

Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

Restoring Integrity To Our Elections

Make it Easy to Vote, Hard to Cheat

WHEREAS, the right to vote is among the most sacred rights bestowed upon citizens of Illinois and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party believes that the free exercise of the franchise is a beautiful, quintessential aspect of our democracy, consistent with the ideal that all are created equal, and that each of us has the right to self-expression and to participate equally in our government; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is foundational to our society and to our government, because the ability to trust election results is fundamental to an ordered society; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party encourages all legal voters to vote and for all legal votes to be counted; and

WHEREAS, elections in Illinois and the United States are under attack by radical Democrats and Left-Wing operatives whose policies erode the integrity of our elections and therefore our society; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have resisted reasonable efforts to clean the voter rolls, preferring instead to maintain large swaths of voters on the rolls who are no longer alive, no longer at their registration address, or are registered elsewhere, all for the purpose of using those inaccurate voter rolls for their political benefit; and

WHEREAS, Democrats oppose common sense transparency measures such as voter ID and meaningful signature verification on Vote By Mail ballots for their perceived political benefit; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have sought to implement confusing schemes and chaotic administrative procedures in the voting process resulting in less transparency and integrity and making it easier for illegal votes to be cast and counted; and

WHEREAS, Left-Wing groups such as the Center for Tech and Civic Life with the support of the Democratic Party have sought to influence election outcomes by privately funding election authorities in select jurisdictions in order to aid Democratic turnout; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party enables and promotes illegal immigration and voting by non-citizens as a means to hold political power, and

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing measures that would permit non-citizens to vote in local elections, as well as measures that facilitate illegal non-citizen voting generally, such as HB 3882, which provides that undocumented immigrants in Illinois may be given a standard drivers license – a document commonly used to register and vote – which now contains no notation that the licensee is a non-citizen; and

WHEREAS, it is a federal offense for a non-citizen to vote in a federal election, but there currently exists no legal mechanism that would ensure that only citizens register and vote in federal elections, as the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”) prevents a state agency from inquiring about a prospective voter’s citizenship, and any prospective voter need only to self-certify that they are a citizen; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party supports the SAVE Act, which would update the NVRA and require proof of citizenship for anyone registering to vote; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on leaders in the General Assembly and the Illinois State Board of Elections to take immediate steps to end the State of Illinois’ membership in ERIC (the Electronic Registration Information Center), as ERIC has proven itself to be a vehicle used to maintain inaccurate voter rolls, rather than accurate voter rolls, and is an undue cost to Illinois taxpayers; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes voting methods and practices that do not have sufficient safeguards in place, including but not limited to maintaining appropriate chain of custody of ballots, to ensure that only legal votes are cast and counted, and calls on all election authorities to ensure that their voting systems are fully auditable; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party stands firmly behind voter identification laws, and calls on the General Assembly to enact laws that ensure that every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method of voting; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party opposes any and all efforts to unreasonably expand time periods for early or Vote-By-Mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following Election Day, and specifically opposes the counting of Vote-By-Mail ballots for a full 14 days following Election Day, except for military ballots; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls for the elimination of temporary or “pop up” voting locations and drop boxes that are traditionally poorly maintained and watched by authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls for heightened scrutiny of the US Post Office’s handling of election materials, given the extraordinary volume of ballots that are cast by mail, and the relative lack of oversight over how the Post Office treats mailed-in ballots and other election materials.

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