during regular office hours Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Fridays (except on Fridays before a holiday weekend) until 7:30 p.m. In-person absentee voting will also be offered on Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The last day to vote in-person absentee is Monday, February 4, 2008.

**Early Voting Site**

Since 2005, any registered voter can vote early beginning 22 days prior to an election through the Thursday before Election Day. A convenient early voting center in your area, in addition to the County Building in Waukegan, will offer early voting beginning January 14 through the close of business on January 31, 2008. Visit [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck) and use the "Quick Links" to locate your early voting site, to print driving directions and a map.

**Where's my Election Day Voting Site?**

Our website, [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck) has a "Quick Links" section to "Where's My Voting Site?" which offers pictures, directions and a map from your home to your voting site.

**What's on My Ballot?**

Sample ballots will be available at [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck) at the start of absentee voting by clicking on "What's on My Ballot?" (Found under the "Quick Links" section). The user is prompted to key in their legal address of registration to view their specific ballot. Referencing the address on one's voter card is the simplest way to do this.