Public Hearing on AVR May 23
Since the bipartisan passage of Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) into state law last year, we have been working to ensure that the landmark legislation is implemented in a strong, timely, and community-centered manner.

Unfortunately, we have learned that the Secretary of State’s office will not meet the July 1, 2018 deadline written in the law for establishing opt-out voter registration at Driver Services facilities - the cornerstone of AVR and the tool that would actually make registration “automatic” (read our recent Just Democracy Illinois coalition testimony here).

Next week, we have an opportunity to ask questions, get answers, and make our voices heard at a public hearing on AVR:
WHEN: 12:00 pm on Wednesday, May 23, 2018
WHERE: Chicago Election Board Lower Level Conference Room
       69 W Washington St., Lower Level (in the Pedway)
WHO: Chicago Board of Elections, State Board of Elections, and
     Secretary of State's office are co-hosting this hearing

Please join us to attend the hearing, provide public comment, and ask
questions about Automatic Voter Registration before the July implementation
deadline. It is imperative to have a strong community presence at this hearing
and demonstrate the breadth and depth of support for strong and timely AVR
implementation in Illinois.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing taxel@clccrul.org.

Important Voting Rights Bills

Last month, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and partner
organizations submitted testimony before the Illinois House Elections &
Campaign Finance Committee in support of two important bills under
consideration.

- SB 2273 aims to end Illinois' reliance on the Crosscheck program
  [testimony].
- HB 4469 would expand access to the ballot for eligible voters who are
  either in pre-trial detention or recently released from incarceration
  [testimony including statements from incarcerated community members].
SB 2273 has passed the Illinois House and Senate and awaits Governor Rauner’s signature. HB 4469 has passed the House and will soon move to the Senate floor.

Our Recent Events


Ami also joined the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and ACLU of
Illinois in April for a CLE presentation about voter empowerment at the National Bar Association's mid-year conference!

We depend on your support to continue advocating for voting rights and expanded voter access across Illinois.

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