

St. Clair County saving tax payer's money with a new Vote by Mail process

St. Clair County Clerk Tom Holbrook announces implementation of a new Vote by Mail ballot tracking system for voters.

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The new Vote by Mail service will give voters the ability to track their mailed ballots. There will be a significant savings for taxpayers with reduced postage rates.

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St. Clair County Clerk Tom Holbrook and election staff will be updating their Vote-By-Mail tracking and vote by mail envelopes to add security and reduce costs for St. Clair County.

This new service with, greater St. Louis-based, KNOWiNK will process the printing and mailing of Vote by Mail ballots for all future St. Clair County elections, beginning with the April 1, 2025 Election. This process provides voters with a propriety tracking system to allow monitoring of their ballot as it moves through the USPS system and provides us with continual reporting and auditing information. Furthermore, this saves tens of thousands in printing and mailing costs as we update our Vote-By-Mail envelopes.

The St. Clair County Clerk's Election Division has maintained a reputation for conducting fair and transparent elections and because of that, Vote-by-Mail has continued to gain the trust of more voters. Growing in number each election cycle, Vote-by-Mail popularity has steadily increased since the 2016 Presidential Election. After 2020, Vote-By-Mail rapidly expanded with updated State Laws in Illinois.

Over 20,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots have already been requested by our office for the April 1, 2025 Election. We predict potentially 25,000 or more Vote-by-Mail ballots will be requested before April.

The new system will allow us to track ballots when they have been mailed out to the voters, making sure they arrive to the voters, and then allow the voters themselves to track their ballots once they have mailed the ballots back to the St. Clair County Clerk's office.

Every voter who votes by mail in St. Clair County can voluntarily track their ballot back to the County Clerk's office and confirm receipt. The entire process is being printed and fulfilled in the Greater Metro Area.

St. Clair County Clerk, Tom Holbrook and his office has continued to conduct transparent and secure elections. The office has worked to consistently look for ways to reduce costs with added benefits for the voters and taxpayers of St. Clair County.

KNOWiNK is founded and headquartered in the St. Louis Metro Area by former Election Officials. Founded in 2011, KNOWiNK is in around 34 states across the country and works with over 1,700 counties. They are one of leading election technology companies with the most state-wide voter registration implementations.