

# GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION • MARCH 17, 2026 • COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## REPUBLICAN SPECIMEN BALLOT COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 17, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN COLES COUNTY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026.

*Julie Coe*

JULIE COE, COUNTY CLERK  
COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## FEDERAL

### FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

- CASEY CHLEBEK
- DON TRACY
- R. CARY CAPPARELLI
- PAMELA DENISE LONG
- JIMMY LEE TILLMAN, II
- JEANNIE EVANS

## STATE

### FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for one)

- (TED DABROWSKI  
(CARRIE MENDOZA
- (JAMES MENDRICK  
(ROBERT RENTERIA
- (DARREN BAILEY  
(AARON B. DEL MAR
- (RICK HEIDNER  
(CHRISTINA NEITZKE-TROIKE
- (Write-in  
(\_\_\_\_\_)

REPUBLICAN

- ROBERT W. FIORETTI
- Write-in

(\_\_\_\_\_)

- WALTER ADAMCZYK
- DIANE M. HARRIS

- BRYAN DREW

- MIKE BOST

- JUDY BOWLBY
- MARY E. MILLER
- RYAN D. TEBRUGGE

- CHAPIN ROSE

- CHRIS G. MILLER

- ADAM M. NIEMERG

- JULIE COE

- GEORGE E. EDWARDS

- KENT MARTIN

- TODD CASSELL

- MARK ESAREY

- SUMMAR SMITH

- DAVID JOHNSON

COUNTY BOARD	PRECINCT
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ELEVEN (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 3 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT G. BENNETT	<input type="radio"/> JACK BURTON
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWELVE (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 4 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	<input type="radio"/> GARY JUNEAU
JUDICIAL	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 3 (Vote for one)
FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas M. Welch) (Vote for one)	<input type="radio"/> LISA A. WALK
<input type="radio"/> AMY E. SHOLAR	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 4 (Vote for one)
PRECINCT	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON ASHMORE (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 5 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> JENNIFER CARVER	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 1 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 6 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 2 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 8 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> VIRGINIA HAYES	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 3 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 10 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> CAROLYN POFFINBARGER	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 4 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 12 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 5 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 13 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> BRIAN INGRAM	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 6 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 16 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	<input type="radio"/> NANCY PURDY
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 8 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 17 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> MELODY TUCKER	<input type="radio"/> TONY NICHOLSON
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 10 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 18 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> MICHEAL MILLER	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 11 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 19 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> BRANDON EDWARDS	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT L SHORAGA JR
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 12 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 21 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> LAURA PLUNKETT	<input type="radio"/> JOYCE BELL
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 13 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 22 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	<input type="radio"/> THOMAS W. ROYAL
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 14 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MORGAN 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 15 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NORTH OKAW 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 16 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PARADISE 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 17 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PLEASANT GROVE 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT M. SPENCER
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 18 (Vote for one)	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SEVEN HICKORY 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate	No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 19 (Vote for one)	PROPOSITION
<input type="radio"/> TODD CASSELL	HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON EAST OAKLAND 1 (Vote for one)	"SHALL BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES BE ISSUED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$240,000.00)?"
<input type="radio"/> GEORGE E. EDWARDS	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HUMBOLDT 1 (Vote for one)	COLES COUNTY FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT ADVISORY REFERENDUM
No Candidate	Should Illinois opt into a federal program that would provide Public K-12, private school, and homeschooled students with privately donated funds for academic needs, such as tutoring and test preparation, educational therapies for students with disabilities, tuition, books, exam fees or for other specified academic needs?
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HUTTON 1 (Vote for one)	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> MARK ESAREY	NORTH OKAW TOWNSHIP PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 1 (Vote for one)	"SHALL BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES BE ISSUED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$260,000.00)?"
No Candidate	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 2 (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	

## Early Voting Information

### Locations, Dates and Hours

All Coles County precincts can vote early at these three locations.

Coles County Clerk's Office  
651 Jackson Ave., Rm 122  
Charleston, IL 61920

• 2/5/26 – 3/16/26: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
• Saturday, 3/14/26: 9 a.m.-Noon

First Presbyterian Church  
10 Charleston Ave., Entrance J  
Mattoon, IL 61938

• 2/5/26 – 3/16/26: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
• Saturday, 3/14/26: 9 a.m.-Noon

Eastern Illinois University  
Martin Luther King Jr. University Union  
Bridge Lounge  
Charleston, IL 61920

• 3/11/26 – 3/13/26: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



## GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 17, 2026

(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(a), 1.2(b))

### TO BE NOMINATED:

- United States Senator
- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- Representatives in Congress – All 17 Districts
- State Senators
  - o For 2-year terms: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57
  - o For 4-year terms: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59
  - o For unexpired 2-year terms: Please note that vacancies which occur after the publication of this guide will not be included in the listing of unexpired terms.
- Representatives in the General Assembly
  - All 118 Districts
  - Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees
  - Forest Preserve Commissioners (DuPage County)
  - County Clerk
  - County Treasurer
  - County Sheriff
  - County Assessor
  - Members of Board of Review (in counties with elected boards of review, including Cook County)
  - Regional Superintendent of Schools
  - Chicago Board of Education - Board Members and President
    - o For 2-year terms: 1A, 2B, 3A, 4A, 5B, 6A, 7A, 8B, 9A, 10B
    - o For 4-year terms: 1B, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9B, 10A, President
  - County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
  - County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
  - Judges (Additional judgeships if required)
    - o Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
    - o Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
    - o Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
    - o Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
    - o Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled

### TO BE ELECTED:

- Precinct Committeepersons (all counties, excluding Cook)
- Township committeepersons (Cook County)
- School Board Members (districts under Article 33 of the School Code)
- State central committeepersons\* (Democratic – two committeepersons of different genders per district)

\*The Republican Party elects State central committeepersons at the county conventions

### BALLOT ORDER:

United States Senate, State offices, congressional offices, Illinois General Assembly, trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial offices, municipal offices (municipalities with annual elections), precinct or township committeepersons. (10 ILCS 5/7-19)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST FOR THE MARCH 17, 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the testing of the automatic tabulating equipment as requested by Illinois Compiled Statutes (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24.C-9) for the March 17, 2026, General Primary Election will be held at the Coles County Courthouse, Tabulation Center, on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, representatives of the State Board of Elections and the public.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2026.

Julie Coe  
Coles County Clerk

For more information,

call Julie Coe,

Coles County Clerk

and Recorder:

217-348-0523

Election Information	Watch the results:
www.colesco illinois.gov/coclerk/elections/	www.colesco illinois.gov