ILLINOIS CITIZENS

Know Your Rights at the Polls

Intimidating voters and interfering with their right to vote is a federal crime, even for federal, state, or local officials. Using immigration agents, the military, or the federalized National Guard at voting locations is illegal. As an American Citizen you have the right to vote, do not let anyone else tell you differently.

IF APPROACHED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENT

Stay calm. Keep your hands visible. Do not run, argue, or resist.

Say:

- "I am here to vote."
- "Am I free to continue to the polling place?"
- "I am exercising my right to remain silent."
- "I do not consent to a search."
- "Do you have a warrant? May I see it?"
- "I want to speak to a lawyer."

ON ELECTION DAY

- In line when polls close? Stay in line.
- Made a mistake? Ask for a new ballot.
- Machines down? Ask for a paper ballot.
- Not on the list or told you're ineligible? Ask for a provisional ballot.
- Have a disability? Poll workers must provide reasonable accommodations.
- Some states allow same-day registration, check locally.

IF YOU FEEL INTIMIDATED

Ask the poll worker in charge and say, "I want to report voter intimidation." If it's safe, note names, badges, agency, time, and witnesses. Report to your local election officials.

Danger or violence? **Call 911**.

ILLINOIS BOARD OF ELECTIONS VOTER HOTLINE

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