

SUPPORT SB 2090

VOTING IN JAIL

There are approximately 20,000 people detained in jail pre-trial in Illinois. Those who are citizens have the right to vote in elections. However, without a formal process in place, voting in jail is nearly impossible for pre-trial detainees.

This bill requires county jails and election authorities to collaborate in creating a process that ensures people who have not been convicted and are awaiting trial can cast their ballot during elections.

In any given year, there are approximately 30,000 people who return from prison, all of whom are citizens are eligible to vote in Illinois upon release. Yet many do not register to vote because they believe that their past criminal conviction disqualifies them.

This bill requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to provide eligible citizens released from their custody a voter registration application.

There are approximately 4 million people in Illinois who have a past criminal record, all of whom are eligible to vote in Illinois. Yet, many of these citizens are not aware of their right to vote.

This bill requires the Illinois Department of Corrections to provide citizens released from their custody detailed information about their voting rights.



John Legend @johnlegend · 4h
There are approx. 4 million residents in Illinois who have a past felony conviction and don't know they are eligible to vote. Sign the [#HB4469](#) petition, led by @ChicagoVotes, to ensure these individuals have the opportunity to express their civic rights. buff.ly/2IHxeDI



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ORGANIZATIONS ARE
IN SUPPORT

28,734

PETITION
SIGNATURES

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ACLU of Illinois
Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Chicago
Business and Professional People for the Public Interest
Cabrini Green Legal Aid
Change Peoria
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice
Chicago Bar Association
Chicago Board of Election Commissioners
Chicago Books to Women in Prison
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
Chicago Community Bond Fund
Chicago Council of Lawyers
Chicago Jobs Council
Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
Chicago Urban League
Chicago Votes
Common Cause Illinois
Community Renewal Society
Equality Illinois
Evanston Action Partners
Faith in Place
Heartland Alliance
Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Environmental Council
Illinois Federation of Teachers
Illinois Public Interest Research Group
Indivisible Illinois
John Howard Association
League of Women Voters of Chicago
League of Women Voters of Cook County
League of Women Voters of Illinois
Legal Council for Health Justice
Local 881 UFCW Backbone Films LLC
National Rainbow PUSH Coalition
North Side Action and Resistance
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Solidarity Sundays
Uptown People's Law Center
Western Front Resist

This bill encourages:

**POLL
WATCHERS**

**MODIFIES
ELECTION CODE
LANGUAGE TO JAIL
ACCESS VERSUS
COMMUNITY
PRECINCTS**

**ADA
COMPLIANCE**

**ENSURING
SYSTEMS OF
SUPPORT ARE IN
PLACE**

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