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With COVID-19 a continuing concern during the 2020 election cycle, Public Acts 101-641 and 101-642 were signed into law to provide special measures to address the health and safety of voters and poll workers.

One of the measures for the November 3, 2020 General Election is that each election authority is required to send out Vote by Mail ballot applications to all registered voters who have voted in any of the last 3 elections or registered/changed their address since March 18, 2020.

McLean County Clerk, Kathy Michael and the Bloomington Election Commission will be sending out a Vote by Mail ballot application to active registered voters in McLean County and the City of Bloomington respectively no later than August 1. Once a voter receives their Vote by Mail ballot application, they can fill it out and return it to their election authority. If you do not get a Vote by Mail application, you can visit the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov/ and complete a Vote by Mail ballot application.

While Vote by Mail ballot applications are being mailed no later than August 1, ballots will be mailed beginning on September 24th, per state law. Other organization may also send you a Vote by Mail application, so voters may get multiple Vote by Mail ballot applications. A voter only needs to return one Vote by Mail ballot application. If a voter has already submitted a Vote by Mail ballot application, they do not need to do anything additional. **Ballots will be ready for mailing on September 24.**

The McLean County Clerk's Office and the Bloomington Election Commission are also taking steps to keep voters safe on Election Day for those voters who choose to vote in person. CDC and IDPH guidelines will be followed at all polling places.

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