

Macoupin County Voter Information & Election Guide

2018 General Election
Tuesday, November 6
Polls Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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A message to voters

From maintaining and protecting the integrity of the voter registration list to managing the voting process on election day, the work of the County Clerk's Election Office staff is virtually a year round responsibility. Apart from overseeing balloting on election day, we accept nominating petitions for local candidates prior to the election, recruit and train election judges, distribute and receive vote-by-mail ballots and oversee early voting, including outreach balloting at nursing homes and other locations in the county. We do these things to ensure that any eligible citizen who wishes to vote has an opportunity to do so, ensure that their ballots are correctly counted and ensure the integrity of the election process.

If I had to name one thing about my job as County Clerk that I find disappointing, it would be that despite our best efforts, a substantial percentage of our registered voters do not cast ballots for any given election. In 2016 for the Presidential Election, about 70 percent of registered voters in Macoupin County cast ballots—meaning that nearly 30 percent of eligible voters failed to participate in one of the most fundamental aspects of citizenship. Voter turnout for mid-term elections tend to be lower than for Presidential elections, which means only 50 to 60 percent of registered voters are likely to vote. If that projection is true, nearly half of our registered voters will fail to cast bal-

lots.

Apathy on the part of voters is a disappointment to me and my staff because we recognize that the right to vote is among the most precious of our American liberties. It is the thing that distinguishes us from other nations and other forms of government. It is enshrined by law and has been protected for generations by our military men and women, many of whom sacrificed their lives in the defense of liberty.

On a more positive note, it appears that interest in the political process is growing. The number of registered voters in Macoupin County, for example, has grown from about 30,000 in 2016 to more than 32,600 for the upcoming general election. Given the renewed interest in registering to vote, I'm optimistic that turnout for this election will exceed past expectations.

There are good reasons for voters to take an interest in the 2018 General Election. While we will not be electing a President, voters this year will determine the political composition of the U.S. House and Senate. We will either re-elect a sitting Governor or elect a new one for the State of Illinois, and voters will have four candidates from which to choose. There are contested races for the State Senate and State House of Representatives, and there are contested races for constitutional offices such as Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller. In short, voters will have an opportunity to determine the tone and direction of government for the next few years at the federal, state and county levels.

As your County Clerk, it has again been my pleasure to work with staff members, party officials, candidates and elected officials to make sure every aspect of the 2018 General Election runs smoothly. As always, administering this election has been a challenging and rewarding experience.

As your County Clerk, I strive to use the resources of my office to make it as easy and convenient as possible for county voters to cast their ballots. This Voter Information and Election Guide is a part of that effort, bringing together sample ballots along with all the information you might need to ensure you are properly

registered to vote and that you have the opportunity to cast your ballot.

We've worked hard to include in this Voter Information and Election Guide all the information you will need to cast your ballot in the upcoming election. If you have further questions or need additional information, I encourage you to contact my

office at (217) 854-3214, extension 707, or visit our comprehensive election website at www.macoupin-votes.com. The state-of-the-art website allows voters to check the status of their voter registration, find the polling place for their precinct, view sample ballots and obtain other information. On election night, the website will be updated regularly with election results for Macoupin County so voters will know the outcome of local races as soon as ballots are counted.

It has been my pleasure to administer the 2018 general election in Macoupin County and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the voters of this county.



Pete Duncan

Macoupin County Clerk

ON THE COVER: The iconic statue of Abraham Lincoln located on Illinois Route 159 in the center of Bunker Hill is one of only four statues of Lincoln sculpted by William Grandville Hastings. The statue was a gift to the city of Bunker Hill from Captain Charles Cinton, formerly of Company B of the First Missouri Voluntary Cavalry, in recognition of the numerous Bunker Hill men who served in Company B during the Civil War. An estimated 7,000 people attended the unveiling and dedication of the monument on Sept. 7, 1904. Among those attending was Illinois Governor Richard Yates and Senator Shelby M. Collum. At least nine Company B veterans from Macoupin County also attended, along with Capt. Clinton.

Election Notice

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on

Tuesday November 6^h, 2018

at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Macoupin and the State of Illinois, a General Election will be held for the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices:

TO BE ELECTED

- 1 Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- 2 Attorney General
- 3 Secretary of State
- 4 Comptroller
- 5 Treasurer
- 6 Representative in Congress
 - 13th Congressional District
- 7 State Senator
 - 48th State Senate District
 - 50th State Senate District
- 8 Representatives of the General Assembly
 - 98th State Representative District
 - 100th State Representative District
- 9 County Clerk
- 10 County Treasurer
- 11 County Sheriff
- 12 County Board Member
 - 1st County Board District
 - 3rd County Board District
 - 4th County Board District
 - 5th County Board District (2 year unexpired term)
 - 6th County Board District
 - 8th County Board District
 - 9th County Board District
- 13 Judge of the Appellate Court (vacancy)
 - 4th Judicial District
- 14 Judge of the Circuit Court (vacancy)
 - 7th Judicial Circuit
- 15 Regional Superintendent of Schools
 - Calhoun, Greene, Jersey and Macoupin Counties
 - Adams, Brown, Cass, Morgan, Pike and Scott Counties
 - Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette and Montgomery Counties

QUESTIONS OF JUDICIAL RETENTION

- 1 Appellate Court Judge
 - 4th Judicial Circuit
- 2 Circuit Court Judge
 - 7th Judicial Circuit

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 6th, 2018.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk
Dated September 3, 2018

Voter Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- ❖ Cast your ballot in a non-disruptive atmosphere free of interference.
- ❖ Vote if you're in line at the polling place by 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Be a provisional voter if there is a question about your registration status or your eligibility to vote in the election.
- ❖ Vote a federal ballot at your old polling place if you have moved within 30 days of the election.
- ❖ Request assistance in voting, if needed.
- ❖ Bring this voter's guide or sample ballots into the voting booth, but take them with you when you finish voting.
- ❖ Protect the secrecy of your ballot by using the ballot secrecy folder provided.
- ❖ Receive a new ballot if you make a mistake or change your mind.
- ❖ Check for voting errors (overvotes) after marking your ballot in a private and independent manner.
- ❖ Have your ballot counted fairly and impartially.

If you believe these rights have been violated, call the Macoupin County Clerk's Office at (217) 854-3214.



What to Expect at the Polls

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. It can also be found on our website. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. To avoid the heavy turnout times of 6:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., we suggest you vote between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to avoid long lines.

To ensure a quick process, any changes to your name or address since the last Election should be updated with the Elections Office prior to Election Day.

When you arrive at your precinct, an Election judge will ask your name and address, find your name in the poll book and ask you to sign both an application to vote and the poll book. Your application to vote will be numbered and your ballot will be initialed by an Election judge.

It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

If you have made a mistake, you can 'spoil' the ballot you have by giving it back to the judges and getting a new

ballot. Election judges can answer any questions you may have.

If you registered to vote by mail and the Elections office could not verify your identity, you will be required to show one form of identification from the following list.

- ❖ A current and valid photo identification
- ❖ Utility bill
- ❖ Bank statement
- ❖ Government check
- ❖ Paycheck
- ❖ Government document



Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize herself or himself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain his or her registration with the Elections Office with a current name and address.
3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station in case it is needed.
5. Familiarize herself or himself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of Election laws to the County Clerk's office.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that her or his completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling place.



Am I Eligible to Vote?

Am I Eligible to Vote?

In order to be eligible to vote in Macoupin County, you must register. The County Clerk's Office processes all voter registration applications for Macoupin County residents. The last day to register for this Election was October 9. See the 'Grace Period Balloting' section on page 7 for more information.

Who Can Register to Vote?

You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen and

- ❖ 18 years of age by the date of the next election and
- ❖ a resident at your current Macoupin County address for 30 days immediately prior to the next election.

Two forms of identification are required when registering with a deputy registrar.

At least one of the two forms must show your current name and address.

Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail postmarked within the past 30 days which has been addressed and delivered to you.

Acceptable forms of identification include, but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ Driver's License
- ❖ Birth Certificate
- ❖ State ID Card
- ❖ Social Security Card
- ❖ Utility Bill
- ❖ Employee ID Card
- ❖ Checkbook
- ❖ Student ID Card
- ❖ Library Card
- ❖ Insurance Card
- ❖ Credit Card

TO CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

- ❖ Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
- ❖ Hit '**Voter Lookup**' underneath the photos of Macoupin sites.
- ❖ Enter the information required to check if you are registered to vote.



If your information appears on screen, you are registered to vote. If it does not, try your legal name or old zip code to see if your registration is outdated.

Grace Period Balloting

Didn't Get Registered Before the Deadline or Forgot to Change Your Registration and Still Want to Vote?

If you were unable to register to vote or change your address prior to the close of registration, you can still register and vote through grace period voting. The close of registration for this election was October 9.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address October 10 through Election Day, November 6.

Grace period voting is only available in the Macoupin County Clerk's Office, 201 East Main, Carlinville, IL. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with special Saturday hours on November 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Two forms of identification are required to register or change your registration during grace period voting:

- ❖ At least one of the two forms must show your name and current address,
- ❖ And only one form of identification may be a piece of mail addressed and delivered to you.

The second form must show your name. These forms of identification shall include, but not be limited to:

- ❖ Driver's License
- ❖ Social Security Card
- ❖ Birth Certificate
- ❖ Employee ID
- ❖ Student ID Card
- ❖ Credit Card
- ❖ Library Card
- ❖ Insurance Card
- ❖ Utility Bill
- ❖ Checkbook
- ❖ Telephone Book
- ❖ State ID Card

Grace period voters must vote on the same day they register to vote. They may not vote at the polls on Election Day.

For more information, contact the Macoupin County Clerk's office at (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or at elections@macoupincountyil.gov

Your voter registration card



Your Voter Information Card has tons of important information about how you vote and which races you are entitled to vote for.

District Acronym Descriptions

- Cong Dist = U.S. House of Representatives
- Leg Dist = State Senate
- Rep Dist = State House of Representatives
- Co Bd Dist = County Board
- TWP = Township
- CUSD = School District
- JR COL DIST = Junior College District

THIS IS YOUR MACOUPIN COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION CARD

SIGN, DETACH, FOLD AND CARRY IN YOUR WALLET

Your registration record will reflect information as shown on this card, for all future elections, unless you return the card with corrections or the Postal Service returns the card as undeliverable.

Your Precinct. This is just the district you vote in, not your city ward or board district.

Your Polling Place. This is where you will vote on Election Day.

Your Districts. These are the districts you are entitled to vote for. Acronym descriptions are above.





Voter Information Changes

Keep us up to date with you!

Update important voting information quickly prior to Election Day

Address Change – Any time you move, you have to update your registration. You may do this by visiting MacoupinVotes.com , calling our office, completing a Illinois Voter Registration Application form, or providing a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

Name Change – If you get married or have a legal name change, you have to update your registration. You can do this by completing an Illinois Voter

Registration Application form or by visiting MacoupinVotes.com.

Signature Change/Update – If your signature has changed dramatically, you need to update your registration. You can do this by completing an Illinois Voter Registration Application form or signing the back of your Voter Information Card.

Voter Information Cards – Your voter information card is routinely mailed to confirm new registration, voter updates or changes in polling places.

New Voter Information Cards were mailed to every voter in the county in November 2017.

Has your signatures changed from

to this

If so, you need to update your signature with the Election Office.

Call 217-854-3214 ext 707 to be mailed a Change of Voter Registration to update your signature or print one from MacoupinVotes.com, then complete, sign and mail back to the Macoupin County Election Office



Casting Your Ballot

Optical Scan Voting is as Easy as 1 -2 -3!

1. Receive your ballot

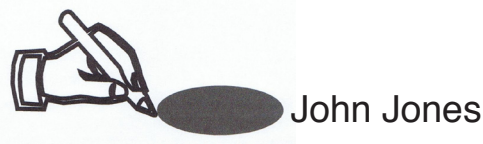
Enter the polling place and give your name and address to an Election Judge. Complete and sign an Application to Vote. Upon verification, the election judge will give you:

- a paper ballot
- a privacy cover
- a pen

2. Enter the voting booth and mark your ballot

Enter the next available voting booth. To vote the optical scan ballot, completely fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or public question of your choice. Be sure to mark both sides of your ballot if needed. If you make a mistake marking your ballot, return it to an

FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME

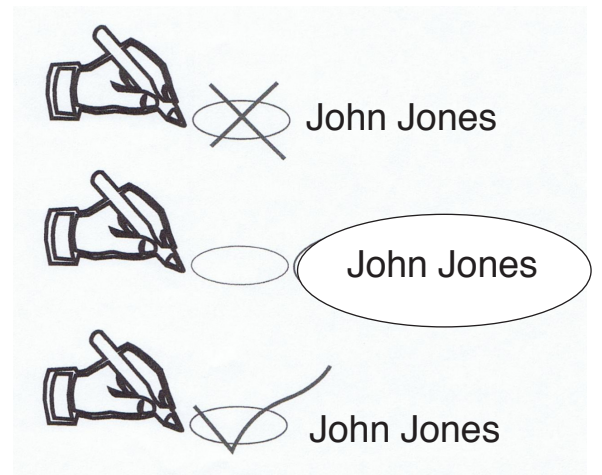


Election Judge to receive a new ballot.

3. Vote!

Cover your ballot with the privacy sleeve and insert the ballot into the ballot tabulator. The Optical Scan System complies with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide voters an opportunity to check for and correct ballot errors (for example, casting more votes for an office than allowed results in an overvote). If an error is detected, the system will gently beep and give you the option to accept the ballot as is

DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER



(the overvoted office will not count) or you may return the ballot to an Election Judge and receive a new ballot.

Visit the Macoupin County Clerk's website: macoupinvotes.com for additional information on the Optical Scan Voting System.



What happens if I don't vote in every race on the ballot?

It is your right to not vote on every race on the ballot, called undervoting. However, state law was changed in 2010 and you legally now have to be notified when you have undervoted. If you leave a race blank, your ballot will be kicked back and you will see on the LCD screen, which is located to the right of the machine where you place your ballot, the races you undervoted.

This allows you to correct your ballot if you want to do so.

If you voted for the races you wanted to vote for, you can override the notification and put your ballot in. It will be counted.

While this may be seen as an inconvenience, it is state law. When you go to the ballot box, if you purposefully left a

race blank on the ballot, please feel free to tell the Election judge present that you wish to override the undervote notification. This will allow your ballot to go into the box without the kickback.

If you should have questions concerning any of this, please feel free to contact us at the County Clerk's Office at 217-854-3214 ext 707 or emailing elections@macoupincountyil.gov.





Three ways to vote

Vote Early

Cast your ballot at the County Clerk's office before Election Day. You just need to bring a photo i.d. See 'How Do I Vote Early' on pages 16-17.

Vote By Mail

Simply call our office at (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or visit our website at www.MacoupinVotes.com to request your absentee ballot and vote in privacy before Election Day. See pages 14-15 for more information.

Vote at Your Precinct on Election Day

Election Day is your last chance to vote! To find your polling place, see 'Where Do I Vote on Election Day?' on pages 12-13.

Be sure we have your current information on your registration. See 'Am I eligible to vote?' on page 6 for more information.

Make sure to show up from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to vote. To avoid lines and congestion at your precinct, you may want to vote in the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. non rush hour time frame of the day.



Register to vote online

Since 2016, the State of Illinois has had online voter registration for voters with a valid state issued ID or driver's license.

Required information includes the complete driver's

license number or state identification number, the issue date of the driver's license or ID card, birth date, and the last 4 digits of the social security number.

To register to vote or update your registration online, visit MacoupinVotes.com. Click the link to the State Board of Election's web hub where you can complete your registration.



Where Do I Vote?

During early voting, you can vote at the Elections Office at the Courthouse. Find out more about early voting opportunities on pages 16-17.

On Election Day, you should vote where you live. If your voter registration is up-to-date, you can refer to your voter information card for your precinct number and polling place location or use the voter look-up feature on MacoupinVotes.com.

However, if you moved and have not updated your voter registration information, enter your new address in the 'Precinct Finder' feature on MacoupinVotes.com to find your new polling place location. You will be required to vote a provisional ballot at the new polling place. You can also come to the Election office at the Courthouse during grace period and change your registration and vote at the same time. See page 7 for more information.

Find your polling place online

1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
2. Then click "Voter Lookup" underneath the pictures of the sites in Macoupin County.
3. Enter your voter registration information. You must enter the information exactly as it appears on the voter file, which is exactly as you wrote it when you registered. If your registration information does not immediately appear, try your legal name or old address.
4. Once your information comes up, select "View Polling:" under the "My Electons" section.
5. Your polling place, a picture of the building and the ability to Google map the location will appear on screen. Click on the red "Google mapit" to go to Google maps.





Polling Places

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| Barr | Barr Township Building, 330 W. Main, Hettick | Hilyard | Hilyard Township Building, Route 16 & Route 159, Royal Lakes |
| Bird | Charity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville | Honey Point | Honey Point Township Hall, 21082 Woodland Rd., Carlinville |
| Brighton 1 | Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton | Mt. Olive 1 | Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive |
| Brighton 2 | Christian Life Center, 918 N. Main, Brighton | Mt. Olive 2 | Immanuel Education Buildign, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive |
| Brighton 3 | Brighton Municipal Building, 206 S. Main, Brighton | Mt. Olive 3 | Sawyererville Village Hall, Stephen & Alice Sts., Sawyererville |
| Brushy Mound | Brushy Mound Township Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville | Mt. Olive 4 | White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main St., White City |
| Bunker Hill 1 | Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill | Mt. Olive 5 | Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive |
| Bunker Hill 2 | Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill | Mt. Olive 6 | Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mt. Olive |
| Bunker Hill 3 | Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 S. Franklin, Bunker Hill | Nilwood 1 | Nilwood Village Hall, 33 Morean Rd., Nilwood |
| Cahokia 1 | Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld | Nilwood 2 | Standard City Village Hall, 650 Broadway, Standard City |
| Cahokia 2 | Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld | North Otter | Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lake, 130 E. Lake Dr., Girard |
| Cahokia 3 | East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Rd., East Gillespie | North Palmyra | Modesto Community Building, 102 E. Grand St., Modesto |
| Cahokia 4 | Eagarville Village Hall, 180 S. Mt. Olive St., Eagarville | Polk | Beaver Dam Office, 14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview |
| Cahokia 5 | Benld Civic Center, 201 E. Central Ave., Benld | Scottville | Scottville Town Hall, Walnut & Chestnut Sts., Scottville |
| Carlinville 1 | St. Paul's Church, 202 E. Main St., Carlinville | Shaws Point | Atwater Town Hall, 22839 Main St., Atwater |
| Carlinville 2 | Federated Church, 122 E. 2nd South, Carlinville | Shipman 1 | Shipman Community Center, 101 E. 1st St., Shipman |
| Carlinville 3 | Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 W. First South, Carlinville | Shipman 2 | United Methodist Church, 1021 Route 16, Piasa |
| Carlinville 4 | Carlinville City Hall, 550 N. Broad St., Carlinville | Shipman 3 | Medora Town Hall, 202 W. Locust St., Medora |
| Carlinville 5 | Blackburn College, Carlinville | South Otter | South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard |
| Carlinville 6 | Macoupin County Housing Authority, 504 W. Nicholas, Carlinville | South Palmyra | Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 E. State, Palmyra |
| Chesterfield | Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington, Medora | Staunton 1 | Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton |
| Dorchester 1 | Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville | Staunton 2 | Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton |
| Dorchester 2 | Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson St., Wilsonville | Staunton 3 | Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton |
| Gillespie 1 | Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie | Staunton 4 | Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton |
| Gillespie 2 | Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie | Staunton 5 | Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Rd., Staunton |
| Gillespie 3 | Mt. Clare School, 410 Berry St., Mt. Clare | Virden 1 | Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden |
| Gillespie 4 | Dorchester Fireman's Building, 102 Water St., Dorchester | Virden 2 | Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden |
| Gillespie 5 | Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie | Virden 3 | Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden |
| Gillespie 6 | Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin, Gillespie | Virden 4 | Virden Township Hall, 232 N. Masterson, Virden |
| Girard 1 | Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard | Western Mound | Hagaman Town Hall, 3460 Hagaman Rd., Hagaman |
| Girard 2 | Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison, Girard | | |



Vote by Mail Balloting

Who Can Vote by Mail?

Any registered voters in Macoupin County are eligible to cast a vote by mail ballot, without specifying a reason why they will be absent from the polling place on Election Day. Voters who registered by mail and did not provide sufficient proof of identity will be notified by the County Clerk that their registration is not complete. They will be ineligible to vote until they provide the required proof of identity at the polling place on Election Day or when requesting a vote by mail ballot.

Can I Vote Absentee?

Illinois law has changed the name of absentee voting to voting by mail. If you want to vote absentee, you will now do it as a vote by mail.

How do I apply to vote by mail?

You can request an application to vote by mail in many different ways. You can come in person to the Election office, send in a request by mail, call (217) 854-3214 ext 707 or apply online at MacoupinVotes.com.

The Election office will need your name, residence address, mailing address and date of birth at the time of request.

What's the deadline to apply to vote by mail?

The deadline is Thursday, Nov. 1 by 4:30 p.m. The Election office cannot mail a ballot to you after that time.

How to Vote by Mail

Step 1 : Once you have applied and returned your signed application, the Election's office will mail you your vote by mail ballot packet. The packet—including a ballot, instructions on how to fill out your Vote by Mail ballot, certificate envelope, and a return mailing envelope with prepaid postage—will be mailed to the voter.

Step 2: Upon receipt of the vote by mail ballot packet, follow all instructions on how to vote and return the ballot to the County Clerk's Office. Make sure to seal just your ballot in the secrecy envelope and place the secrecy envelope and certification card in the return envelope.

What is the deadline to return my ballot to the Election office?

Returned vote by mail ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 6, and must be received by the Election Office within 14 days of Election Day. If you want to personally deliver your ballot to the Election office, it must be received by no later than 7 p.m. on election day. You may authorize any person to return your ballot to the election authority, as long as you have signed the affidavit on the ballot envelope affirming that authorization was given to deliver the ballot.

Can I receive assistance in voting my ballot?

If you receive assistance in voting your ballot, the name and address of the individual providing the assistance must be placed on the ballot certification card. Remember that a candidate is NOT allowed to assist a voter unless the candidate is a spouse, parent, child or sibling of that voter.

Military and Overseas Voting

Members of the Uniformed Services and their family members or U.S. citizens residing overseas whose last known address is in Macoupin County and wish to vote by mail may do so by completing and mailing an FPCA (Federal Post Card Application). By completing this application, you will automatically be sent a vote by mail ballot for one calendar year.

Vote by Mail Ballot Integrity

It is illegal to:

- Make a false statement to obtain a vote by mail ballot or solicit someone to do so
- Vote a Vote by Mail ballot unless you qualify for one
- Have a candidate assist you in voting unless the candidate is a spouse, parent, child or sibling of that voter.

Do not let anyone:

- Mark your ballot, or unduly influence your ballot selections, unless you require assistance. Individuals who cannot assist voters include the Voter's Employer or Agent of that Employer, or Officer or Agent of the Voter's Union.
- On your behalf, sign your name to the Application for a Vote by Mail Ballot and/or certificate envelope. By law, the Macoupin County Clerk's Office compares the facsimile signature at registration with the signature provided on the Application for Vote by Mail Ballot and certificate envelope.



Track Your Vote by Mail Ballot

1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com.
2. Click "Vote by Mail Ballot Lookup" under the "Voter Information" tab near the top of the screen.
3. Enter your name and the address at which you are registered.
4. If you requested a Vote by Mail ballot, it will show under your voter registration information.
5. Your Vote by Mail ballot information will show under your voter registration information. You can check your ballot's status at any time.




Vote by Mail Ballot Processing

How do we process a voter's Vote by Mail ballot?

- ❖ You request an application for vote by mail ballot
- ❖ We send you an application with instructions
- ❖ You fill out the application and send it to us.
- ❖ We enter the vote by mail application into the voter registration system.
- ❖ We send you the vote by mail ballot packet with instructions.
- ❖ You vote the ballot and seal it in the ballot envelope.
- ❖ You provide the sealed ballot envelope to us with applicable affidavits in the mail envelope provided.
- ❖ We receive the mail envelope and log receipt in the voter registration system.
- ❖ We keep the ballot in the sealed envelope until Election Day.
- ❖ On Election Day, election judges open the sealed ballot envelope
- ❖ The ballot is scanned into the vote by mail ballot system.
- ❖ After the polls close the scanned ballots are tabulated.
- ❖ Preliminary Vote by Mail ballot results are reported to the public as part of the precinct results after the polls close on Election Day.



How Do I Vote Early?

WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

Registered voters may cast a ballot prior to Election Day without having to provide a reason for wanting to vote early. This ballot is cast by personal appearance at the Macoupin County Clerk's office or at a location set up by the County Clerk.

WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING OCCUR?

Early voting started September 27 and runs through November 5.

WHERE CAN PEOPLE VOTE?

People may vote at the Macoupin County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The County Clerk's office is located on the first floor of the County Courthouse in Carlinville. The Macoupin County Clerk has established more locations all across the county to make early voting this election more convenient. See next page for a full list of locations and times.

IF I VOTE EARLY, BUT CHANGE MY MIND, MAY I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

No. The law prohibits a person who voted during the early voting period from voting again on

Election Day.

ARE POLLWATCHERS ALLOWED AT EARLY VOTING SITES?

Yes. Just as with a regular polling place on Election Day, pollwatchers may be appointed to observe early voting by personal appearance at each permanent and temporary polling place where early voting is conducted.

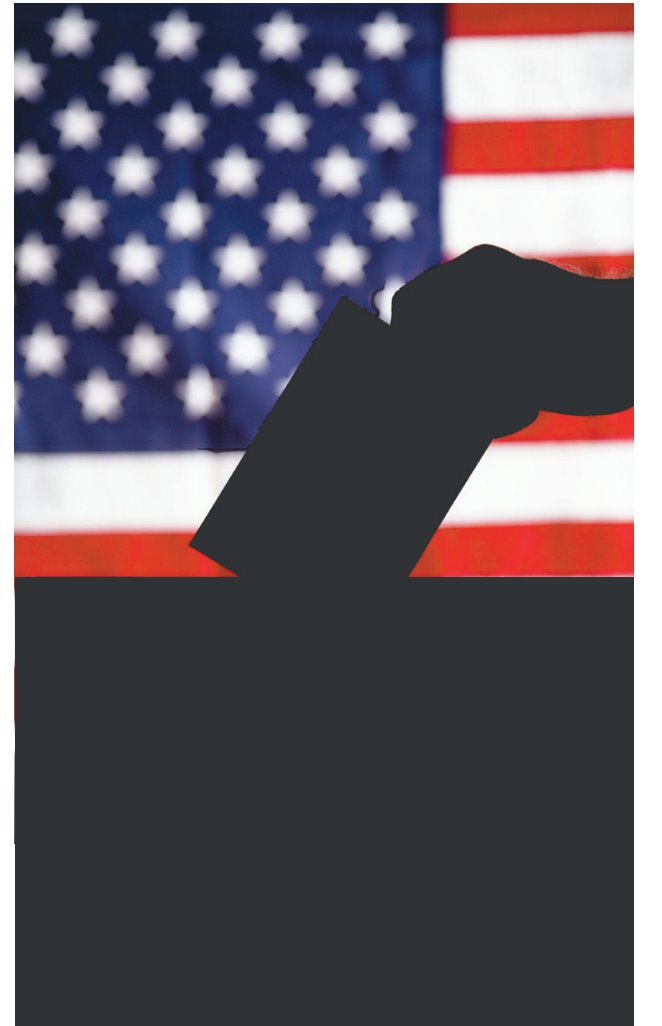
WHAT ARE THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST VOTER FRAUD?

Election judges will compare the voter's signature with the signature from when the voter registered.

The votes cast during the early voting period will not be counted until after the polls close on Election Day.

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR EARLY VOTING?

A major reason for early voting is to encourage greater participation in the election. People who travel for business, work long hours or are otherwise inconvenienced by the hours the polls are open may find it easier to vote early.



★ How to cast a write-in vote ★

1. Find the office for which the write-in candidate is running.

| FOR MAYOR | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | John Adams |
| <input type="radio"/> | Martha Washington |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| | Write-In |

2. Print the candidate's name on the write-in line.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <u>Ben Franklin</u> |
| | Write-In |

3. Fill in the oval next to the candidate's name.

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|  | <u>Ben Franklin</u> |
| | Write-In |

How Do I Vote Early?

EARLY VOTING DATES

Public notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, that Early Voting in Macoupin County will be conducted on the following dates and at the following locations prior to the November 6th, 2018 General Election:

| Date | Location | Hours |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Thu Sept. 27 to Mon Nov. 5 | Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main Carlinville | 8:30 am-4:30 pm Mondays-Fridays |

Public notice is hereby given that the following locations will have early voting on the specified dates and times where any registered voter in the County will be able to vote prior to the November 6th, 2018 General Election:

| Date | Location | Hours |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| Fri Oct. 12 | The Village at Morse Farm 1050 W Main St Carlinville | 2:00 pm -3:30 pm |
| Sat Oct. 13 | Girard City Hall 111 W Madison Girard | 9:00 am-12:00 pm |
| Tue Oct. 16 | Brighton Municipal Building 206 South Main St Brighton | 6:00 pm -8:00 pm |
| Thu Oct. 18 | Shipman Village Hall 100 E 1st St Shipman | 6:00 pm-8:00 pm |
| Fri Oct. 19 | The Glenwood 18192 Renken Rd Staunton | 2:00 pm-3:30 pm |
| Sat Oct. 20 | Staunton School Library 801 N Deneen St Staunton | 9:00 am-12:00 pm |
| Mon Oct. 22 | Palmyra Municipal Building 114 E State St Palmyra | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm |
| Tue Oct. 23 | Pleasant Hill Assisted Living 1010 W North Street Girard | 2:00 pm-3:30 pm |
| Tue Oct. 23 | Viriden Township Building 232 N Masterson Viriden | 6:00 pm-8:00 pm |
| Thu Oct. 25 | Immanuel Education Building 111 E Main Mt Olive | 6:00 pm-8:00 pm |
| Fri Oct. 26 | Blackburn College 700 College Ave Carlinville | 10:30 am-1:30 pm |
| Sat Oct. 27 | Gillespie Civic Center 115 N Macoupin Gillespie | 9:00 am-12:00 pm |
| Mon Oct. 29 | Bunker Hill Municipal Building 801 S Franklin Bunker Hill | 6:00 pm-8:00 pm |
| Wed Oct. 31 | Benld Civic Center 205 E Central Ave Benld | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm |
| Sat Nov. 3 | Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main Carlinville | 9:00 am-12:00 pm |



Pete Duncan, County Clerk
Dated September 1, 2018



For additional information, contact:
P.O. Box 107 Carlinville, IL 62626
(217) 854-3214 ext 707
www.macoupinvotes.com






Sample Ballot

SPECIMEN BALLOT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MACOUPIN COUNTY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.


PETE DUNCAN, COUNTY CLERK
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE

**FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for one)**

(BRUCE RAUNER
(EVELYN SANGUINETTI) REPUBLICAN
(JB PRITZKER
(JULIANA STRATTON) DEMOCRATIC
(GRAYSON KASH JACKSON
formerly known as BENJAMIN ADAM WINDERWEEDLE until name
changed on Aug 29, 2017
(SANJEEV MOHIP) LIBERTARIAN
(WILLIAM "SAM" McCANN
(AARON MERREIGHN) CONSERVATIVE
(Write-In
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**FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for one)**

ERIKA HAROLD REPUBLICAN
KWAME RAOUL DEMOCRATIC
BUBBA HARSY LIBERTARIAN

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
(Vote for one)**

JASON HELLAND REPUBLICAN
JESSE WHITE DEMOCRATIC
STEVE DUTNER LIBERTARIAN

**FOR COMPTROLLER
(Vote for one)**

DARLENE SENGER REPUBLICAN
SUSANA A. MENDOZA DEMOCRATIC
CLAIRE BALL LIBERTARIAN

**FOR TREASURER
(Vote for one)**

JIM DODGE REPUBLICAN
MICHAEL W. FRERICHS DEMOCRATIC
MICHAEL LEHENY LIBERTARIAN

CONGRESSIONAL

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
(Vote for one)**

RODNEY DAVIS REPUBLICAN
BETSY DIRKSEN LONDRIGAN DEMOCRATIC
Write-in

LEGISLATIVE

**FOR STATE SENATOR
FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)**

SETH McMILLAN REPUBLICAN
ANDY MANAR DEMOCRATIC

**FOR STATE SENATOR
FIFTIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)**

STEVE McCLURE REPUBLICAN
No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

REPRESENTATIVE

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NINETY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)**

AVERY BOURNE REPUBLICAN
DILLON CLARK DEMOCRATIC
Write-In

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ONE HUNDREDTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)**

CHRISTOPHER "C.D." DAVIDSMEYER REPUBLICAN
No Candidate DEMOCRATIC
Write-in

COUNTY

**FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
(Vote for one)**

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
PETE DUNCAN DEMOCRATIC

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER
(Vote for one)**

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
ANNE BOEHM DEMOCRATIC

**FOR SHERIFF
(Vote for one)**

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
SHAWN KAHL DEMOCRATIC

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

**FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
(CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES)
(Vote for one)**

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
MICHELLE MUELLER DEMOCRATIC

**FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
(BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND
MONTGOMERY COUNTIES)
(Vote for one)**

No Candidate REPUBLICAN
JULIE WOLLERMAN DEMOCRATIC

**FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
(ADAMS, BROWN, CASS, MORGAN, PIKE AND SCOTT
COUNTIES)
(Vote for one)**

JILL REIS REPUBLICAN
No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY BOARD

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT ONE
(Vote for not more than two)**

CHRISTOPHER COZAD REPUBLICAN
ROBERTA "SISSY" VOJAS DEMOCRATIC
MICHAEL C. TRANTER DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT THREE
(Vote for not more than two)**

FRANK S. LONG REPUBLICAN
KRISTI DUNNAGAN REPUBLICAN
RUTH (McGUIRE) WHITE DEMOCRATIC
STEPHEN REED DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT FOUR
(Vote for not more than two)**

CHRISTOPHER HICKS REPUBLICAN
MARK G. DRAGOVICH DEMOCRATIC
DAVID P. THOMAS DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT FIVE
(For an unexpired 2-year term)
(Vote for one)**

LARRY SCHMIDT REPUBLICAN
CATHY PETRAK DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT SIX
(Vote for not more than two)**

BILL HARDING REPUBLICAN
ROBERT K. QUARTON DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT EIGHT
(Vote for not more than two)**

HARRY STARR IV REPUBLICAN
ROBERT "TONY" WIGGINS DEMOCRATIC



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| <p>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT NINE (Vote for not more than two)</p> <p>TODD ARMOUR REPUBLICAN VERYL D. REIHER REPUBLICAN No Candidate DEMOCRATIC</p> |
| JUDICIAL |
| <p>FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. M. Carol Pope) (Vote for one)</p> <p>THOMAS M. HARRIS, JR. REPUBLICAN No Candidate DEMOCRATIC</p> |
| JUDICIAL |
| <p>FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas R. Appleton) (Vote for one)</p> <p>PETE CAVANAGH REPUBLICAN No Candidate DEMOCRATIC</p> |
| JUDICIAL RETENTION |
| <p>BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE</p> <p>"Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges listed on this ballot. No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in his present office."</p> |
| CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE |
| <p>SHALL JOHN BELZ be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| <p>SHALL ERIC S. PISTORIUS be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| <p>SHALL KENNETH R. DEIHL be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |

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| <p>SHALL DAVID R. CHERRY be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| PROPOSITION |
| <p>NORTH PALMYRA TOWNSHIP SHALL THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF LIQUOR BE CONTINUED</p> <p>"Shall the prohibition of the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor (or alcoholic liquor other than beer containing not more than 4% of alcohol by weight) (or alcoholic liquor containing more than 4% alcohol by weight in the original package and not for consumption on the premises) be continued in North Palmyra Township, Macoupin County, Illinois?"</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| <p>FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT SHALL THE TRUSTEES BE ELECTED</p> <p>Shall the trustees of Fosterburg Water District be elected, rather than appointed?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| <p>MACOUPIN COUNTY RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS</p> <p>Should the General Assembly pass any additional legislation that restricts a citizen's ability to own and possess guns or firearms?</p> <p>YES NO</p> |
| <p>SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4</p> <p>"Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Medora and Shipman's Ambulance Service so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .15%?"</p> <p>YES NO</p> |

Election Security

Election security is a top priority for all election authorities and the Macoupin County Clerk's office has continued to employ effective and forward-thinking cybersecurity measures to further strengthen our county's elections systems and safeguard our elections infrastructure against any malicious cyber activity.

Since the 2016 Presidential Election, there have been many questions and stories about how secure our Elections are and can our votes be hacked. When it comes to Macoupin County, we wanted to give you the hard facts about how our Election is secure.

- ❖ None of our voting machines are ever connected to the internet, either in the polling place or when votes are being counted, meaning they can never be hacked
- ❖ All machines are locked and sealed to prevent any kind of tampering or system interference
- ❖ All ballots cast have a paper trail. Whether you vote a paper ballot or on the touchscreen, there is a paper trail of how your vote was cast
- ❖ All voting machines are tested before the Election with a test deck of ballots being voted on machines and then tabulated to ensure the machine results are correct and match the test deck of ballots
- ❖ While voting is occurring, Election judges periodically inspect the equipment to ensure there has been no tampering or damage
- ❖ Election judges at the polling place confirm that there are zero votes cast at the opening of voting and must compare the number of ballots cast to the number of voters that applied to vote at the end of the day
- ❖ Poll watchers are allowed to observe all early voting and Election Day polling locations
- ❖ After the Election, a retabulation of selected precincts by the State Board of Election will be done to ensure that the reported results match up to the ballots cast

We take ensuring every vote is counted and counted correctly seriously in Macoupin. When it comes to cyber security, the County Clerk's office has taken numerous steps to enhance our security processes. While we don't want to detail them all publicly for those who may want to interfere to see, we have and will continue to try and stay one step ahead of any attempts to disrupt Macoupin's Elections.

Sample Ballot Lookup

- ❖ Go to www.macoupinvotes.com
- ❖ Click the 'View Your Sample Ballot' button
- ❖ Enter your name and zip code
- ❖ Once your voter information is brought up, scroll down to 'My Elections'
- ❖ Under the '11/06/2018-2018 General Election' info, click on 'View Sample Ballot'



Elections office

How your Elections Office is working for you

Here are some of the ways your County Clerk and Elections Office has been working for you:

- **State of the Art Election Results Website:** Instead of just giving you a copy of a report, the Macoupin Election Office now has an Election Night Results site designed to give you all the information you need. With color coded maps for each race, you can see precinct by precinct breakdowns of the results, have the ability to see which precincts have yet to be counted, see which candidate won the absentee votes and more.
- **Launched MacoupinVotes.com:** In 2010, the Election Office had just a few notices online for voters. In 2012, MacoupinVotes.com, the Election Office website, was launched. Now voters have access to tons of important information and FAQs, but also have the ability to check their voter registration status, track their absentee ballot, find their polling place, see their sample ballot and so much more with just the click of a mouse.
- **Published first Voter Guides in Macoupin County Newspapers:** Starting with the 2012 General Election, the Election Office has published for each Election a voter guide in all the newspapers in the county. It's a one stop shop on all the information a voter would want to know about the who, what, where, when and whys on voting. This great educational piece helps make voting in Macoupin County easier than ever before.
- **Redesigned Election Judge Training, Including an Online Course:** Having Election Judges working on Election Day with the proper training is vital to making sure every vote counts. The Election Office completely redesigned the training judges receive in 2011 to streamline the process for judges and voters alike. And in 2012, the Election Office added online judges training to make it even easier for all judges in the county to receive the proper training they need before an Election.
- **Online Absentee Application:** In 2014, the Macoupin County Election Office added an online absentee application form that ensures every voter who wants to vote by mail, can do so in the most efficient way possible. The online application cuts out one step of waiting for an application to go through the mail, saving the voter's time. But their absentee certification is still checked against the signature in the voter file to prevent any absentee fraud.
- **Expanded Early Voting:** In an effort to give all county citizens the ability to early vote, the Election Office has offered more early voting opportunities than ever before all across the County. Each General Election, early voting is held in the 10 largest cities and villages across the County, more than double the number of cities and villages covered before. And by utilizing assisted living facilities as early vote sites, residents who might not otherwise have the ability to get to the polls to vote can vote from their facility.
- **Voter File Maintenance:** The Election Office has twice done a voter file maintenance. This project involves sending new voter cards to every voter in the county. This helps make sure that voters who have moved or are deceased have their registrations updated. Having the voter file up to date not only makes sure that only those entitled to vote can vote, it also saves money by requiring less supplies and ballots to be ordered and also cuts down on wait time at the polls as judges have less applications to sort through.
- **Removed Voting Equipment from the hallways:** Previously voting machines were stored in the hallways of the Courthouse and underneath the stairs, the Election Office has now been reorganized so all voting equipment is stored in secure rooms of the Courthouse. This helps cut down on the possibility of someone tampering with a voting machine or accidental damage to a machine, saving taxpayer dollars.
- **Reestablished a Separate Election Office:** In 2006, the Election Office was moved back into the Courthouse and into the County Clerk's office. By cramming all of the activities of the County Clerk and Election offices together, it was hard to have the space needed to make things run efficiently. In 2013, all three divisions of the County Clerk's office were rearranged to provide the most effective service possible. In that move, the Election Office was reestablished as a separate office making it easier for the administration of elections to run smoothly.
- **Promoted Transparency by Placing All Elected Officials Contact Information Online:** Voters have the right to be able to reach their elected officials with their questions, concerns, and problems. Sometimes, knowing who their officials are and how to contact them can be tough. The Election Office improved transparency by giving any registered voter the ability to type in their name and address online and get a list of every one of their Elected Officials, from President of the United States to precinct committeemen, and their contact information. Making it easier for voters to reach out to their representatives is the first step to real open government and the Election Office was happy to try and make that just a little easier to do.

What Can I Find Online?

Voters and others interested in results from this year’s general election in Macoupin County can view election results on election night by visiting macoupinvotes.com.

Website features include:

- ❖ The ability to select only the races the user wants to see instead of seeing all races.
- ❖ Breakdowns of which precincts have reported, how each precinct voted in a race, and whether each precinct’s early votes have been counted.
- ❖ County maps showing precincts reporting, the turnout, as well as results from each race.

In the past, voters had to come to the courthouse to get detailed election results, according to Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan. The new system essentially brings the courthouse into the homes of Macoupin County constituents who want to monitor

results on election night. “My staff and I are happy to provide this great tool to give every voter in Macoupin County the chance to see up to the minute results and information,” Duncan said.

The new website is made possible by a Help America Vote grant.

All interested voters are encouraged to visit the site prior to election night to become familiar with its features. While the Election Office staff can answer questions before November 6, they will not be available to provide website troubleshooting on election night.

Voters also may use the website to:

- ❖ Check their voter registration and make sure their information is up-to-date and accurate.
- ❖ See the specific sample ballot they will be voting when they vote.
- ❖ Find their polling place and its address,

along with a photo of the building and the ability to Google map it.

- ❖ Track their absentee request, just like it’s a Fed-Ex package.
- ❖ Find contact information for every elected official in the county.
- ❖ Find the electoral districts in which they live and which elected officials represent them.
- ❖ Find precinct-by-precinct election results for every Macoupin County primary and general election from 1936 through the 2018 primary election.
- ❖ Find maps of various political districts.
- ❖ Find answers to countless frequently asked questions.

Anyone with questions about the website may call the Macoupin County Election office at (217) 843-3214, extension 707, or email at elections@macoupincountyil.gov.



Don’t forget with MacoupinVotes.com, you can:

- ❖ Check Your Voter Registration
- ❖ See Your Sample Ballot
- ❖ Find Your Polling Place
- ❖ See Your Elected Officials and Their Contact Info
- ❖ Track Your Absentee Ballot
- ❖ Get Up To Minute Election Results





Election judges

★ **Make Democracy Work!** ★

★ **Become an Election Judge** ★

Election judges help guarantee the rights of voters are protected on election day. This page details the qualifications necessary to become an election judge and also some of the important duties and responsibilities.

What are judges of election?

Judges of election are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the polling place on election day. They are in the position of ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with our laws.

What are the qualifications necessary to be an election judge?

- ❖ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ❖ Be of good repute and character.
- ❖ Be able to speak, read and write the English language.
- ❖ Be of good understanding and capable.
- ❖ Not be an elected committeeman.
- ❖ Need to be registered to vote in the county.
- ❖ Each Election Judge is required to declare their party preference so they can be assigned accordingly. (See how judges are selected in the following section.)

How are judges selected?

Election Judges are chosen by the County Clerk and by the Party Chairpersons. The party which cast the highest average number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by three judges, the party which casts the second highest number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by two judges.

How are election judges trained?

Before each election, several election judge training schools will be held. This course covers the duties and responsibilities of election judges and an examination which tests reading skills, ability to work with poll lists, ability to add and knowledge of election laws governing the operation of polling places is given every two years. Judges who have attended and completed the class will receive \$160 for their duties on election day. Judges who have not attended and completed the class will receive \$150 for their duties on election day.

What are some of the duties of the judges of election?

- ❖ Open and close the polls.
- ❖ Be responsible for election materials.
- ❖ Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote once and only once.
- ❖ Give instructions in the method of voting when requested by a voter.
- ❖ Give assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters.
- ❖ Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day.
- ❖ Tally the votes after the polls are closed; and to certify the election results in that precinct.

How may I become an election judge?

Contact the County Clerk's office by phone or email and express your interest in serving as a Judge of Election. Election judges are vital to ensure efficient and honest elections to which voters are entitled in a democratic society.

Call us at (217) 854-3214, extension 707; or email us at elections@macoupincountyil.gov.



Notice of Public Test

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the tabulating equipment, Accu Vote OS and TSX, to be used at the General Election on November 6th, 2018 will be conducted at the Macoupin County Clerk's office on the first floor of the Courthouse at 201 E. Main St., Carlinville, IL on Wednesday, October 24th at 11:00 a.m.

The public test is open to everyone.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk
Dated: August 27, 2018

How to find your elected officials online

Macoupin County residents may now use the macoupinvotes.com website to find out who their elected officials and representatives are and how to contact them:

1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.com.
2. Hit "Voter Lookup" beneath the photos of Macoupin County sites.
3. Enter the required information. You must enter the information exactly as it appears on the voter file which is exactly as you wrote it when you registered to vote. If your information does not immediately appear, try your legal name or old address.
4. Once your information appears on screen, select "My Elected Officials" under the "Voter Links" section.
5. Your Elected Officials will then appear on screen. Scroll down to see the whole list, or click one of the grey boxes to jump directly to a specific level of government. If you want to see who your school board members are, for example, click the grey "School District" box to access that information.
6. Clicking on the elected official's name in red will allow you to see their contact information.

Important Dates

Important Dates

- October 10** – First day of grace period voting (See page 7)
- October 13** – Early voting at Girard City Hall (See page 17)
- October 16** – Early voting at Brighton Municipal Building (See page 17)
- October 18** – Early voting at Shipman Village Hall (See page 17)
- October 20** – Early voting at Staunton School Library (See page 17)
- October 22** – Early voting at Palmyra Municipal Building (See page 17)
- October 23** – Early voting at Virden Township Building (See page 17)
- October 24** – Public test of voting equipment (See page 23)
- October 25** – Early voting at Immanuel Education Building, Mt. Olive (See page 17)
- October 26** – Early voting at Blackburn College, Carlinville (See page 17)
- October 27** – Early voting at Gillespie Civic Center, Gillespie (See page 17)
- October 29** – Early voting at Bunker Hill Municipal Building (See page 17)
- October 31** – Early voting at Benld Civic Center (See page 17)
- November 1** – Last day to apply for ballot by mail (see page 14)
- November 2** – Voting conducted at certified nursing homes in Macoupin County
- November 3** – Special Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon for early voting at Macoupin County Courthouse. (See page 17)
- November 5** – Last day to early vote at the Macoupin County Courthouse (See page 17)

Election Day – Tuesday, November 6

Macoupin County Election Office

Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk

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First Floor of the Macoupin County Courthouse

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