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Simple Ballot for February Election

In contrast with last year's general election, voters in the upcoming February 28 Election will receive a simple ballot, with only city and Aldermanic offices to be filled.

The February 28 Election is a Municipal Primary and a non-partisan Aldermanic Election. There are only three city offices to be nominated — that of Mayor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer.

Voters should be instructed to vote for only one candidate for any of the three city offices, and only one candidate for alderman. In some wards, where candidates have withdrawn or

been removed by the Electoral Board, there will be a line or lines that simply state "no candidate." Even though there are some wards with as many as 12 aldermanic candidates, voters should only cast a ballot for one candidate.

In the Republican Primary for Mayor, three candidates have dropped off the ballot and have been replaced with "no candidate" lines.

Because of the simplicity of the February 28 ballot, the voting process will be fast and simple. Thus, there should be no back up of voters in the polling place, even during peak voting hours.

Pre-Printed Applications Make Voting Easier

Chicago voters will again be given a pre-printed Application for Ballot at both the February and April elections.

The pre-printed applications expedite the voting process since the voter's name and address is pre-printed on the application. There is also a more accurate and legible record of who applied for ballots, thereby eliminating the problem of illegible handwriting or printing on ballot application.

And with the pre-printed ballot applications, the voting records can be scanned by a computer to obtain the voter history.

During voting hours, the judges at Station 2 ask each voter his or her name. One judge then locates the voter's pre-printed application in the blue spindled "Applications for Ballot" pad, which is organized in alphabetical order. The judge tears the application out and the voter verifies name and address and signs in the box. The judge initials the application, after signature verification.

If there is no pre-printed application in the pad, the judge issues the voter a blank application from the back of the pad.

At Station 3, the election judge must number the application, after the proper ballot card has been issued to the voter. The numbered pre-printed applications are then spindled on the white pad labeled "Used Applications for Ballot."

If a voter spoils the pre-printed application, the voter must complete a blank application and the judges will attach the pre-printed application to the blank completed form.

Each blue absentee ballot application should also be attached to the voter's pre-printed application, if available.

All used pre-printed Applications for Ballot on the white spindle, must be returned to the receiving station with other required items on election night. The blue spindle containing unused applications must be left in the carrier at the polling place.

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Arrive at the
polling place
by 5:15 a.m.
Don't be late!

If you do not
have
transportation
to the
Receiving
Station, call
Election
Central,
269-7870,
for assistance.

Use the new instruction cards on Election Day.

Volunteers Register 104,000

Once again, the volunteer deputy registrar program has proven to be the most effective means of recruiting new voters. For the February 28th Municipal Primary and Aldermanic Election, the volunteer deputy program produced more than 104,000 voter registrations out of a total of approximately 116,000 taken since the November 8, 1994 General Election.

There are approximately 8,500 volunteer registrars in the city of Chicago qualified to take

voter registrations. Some of the volunteers have been quite active, while others have taken few registrations. This activity is reflected in the ward by ward registrations produced since the last general election (see chart at right).

Although voter registration has closed for the February 28th Election, registration will open for a short window between March 1 through March 7 to qualify new voters for the April 4 Municipal Election.

Cowen Appointed to Board



Richard A. Cowen (second from right) is shown being sworn in as a member of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners by Chief Judge Donald P. O'Connell during ceremonies in the Richard J. Daley Center. Witnessing the oath of office being administered are Cowen's fellow Commissioners — Arnette R. Hubbard (left) and Chairman Michael J. Hamblet (right).

Cowen, appointed to a three year term, becomes the Republican member of the Election Board, replacing Commissioner Chris Robling.

Commissioner Cowen, an attorney, has 15 years electoral experience as a former member and Chairman of the Illinois Electoral Board; and has represented numerous candidates and objectors in electoral board hearings. He also has served as a hearing officer for the Chicago Election Board.

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Wd.	Reg.
1	22,743
2	31,667
3	29,930
4	30,733
5	31,331
6	38,932
7	32,372
8	39,271
9	33,835
10	31,045
11	27,049
12	13,235
13	31,090
14	19,229
15	30,363
16	24,544
17	35,209
18	37,973
19	37,598
20	30,812
21	41,737
22	16,260
23	32,651
24	33,042
25	14,827
26	24,323
27	32,821
28	34,558
29	32,895
30	22,436
31	21,629
32	29,236
33	18,699
34	37,934
35	22,965
36	33,424
37	33,743
38	30,757
39	23,785
40	23,041
41	38,142
42	36,740
43	34,441
44	33,789
45	34,383
46	27,167
47	26,906
48	24,252
49	19,053
50	24,152
Total	1,468,749