



March 17, 2026 Primary Election

IMPORTANT Postmark Changes

Returning Your Mail Ballot? USPS Postmark Rules have Changed!

What you need to know.

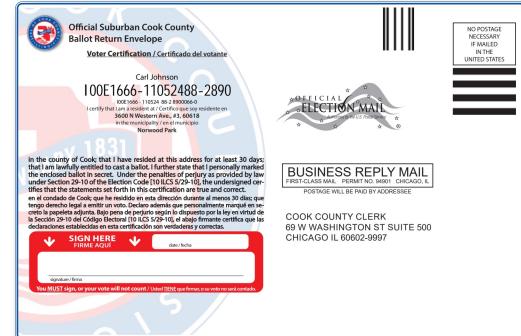


▶ PREVIOUSLY:

Mail was postmarked the day you dropped it in the mailbox.

NOT ANY MORE!

Mail is now postmarked the day it is processed at the post office, sometimes days later.



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT! DON'T RISK A LATE POSTMARK!

Easy Options To Cast Your Mail Ballot



★ **Go to the post office counter** and request a hand-stamped postmark - cookcountyclerk.com/USPS-Locations

★ Starting March 2:

You may drop off your mail ballot at any of the 55 secure drop box locations throughout suburban Cook County - cookcountyclerk.com/MBdropbox