

July 2024 Newsletter

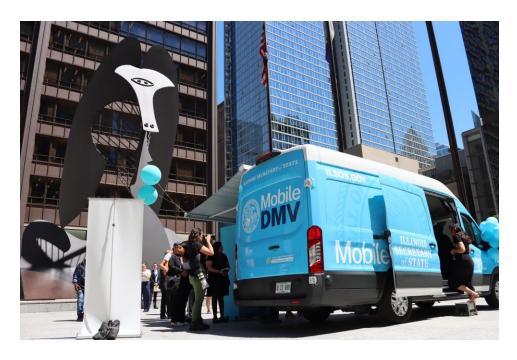
Welcome to the Illinois Secretary of State Public Engagement monthly newsletter!

Here we share news and announcements, program updates, upcoming events,

and available resources and opportunities.

New Announcements

The First-Ever DMV on Wheels!



The First-Ever DMV on Wheels has officially hit the road! This mobile DMV is not bound by a single location but will travel across the state, increasing accessibility and reducing the 'Time Tax' that residents pay waiting in line to attain essential government services.

The DMV on Wheels offers:

- Apply for a REAL ID (<u>required documentation</u>)
- Renew your driver's license or state ID (<u>required documentation</u>)
- Apply for a duplicate or corrected driver's license or state ID
- Renew your vehicle registration
- Join the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry

Expanded Identification Options Available for Non-Citizen Illinois Residents



Undocumented immigrants living in Illinois can now apply for standard driver's licenses thanks to a new law that aims to make Illinois roads safer and eliminate instances of discrimination.

As of July 1, Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses (TVDLs) have been replaced with four-year standard driver's licenses that have the wording "Federal Limits Apply" printed.

To learn more, view and download our <u>TVDL transition information</u> <u>materials</u> available in English and Spanish (use password: TVDL). We encourage you to share these materials on your social media and other channels.

If you would like printed, physical copies of these English or Spanish materials to distribute to the members of your community, please reach out to Priyanka Khanna at outreach@ilsos.gov.

Teen Summer DMV Saturdays: June-August!



Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias has rolled out the office's first-ever Teen Summer DMV Program, offering DMV services *exclusively* for teen drivers on Saturdays during the summer!

The Teen Summer DMVs are located in Addison, Aurora, Bethalto, Belvidere, Bridgeview, Chicago West, Des Plaines, Elgin, Joliet, Lake Zurich, Plano, and St. Charles.

These 12 Teen Summer DMVs are open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from **June 1 to August 31**.

To schedule an appointment, teens and parents can call (800) 252-8980.

Get REAL Illinois!

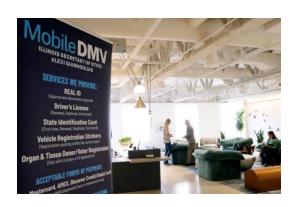


With just one year left until the federal deadline, don't wait any longer to get your REAL ID! Visit REALID.ILSOS.gov to access an interactive checklist to make sure you have the documents you need before heading to a DMV.

The deadline for REAL ID is May 7, 2025

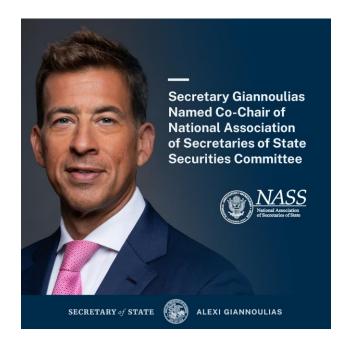
In the News

Mobile DMV "REAL ID Pop-Up" at the Aon Center!





Getting out in the community! Last week, Secretary Giannoulias hosted a REAL ID Pop-Up event at the Aon Center to raise awareness about the upcoming deadline and provide convenient access for those applying. "I'm incredibly grateful to have such enthusiastic office team members that are providing this essential form of identification at our DMV facilities, our DMV 'On Wheels' and pop-up locations like here at the AON Center," Giannoulias said. "This is part of our ongoing effort to reduce the 'Time Tax' and bring the crucial services our office provides to locations that offer a convenient and efficient experience to our customers."



Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias was named co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Securities Committee! Secretary Giannoulias expressed his gratitude, saying, "It is an honor to collaborate and serve with my esteemed colleagues representing Secretary of State offices throughout the country. This is a great opportunity to learn from each other to

ensure that we protect ordinary investors from scams and fraudulent activity while holding those accountable for their actions."

Program Updates

Starting a new job? The Securities Department has tips on kickstarting your financial future!

During the month of July, many people are soaking up the sun and enjoying all the festivities summer has to offer. However, some are working summer jobs for the first time or recently entered the job market.

The onboarding process for new hires can sometimes feel daunting. To assist with this transition, the office's Securities Department is offering a free resource, "Your New Job Starting Your Financial Future." The guide covers gross pay versus net pay, filling out a W-4, choosing a health insurance plan and enrolling in a retirement savings plan. It also includes helpful tips on smart investing, saving, and managing debt.

To request free copies of the resource booklet or a virtual or in-person information session on regarding these resources and other investor education topics, please contact Ronetta DeWitt-Hall at rdewitt-hall@ilsos.gov or (312) 793-9730.

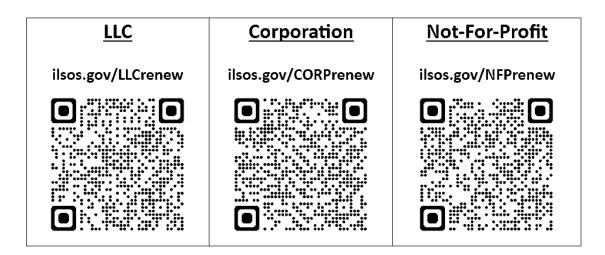
Illinoisians Can Now Get Documents Notarized Without Leaving Their Home!

Illinois residents no longer have to leave their homes or offices to notarize documents thanks to a new Electronic Notary System administered by Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' office. With this new system, both the customer and notary can sign the document and attach the notarial certificate and notary seal electronically. To learn more, read our e-notary press release.

To find an e-notary, please visit our <u>notary search page</u>. To become an e-notary, submit an <u>online application</u>.

If you have questions about notary requirements or the application process, please contact the Index Department's Notary Public Division at enotary@ilsos.gov or 217-782-7017.

File Annual Reports from a Computer or Cell Phone



Attention to all Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), Corporations, and Not-for-Profit Corporations. You now have the option to file your annual reports online. This convenient process, which can be completed from a computer or cellphone, only

takes five minutes. Upon completion, you will receive instant approval, email confirmation, and a free copy of the approved report. To make it even easier, businesses can use the QR codes above to file directly from their phone.

Talking Book and Braille Service at the Illinois State Library

The Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) provides free audio and braille library service via mail or digital download to any Illinois resident who is unable to read standard print material due to a permanent or temporary visual or physical disability. More than 150,000 digital titles – many offered in foreign languages besides English – are available including bestsellers, popular fiction, westerns, classics, and nonfiction. Click here to learn more about TBBS and other free services for persons with print impairments. English and Spanish applications for TBBS can be accessed here.

Upcoming Events

Attention Businesses - Federal Reporting Requirements: Free Informational Webinar on August 28 at 1pm!



Please join Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias for a free, informational webinar on the U.S. Treasury's Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirement.

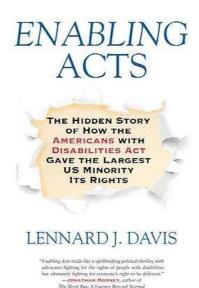
As of January 1, 2024, a new federal law requires many companies doing business in Illinois to report information to the U.S. government about who ultimately owns and controls them. This information is reported to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

During the webinar, we'll discuss these new BOI reporting requirements as well as which companies must comply with the law. We understand this is a complex topic, so we are here to support you. The webinar will be held on Zoom from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28.

Register now to attend. More information is available on the Department of Business Services' website.

ILSOS Spotlight

Illinois State Library Disability Pride Month Spotlight



Celebrate Disability Pride Month by reading "Enabling Acts: The Hidden Story of How the Americans with Disabilities Act Gave the Largest US Minority Its Rights" by Lennard J. Davis. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the widest-ranging and most comprehensive piece of civil rights legislation ever passed in the United States. "Enabling Acts" provides a narrative of the history, passage, and impact of the ADA. The book highlights the bipartisan group of people who came together to craft the bill as it is known today. It's available as an e-book from the Illinois State Library.

Illinois State Archives Disability Pride Month Spotlight

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July is Disability Pride Month, a time to support, celebrate, and empower people with disabilities. In July 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law, prohibiting discrimination based on disability. Chicago hosted the first Disability Pride Parade in 2004 to observe the anniversary of the passage of the ADA. In 2008, July 26 was proclaimed Disability Pride Day in Illinois in recognition of Chicago's 5th Annual Disability Pride Parade.