

Press Releases

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UPDATE: LAKE COUNTY JUDGE EXTENDS GRACE PERIOD VOTING TILL 9 P.M.

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan issued an update regarding grace period voting in Lake County.

Judge Mitchell L. Hoffman extended grace period in Lake County until 9 p.m. tonight during a hearing this afternoon on two complaints filed by Madigan alleging that Lake County Clerk Willard Helander is illegally interpreting the requirements of the Illinois Election Code.

The following locations are affected by the court's order and will be open until 9 p.m. to allow voters to register and then vote in today's election:

Lake County Clerk's Office, 18 N. County St., Room 101, Waukegan
Lake County Central Permitting Facility, 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville
Gurnee Village Hall, 325 O'Plaine Road, Gurnee
North Chicago City Hall, 1850 Lewis Ave., North Chicago
County Clerk Annex, 415 Washington St., Waukegan

In her complaint filed earlier today in Lake County Circuit Court, Madigan alleged Helander failed to comply with state election law allowing Illinois residents to register and then vote during a grace period that includes Election Day, Nov. 4, when polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Lake County Clerk's website notes grace period registration locations on Election Day are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in violation of state law that requires the polls to open at 6 a.m., according to Madigan's complaint.

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