

***ILLINOIS TO HOLD A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH 3, 2009***

***If it is too much effort- then don't worry about it- the number of Illinois voters in Syria is pretty small !***

***As for the other voting and taxes links- many thanks- they look great and are exactly what I wanted.***

***I noticed in responding to someone about reports of birth abroad that i want to add some text i have borrowed from the embassy baghdad website- if you have a moment- i would appreciate if you could add this text in between 5. "if only one parent is American...and before "When a Consular Report is stolen or lost....for this link [http://damascus.usembassy.gov/birth\\_abroad.html](http://damascus.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html)***

Proof that the American citizen parent(s) meets the physical presence requirements for transmission of citizenship. For children born after 14 November 1986, five years' proof of physical presence in the United States is required, two after the U.S. Citizen parent's 14th birthday before the birth of the child. Please refer to [http://travel.state.gov/law/info/info\\_609.html](http://travel.state.gov/law/info/info_609.html) for details.

Proof of physical presence can take the form of bank or credit card statements showing monthly transactions, property leases, postmarked letters, motor vehicle records, medical records, military records, school and university transcripts, employment W-2 forms, letters or HR records from employers stating precise periods of employment in the U.S., passport entry/exit stamps, among others. We will consider the evidence in its totality—one document by itself will not establish proof of physical presence for time in the U.S. As income can be earned in the United States while not being physically present there, Social Security, tax, and bank records by themselves cannot serve as proof of physical presence. An affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence in and of itself is also not sufficient to establish a citizenship claim. We understand that it is often difficult to obtain these documents, but proof of physical presence cannot be waived.