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MADIGAN ASSIGNS TEAMS TO MONITOR ILLINOIS GENERAL ELECTION

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said that an expected 256 Assistant Attorneys General and Investigators will be in the field on Election Day this Tuesday, February 27th, to help ensure that polling places are accessible and that Illinois citizens' voting rights are protected.

Madigan encourages Illinois citizens who experience or witness any voting problems or irregularities to contact her office at **1-866-536-3496** to report problems. **The TTY number is 1-800-964-3013.** Madigan's election teams also will randomly visit polling places across the state to ensure that state election laws are being followed.

Madigan reminded voters of some of their basic voting rights:

- Voters have the right to vote if they are in line when the polls close at 7 p.m., or at any other time between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day (10 ILCS 5/17-1).
- If a voter makes a mistake or “spoils” a paper ballot and the voter has not cast the ballot, the voter has the right to receive a replacement ballot (10 ILCS 5/17-11).
- If a voter cannot read, has trouble understanding English, or is disabled, he or she has the right to request assistance from anyone other than his or her employer, an agent of his or her employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union (10 ILCS 5/17-14).
- Voters have the right to take time from work to vote, but no more than two successive hours, as long as they have applied with their employer before Election Day. The employer may set the time of day (10 ILCS 5/17-15).

No one is allowed to try to influence a voter within 100 feet of the polling place (10 ILCS 5/17-29).

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