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REPUBLICAN SPECIMEN BALLOT

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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

REPUBLICAN

STATE

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for one)

☐ (TED DABROWSKI

(CARRIE MENDOZA

REPUBLICAN

☐ (JAMES MENDRICK

(ROBERT RENTERIA

REPUBLICAN

☐ (DARREN BAILEY

(AARON B. DEL MAR

REPUBLICAN

☐ (RICK HEIDNER

(CHRISTINA NEITZKE-TROIKE

REPUBLICAN

☐ ( Write-in

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Vote for one)

☐ ROBERT W. FIORETTI

Write-in

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(Vote for one)

☐ WALTER ADAMCZYK

☐ DIANE M. HARRIS

FOR COMPTROLLER

(Vote for one)

☐ BRYAN DREW

FOR TREASURER

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

☐ MIKE BOST

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

☐ JUDY BOWLBY

☐ MARY E. MILLER

☐ RYAN D. TEBRUGGE

LEGISLATIVE

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

☐ CHAPIN ROSE

REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

☐ CHRIS G. MILLER

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

☐ ADAM M. NIEMERG

COUNTY

FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

(Vote for one)

☐ JULIE COE

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

(Vote for one)

☐ GEORGE E. EDWARDS

FOR SHERIFF

(Vote for one)

☐ KENT MARTIN

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CLARK, COLES, CUMBERLAND, DOUGLAS, EDGAR, MOULTRIE AND SHELBY COUNTIES)

(Vote for one)

☐ KYLE THOMPSON

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE

(Vote for one)

☐ THOMAS (TOM) SHERMAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FIVE

(Vote for one)

☐ JOHN L DOTY

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN

(Vote for one)

☐ SUMMAR SMITH

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT NINE

(Vote for one)

☐ DAVID JOHNSON

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ELEVEN

(Vote for one)

☐ ROBERT G. BENNETT

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWELVE

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

JUDICIAL

FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas M. Welch)

(Vote for one)

☐ AMY E. SHOLAR

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON ASHMORE

(Vote for one)

☐ JENNIFER CARVER

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 2

(Vote for one)

☐ VIRGINIA HAYES

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 3

(Vote for one)

☐ CAROLYN POFFINBARGER

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 4

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 5

(Vote for one)

☐ BRIAN INGRAM

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 6

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 8

(Vote for one)

☐ MELODY TUCKER

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 10

(Vote for one)

☐ MICHEAL MILLER

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 11

(Vote for one)

☐ BRANDON EDWARDS

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 12

(Vote for one)

☐ LAURA PLUNKETT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 13

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 14

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 15

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 16

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 17

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 18

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CHARLESTON 19

(Vote for one)

☐ TODD CASSELL

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON EAST OAKLAND 1

(Vote for one)

☐ GEORGE E. EDWARDS

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HUMBOLDT 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HUTTON 1

(Vote for one)

☐ MARK ESAREY

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 2

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 3

(Vote for one)

☐ JACK BURTON

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LAFAYETTE 4

(Vote for one)

☐ GARY JUNEAU

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 3

(Vote for one)

☐ LISA A. WALK

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 4

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 5

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 6

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 8

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 10

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 12

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 13

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 16

(Vote for one)

☐ NANCY PURDY

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 17

(Vote for one)

☐ TONY NICHOLSON

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 18

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 19

(Vote for one)

☐ ROBERT L SHORAGA JR

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 21

(Vote for one)

☐ JOYCE BELL

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MATTOON 22

(Vote for one)

☐ THOMAS W. ROYAL

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON MORGAN 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NORTH OKAW 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PARADISE 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PLEASANT GROVE 1

(Vote for one)

☐ ROBERT M. SPENCER

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SEVEN HICKORY 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

PROPOSITION

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES

"SHALL BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES BE ISSUED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$240,000.00)?"

☐ YES

☐ NO

COLES COUNTY FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Should Illinois opt into a federal program that would provide Public K-12, private school, and homeschool 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?

☐ YES

☐ NO

NORTH OKAW TOWNSHIP

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES

"SHALL BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES BE ISSUED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$260,000.00)?"

☐ YES

☐ NO

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.

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(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

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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

www.colesco.illinois.gov/coclerk/elections/

Watch the results:

www.colesco.illinois.gov