



# ILLINOIS BALLOT INTEGRITY PROJECT

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## Statement of Purpose

The **Illinois Ballot Integrity Project** is a not-for-profit, non-partisan civic organization dedicated to the correction of election system deficiencies and ensuring fair, accurate, and completely transparent elections.

Fundamental to election integrity is the inscribing of all votes (whether by hand or by machine) on durable paper ballots which are easily handled and verified by the individual voter. The voter's paper ballot shall be the only **official** ballot for purposes of casting, tallying, counting, audit and recount.

## Mission Statement

The **Mission** of the **Illinois Ballot Integrity Project** is to inform and educate the public, media and government officials about important election integrity issues and to promote the adoption of legislation and policies designed to secure the democratic process.

## We Support These Principles

### *Every Vote Counts – Count Every Vote*

**We support** the proposition that every qualified voter must be assured a reasonable opportunity to cast his or her vote in every election in which he or she is legally entitled to participate.

### *Trust . . . But Verify*

**We support** same-day in-precinct counting and tabulation of ballots, with multi-partisan supervision, public oversight and immediate public posting of the results.

**We support** independent multi-partisan audits consisting of a complete hand-count of the ballots in at least ten percent (10%) of randomly selected ballots for all National, State, County and City elections.

**We support** publicly funded non-partisan exit polling.

**We support** safe and secure storage of all election records and ballots for a minimum of two (2) years.

**We support** multi-partisan election boards.

### *Equal Voting Opportunity*

**We support** the establishment and enforcement of uniform voting standards, procedures, and methods applicable to all elections and all polling places.

**We support** independent, private, and convenient casting of ballots by all voters, regardless of physical capabilities.

**We support** the establishment of election day as a national holiday.

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