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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR RAUNER TO SIGN
AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION INTO LAW**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced a resolution that supports state legislation to implement automatic voter registration in Illinois and calls on Governor Bruce Rauner to sign that bill into law.

"The right to vote is both the hallmark of participatory democracy and a solemn civic responsibility; unfortunately, too many of our citizens don't exercise this right because they are not registered to vote," said Mayor Emanuel. "Automatic voter registration is a simple thing we can do to ensure that voting is a promise and not a privilege. Governor Rauner must stand with the Republicans and Democrats who unanimously passed this bill through the General Assembly and sign automatic voter registration into law."

Across the country, many Americans are eligible to vote but are not registered. To expand voter registration and participation, nine states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws providing for automatic voter registration, and bills to do the same are pending in 32 states, including Illinois.

Illinois Senate Bill 1933, sponsored by State Senator Andy Manar, would automatically register eligible citizens to vote when conducting business with the Secretary of State, and agencies within the Departments of Human Services, Employment Security, Financial and Professional Regulation, Natural Resources, and any other agency or department that has access to reliable personal information. It is estimated that approximately 1 million of the 2.2 million eligible but unregistered Illinois citizens would be added to the voter rolls under this law, which unanimously passed the Illinois General Assembly in May of this year.

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