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# Voter registration under way in DuPage County

Residents of Glenbard Township High School District 87 who want to have their voice heard during Glenbard's March 21 referendum are encouraged to register to vote.

Voter registration forms are available on the DuPage County Election Commission's Web site, <u>www.dupageelections.com</u>.

Residents may download an application, complete it and mail it to the commission. Feb. 21 is the last day to register to vote. For additional information, contact the election commission at (630) 407-5600.

In order to register to vote, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- must be a U.S. citizen
- must be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- must live in his election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- must not be convicted and in jail
- cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else

People who have moved must fill out the application for voter registration.

## Early voting

Registered voters may vote early at any DuPage County Early Voting center in the county.

### Early voting timeline:

- First day to early vote 22nd day prior to an election
- Last day to early vote 5th day prior to an election

Early voting locations and hours will be announced on the election commission's Web site, <u>www.dupageelections.com</u>.

### Absentee voting:

A DuPage County registered voter who expects to be absent from the county on Election Day may vote absentee prior to Election Day, either by mail or in person. Absentee voting starts approximately 40 days prior to an election. Please contact the DuPage County Election Commission for verification of availability.

Absentee voting is available to a qualified registered voter who, on Election Day, will be

unable to vote in person at the polls for one of the following reasons:

- Absent from county
- Temporarily absent from the country
- Serving as a judge of election outside his precinct
- Observing a religious holiday
- Performing official election duties
- Performing election law enforcement duties
- Physically incapacitated (temporarily incapacitated)
- Pre-trial detainee or called for jury duty.

### To vote absentee by mail:

Call the Election Commission at (630) 407-5600 to request an absentee ballot or obtain an application for absentee ballot form. The form may be downloaded from the election commission's Web site or picked up from any DuPage County registration location.

The last day to mail an absentee ballot to a voter is the Thursday (5 days) prior to the election.

Voted ballot must be returned to the Election Commission office no later than noon on Election Day, March 21.

### Temporarily absent student program

Students who are registered to vote in DuPage County and want to retain their voting rights in DuPage while away at college may do so and vote absentee by enrolling in the temporarily absent student program.

A temporarily absent student notice form is available on the election commission's Web site. It must be completed and submitted to the Election Commission in order to be enrolled in the program.

The completed form should be mailed to the DuPage County Election Commission. It is important to note a person may not claim the right to vote in more than one jurisdiction. If a student registers to vote at school, his DuPage County registration should be cancelled.

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