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After New York, Justice Department Must Act in Illinois

WASHINGTON, DC – The Obama administration must act swiftly to ensure Illinois sends ballots to military members serving overseas, the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) demanded today, two days after successfully raising similar concerns about New York.

On Tuesday of this week, the RNLA called on the U.S. Justice Department to file suit against the state of New York for failing to comply with the MOVE Act, which mandates that states send out ballots to military members serving overseas at least 45 days before the elections. The Justice Department promptly acted, filing suit against New York late Tuesday night.

But now, Cris Cray, director of Legislation at the Illinois State Board of Elections, tells Chicago's WLS-AM that not all of Illinois' 110 jurisdictions are compliant with the MOVE Act. [Reports WLS-AM:](#)

“Cray says she is currently compiling data from each of Illinois' jurisdictions to determine which were compliant and which were delinquent. Cray said it's possible the ballots may not be counted because the state was tardy in sending them out.”

The [Associated Press reports](#) that the U.S. Justice Department is investigating Illinois, but RNLA Chair David Norcross says swift action is required:

“States across the country appear to not be sending ballots to men and women serving in our military overseas,” Norcross said. “The Obama administration needs to make this a top priority and do whatever possible to ensure that states comply with the MOVE Act. If the Justice Department waits to sue states that are tardy in sending ballots overseas, then some troops will not have their votes counted this fall.”