



*Macoupin County*  
**Voter Information  
& Election Guide**

**2020 General Election  
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020  
Polls Open: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

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# Election Notice



## GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on  
**Tuesday November 3, 2020**

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 President and Vice President of the United States
- 2 United States Senator
- 3 Representative in Congress
  - 13th Congressional District
- 4 Representatives of the General Assembly
  - 95th State Representative District
  - 100th State Representative District
- 5 Circuit Clerk
- 6 County Coroner
- 7 State's Attorney
- 8 County Board Member
  - 1st County Board District (2 year unexpired term)
  - 2nd County Board District
  - 3rd County Board District (2 year unexpired term)
  - 5th County Board District
  - 7th County Board District
- 9 Judge of the Circuit Court (vacancy)
  - 7th Judicial Circuit

### QUESTIONS OF JUDICIAL RETENTION

- 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 3rd, 2020.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk  
Dated September 6, 2020



## Message to Voters

It is almost a cliché to describe an election as “historic” but the 2020 Presidential Election truly is historic. Not only will voters cast ballots to choose the nation’s leader for the next four years, they will do so under some of the most difficult circumstances in history. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives, and how we vote is no exception.

Our goal is to ensure that all Macoupin County voters have an opportunity to vote and that they are able to exercise their right to vote safely. Additionally, we have an obligation to protect the health of our Election Office staff and that of election judges who will be on the job for the 2020 general election.

Vote-by-mail is not a new concept by any means. It dates back at least to the Civil War when soldiers on duty far from home were able to mail their ballots back home and participate in elections. Back then and until recent years, it was called “absentee voting” and voters casting a mailed-in ballot had to provide a legitimate excuse preventing them from voting in person on election day. More recently the right to vote by mail or vote early has been expanded to all eligible voters regardless of their reasons for not voting on the actual day of the election.

In compliance with state legislation passed and signed into law last spring, we mailed applications for a vote-by-mail ballot to all active, registered voters in the county. We understand that voters who choose to cast a vote-by-mail ballot want assurances that their vote will be counted, and they want to know that the system is free of voter fraud. Signatures on all vote-by-mail ballot applications will be compared with signatures we have on file in the Election Office. When signed ballots are returned, election judges representing both major parties will compare the signature with the signature we have on file to ensure the ballot is actually being cast by that person. For those who choose to vote by mail, we have an online tracking system voters can access to confirm their ballot is in our hands and is being processed for counting.

For vote-by-mail voters who have concerns about using the Postal Service to deliver their ballots, we expect to have secure deposit boxes outside the courthouse where voters can drop off their ballots in person. Starting Oct. 24, we will have special “drive-through” events on specific days in communities throughout Macoupin

County where voters can hand deliver their vote-by-mail ballots to election officials. The dates, times and locations of these special “drop-off” events can be viewed at [macoupinvotes.com](http://macoupinvotes.com).

Vote-by-mail is by far the safest way to cast a ballot in the upcoming election and it is highly encouraged. However, voters also may cast an early ballot from Sept. 24 through Nov. 2. Early voting will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the County Board Conference Room on the second floor of the Macoupin County Jail complex. We will have extended hours for early voting to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19; Tuesday, Oct. 20; Wednesday, Oct. 21; Monday, Oct. 26; Tuesday, Oct. 27; and Wednesday, Oct. 28. There also will be special Saturday early voting hours from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31.

For Election Day on Nov. 3, we are committed to making polling places as safe as possible for both voters and election judges. Election judges will be required to wear face masks and will be seated behind plexiglas shields. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and election judges will sanitize voting booths and equipment between voters. Ballots will be delivered to judges for counting in one-time use manilla envelopes in lieu of ballot sleeves. Voters are strongly encouraged to wear face masks while inside the polling place.

Even without the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 General Election would be a historic election. Macoupin County voters will join voters throughout the nation in determining the direction of the country for the next four years. Apart from voicing their preference for President, Macoupin County voters will make their voices heard regarding their choices for U.S. Senator and State Representative. For the first time since the current state constitution was enacted in 1970, voters will be asked to weigh in a constitutional amendment to authorize the state to switch from a flat income tax structure to a progressive tax. At the local level, several local questions will be on the ballot dealing with establishing local taxing districts or increasing taxes collected for specific purposes. All of these issues have direct impacts on the quality of life local residents enjoy and the direction they want to see their governing bodies go in the future.

While it has been challenging to administer an election in the midst of a pandemic, we are confident we’ve done all that we can to extend opportunities to vote for

all eligible voters in the county while ensuring their safety and the safety of election workers. I want to personally encourage you to exercise your right to vote in whatever manner makes your comfortable. The right to vote, the right to choose our own government is a right many fought for and we honor the memory of those

patriots when we go to the polls and cast a ballot. This year, we’ve done all that is humanly possible to protect that right for Macoupin County voters while protecting their health and safety.

As always, though this year has been unusual and more challenging than usual, it has been my pleasure to administer this election. I deeply appreciate the confidence voters have placed in me to ensure that all voters have the ability to vote, and that all votes are fairly and accurately counted. It is not a responsibility that I take lightly.

Please vote on or before Nov. 3, and please stay healthy.



Pete Duncan

Macoupin County Clerk



## 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 6. 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](http://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 6.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address October 7 through Election Day, November 3.

Grace period voting is only available in the County Board Conference Room, 215 S. East Street, Carlinville, IL. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with special hours which can be found on the Early Vote Schedule on page 17.

**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 918 or at [elections@macoupincountyil.gov](mailto:elections@macoupincountyil.gov)**





## COVID-19 Precautions

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. Polling places will be open following the health guidelines mandated by state law and assuming enough judges work. Early voting is also required to follow these guidelines.

**MASKS:** Voters will not be required to wear a mask when voting, though they will be encouraged to do so. Masks will be available for any voter who needs one and they are welcome to bring their own.

Election judges, poll workers, and all others in the polling place will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be provided to those who need one or they are welcome to bring their own.



**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Voting booths must be six feet apart. Judges will be stationed six feet apart while working and voters waiting to check-in, vote, or put their ballot in the machine will remain six feet apart as well.

**PENS AND SECRECY SLEEVES:** Each voter will be given their own pen for those filling out paper ballots or a pen with a stylus at the end for those printing out their ballot on a touchscreen. Each voter will be given legal size file folder to use as a secrecy sleeve that will be thrown away after their use. This will avoid sharing items among voters.

**HAND SANITIZER:** Multiple bottles of hand sanitizer will be provided to each precinct, with some strictly for election judges and some for the voters.

**PLEXIGLASS SHIELDS:** Each precinct will be given two plexiglass shields that set on tables to go between voters and judges while they are checking in.

**CLEANING THROUGHOUT THE DAY:** Each polling place will have at least one staff who will handle the cleaning of the polling place throughout the day.





## Voting in a Time of COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy, secure, and free option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. We've launched the 'Vote at Home: Mail it In' initiative for Macoupin County. Visit [www.macoupinvotes.com/voteathome](http://www.macoupinvotes.com/voteathome) which will let voters apply for their mail ballot, see a step by step guide on how to vote by mail, frequently asked questions, important dates and more for all voters in Macoupin County.

**Each voter has three ways to vote this November. Voters are strongly encourage to either vote by mail or vote early in person.**

### Vote Early

Cast your ballot in the Country Board Room on the second floor of the Macoupin County Sheriff's Building before Election Day. You just need to bring a photo i.d. See 'How Do I Vote Early' on pages 16-17.

### Why Would Polling Places Not Open?

The goal is for every polling place to open on Election Day. However, if we do not have election judges to work, the polling place can not open. We have been working on recruiting election judges since June of this year in an effort to make sure we can get one Democratic and one Republican judge minimum to work every precinct. For the first time, we have an online tracker showing how many judges are confirmed to work in each precinct. Be sure to check it to see if any polling places are in danger of not opening on Election Day.

If a polling place cannot open, the Courthouse will serve as a polling place. However, the Courthouse can only check in 2 voters at one time. With the average turnout for a Presidential Election being 22,310 and the most voters who voted before Election Day, that still leaves 18,731 voters to vote on Election Day. Let's double the number of voters who voted before Election Day for argument's sake. That's 7,158 voters. That's still 11,573 voters to vote on Election Day. If ¼ of the polling places can't open, that's 2,893 who would need to come to the Courthouse. Even if a voter a minute is checked in at the two Courthouse sta-

tions all day long, that's still only 1,560 voters who can be served. This is why we are encouraging voters to vote prior to Election Day, either early in person or by mail.

### Vote By Mail

Simply call our office at (217) 854-3214 ext 918 or visit our website at [www.MacoupinVotes.com](http://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.



# Mail Ballot Drop-Off Dates

If you want to vote by mail and drop off your ballot with someone from the Clerk's office and a Democratic and Republican election judge instead of mailing it back, here are the steps you'd follow along with the dates and times of the drive thru locations.

1) Complete all instructions in your vote by

mail packet. Once voted ballot and certification card are sealed up in the return envelope, it is ready to be dropped off at a drive-thru site.

2) Drive up to the site on the date and time listed below.

3) Once you get up to the judges tent, roll down your window and place ballots in the

dropbox the judges will roll up to your car.

4) The sealed, secured dropbox will be taken back to the Election Office for you where another team of judges will process your ballot.

5) If you are going to bring someone else's ballot for them, have them complete the authorization form on the back of the return envelope.

## Drive-Through Drop-Off Dates, Locations, Times

<b>Saturday, October 17</b>	<b>Girard City Hall 111 W Madison St.</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	<b>Brighton Municipal Building 206 S Main St.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>	<b>Benld Public Library 308 E Central Ave.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b>Palmyra Municipal Building 114 E State St.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b>Gillespie Civic Center 115 Macoupin St.</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	<b>Staunton City Clerk Office 101 West Pearl St.</b>	<b>3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	<b>Mt. Olive City Hall 215 E Main St.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>	<b>Virден Township Building 232 N Masterson St.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	<b>Bunker Hill Municipal Building 801 S Franklin St.</b>	<b>6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>



# 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 Election Judge

#### FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME

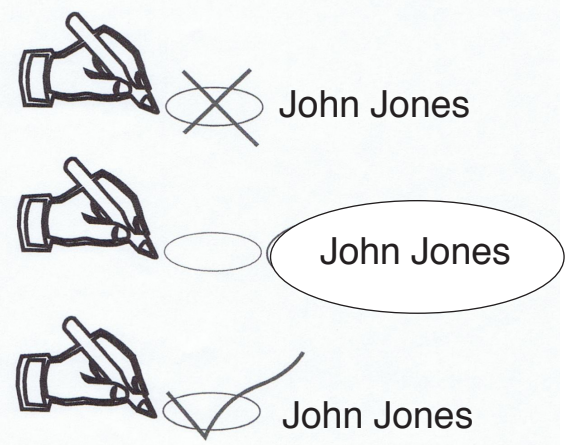


to receive a new ballot.

### 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 over-vote). If an error is detected, the system will gently beep and give you the option to accept the ballot as is (the overvoted

#### DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER



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](http://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 918 or emailing [elections@macoupincountyil.gov](mailto:elections@macoupincountyil.gov).



## Where Do I Vote?

During early voting, you can vote in the County Board Room on the second floor of the Macoupin County Sheriff's Building. 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](http://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

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 .....	Sawyerville Village Hall, Stephen & Alice Sts., Sawyerville
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?

All 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 918 or apply online at [MacoupinVotes.com](http://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, Oct. 29 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 card, 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 post-marked by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 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.



## 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 secrecy 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 both parties' judges can review it.
- ❖ 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.



## Track Your Vote by Mail Ballot

1. Go to [www.macoupinvotes.com/checkmyballot](http://www.macoupinvotes.com/checkmyballot).
2. Enter your name and the address at which your ballot was mailed.
3. If you requested a Vote by Mail ballot, it will show under your voter registration information.
4. Your Vote by Mail ballot information will show under your voter registration information. You can check your ballot's status at any time.



# 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 24 and runs through November 2.

## WHERE CAN PEOPLE VOTE?

Due to precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the County Board Room on the second floor of the Macoupin County Sheriff's Department/County Jail will be the only location available for early voting during the 2020 General Election.

## 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. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people may also choose to vote early to avoid potentially crowded conditions on Election Day.



# Casting 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.

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

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

	<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 3rd, 2020 General Election:

Date	Location	Hours
Sept. 24 through Nov. 2 Monday-Friday Closed Oct. 12 (Court Holiday)	County Board Conference Room, 215 S. East St. Carlinville	8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m
Oct. 19, Oct. 20, Oct 21 Oct. 26, Oct. 27, Oct 28	County Board Conference Room, 215 S. East St. Carlinville	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24, Oct. 31	County Board Conference Room, 215 S. East St. Carlinville	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Per 10 ILCS 5/2B-35, all safety and health guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health will be followed at the early voting locations.**

### EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

**Early Voting** allows all registered voters to cast their ballot prior to Election Day between Thursday, Sept. 24 and Monday, Nov. 2 by voting at pre-designated sites named by the County Clerk. No excuse or reason is necessary to take advantage of Early Voting. Any vote cast during the Early Voting period is final and may not be revoked. Early Voters are not eligible to vote on Election Day.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk  
Dated September 11, 2020



# Sample Ballot

## SPECIMEN BALLOT

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 3, 2020.

*Pete Duncan*

PETE DUNCAN, COUNTY CLERK  
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### "NOTICE"

THE FAILURE TO VOTE THIS BALLOT MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE, BECAUSE A CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER THREE-FIFTHS OF THOSE VOTING ON THE QUESTION OR A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN THE ELECTION. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)

WHETHER YOU VOTE THIS BALLOT OR NOT YOU MUST RETURN IT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH".

CONSTITUTION BALLOT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

- YES  
 NO

### FEDERAL

#### FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Vote for one)

- (DONALD J. TRUMP  
(MICHAEL R. PENCE) REPUBLICAN
- (JOSEPH R. BIDEN  
(KAMALA D. HARRIS) DEMOCRATIC
- (HOWIE HAWKINS  
(ANGELA WALKER) GREEN
- (GLORIA LA RIVA  
(LEONARD PELTIER) PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION
- (BRIAN CARROLL  
(AMAR PATEL) AMERICAN SOLIDARITY PARTY
- (JO JORGENSEN  
(JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN) LIBERTARIAN
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

- MARK C. CURRAN JR. REPUBLICAN
- RICHARD J. DURBIN DEMOCRATIC
- WILLIE L. WILSON WILLIE WILSON PARTY GREEN
- DAVID F. BLACK LIBERTARIAN
- DANNY MALOUF LIBERTARIAN
- Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### CONGRESSIONAL

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- RODNEY DAVIS REPUBLICAN
- BETSY DIRKSEN LONDRIGAN DEMOCRATIC

### REPRESENTATIVE

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NINETY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- AVERY BOURNE REPUBLICAN
- CHASE WILHELM DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- CHRISTOPHER "C.D." DAVIDSMEYER REPUBLICAN
- BRANDON ADAMS DEMOCRATIC
- RALPH SIDES PRO-GUN PRO-LIFE PARTY

### COUNTY

#### FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY

(Vote for one)

- No Candidate REPUBLICAN
- JORDAN GARRISON DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

(Vote for one)

- No Candidate REPUBLICAN
- LEE A. ROSS DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR CORONER

(Vote for one)

- No Candidate REPUBLICAN
- ANTHONY E. KRAVANYA DEMOCRATIC

### COUNTY BOARD

#### FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE (For an unexpired 2-year term)

(Vote for one)

- LYNDEL KLAUSING REPUBLICAN
- CHI EBERT PELO DEMOCRATIC

#### FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO

(Vote for not more than two)

- JON C. PAYNE REPUBLICAN
- GORDON L. HEUER REPUBLICAN
- FRANCIS WIESEMAN DEMOCRATIC
- GARY G. RULL DEMOCRATIC



FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (For an unexpired 2-year term)	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> MATTHEW R. ACORD	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FIVE	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> LARRY SCHMIDT	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> JOHN J. BLANK	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> RUTH ANN POMATTO	DEMOCRATIC

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> BERNARD C. KIEL	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> JAMES IBERSON	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> SHIELDA K. LEWIS	INDEPENDENT

**JUDICIAL**

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Leslie J. Graves)	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> GAIL NOLL	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John Schmidt)	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> ADAM GIGANTI	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

**JUDICIAL RETENTION  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE

*"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."*

**SHALL  
CHRIS E. REIF  
be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?**

YES  
 NO

**SHALL  
JOHN "MO" MADONIA  
be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?**

YES  
 NO

**PROPOSITION**

**MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #4  
PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE  
FOR NORTH PALMYRA & NORTH OTTER  
TOWNSHIPS, MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Multi-Township Assessment District #4, Macoupin County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .00536% above the limiting rate for corporate purposes for levy years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and be equal to the .02000% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023?

YES  
 NO

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4  
(GILLESPIE-BENLD AMBULANCE SERVICE)**

"Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Gillespie-Benld Ambulance Service (generally the Unit 7 Fire District and Carlinville Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?"

YES  
 NO

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #4  
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"Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Gillespie-Benld Ambulance Service (generally the Unit 7 Fire District and Carlinville Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?"

YES  
 NO

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #5  
(PRAIRIELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE)**

"Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Prairieland's Ambulance Service (generally the Girard Fire District and Virden Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?"

YES  
 NO

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #5  
(PRAIRIELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE)**

"Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Prairieland's Ambulance Service (generally the Girard Fire District and Virden Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?"

YES  
 NO



# Public Questions

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, the following referendum will be submitted to the voters of the proposed Special Service Area #5 (generally the Girard and Virden Fire Protection Districts) located in Macoupin County, Illinois;

**Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Prairieland's Ambulance Service (generally the Girard Fire District and Virden Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?**

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk  
Dated September 6, 2020

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, the following referendum will be submitted to the voters of the Multi-Township Assessment District #4 (North Otter and North Palmyra Townships) located in Macoupin County, Illinois;

**Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Multi-Township District #4, Macoupin County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .00536% above the limiting rate for corporate purposes for levy years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 and be equal to the .02000% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for the levy years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023?**

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk  
Dated June 23, 2020



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION

Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, the following referendum will be submitted to the voters of the proposed Special Service Area #4 (generally the Unit 7 and Carlinville Fire Protection Districts) located in Macoupin County, Illinois;

**Should a Special Service Area to provide ambulance service be created in the same area as Gillespie-Benld Ambulance Service (generally the Unit 7 Fire District and Carlinville Fire District) so those residents pay property taxes for the service at a rate of .35%?**

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, County Clerk  
Dated September 6, 2020





## 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](http://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 918, or email at [elections@macoupincountyil.gov](mailto:elections@macoupincountyil.gov).



### Don't forget with [MacoupinVotes.com](http://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](mailto:elections@macoupincountyil.gov).**



## Notice of Public Test

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the tabulating equipment, Unisyn OVO and FVT, to be used at the General Election on November 3rd, 2020 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 Monday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m.

The public test is open to everyone.

**PETE DUNCAN**  
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk  
Dated: September 6, 2020



## Important Dates

**Thursday, Sept. 24:** Early voting begins

**Thursday, Sept. 24:** First day to mail vote-by-mail ballots

**Tuesday, Oct. 6:** Last day to register to vote or change registration

**Wednesday, Oct. 7:** First day for Grace Period voting or registration

**Saturday, Oct. 17:** Drive-through drop-off for vote-by-mail ballots, 10-11:30 a.m., Girard City Hall

**Monday, Oct. 19:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7 p.m., Brighton Municipal Building

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 19-21:** Extended early voting hours from 4:30-7 p.m., County Board Conference Room, Macoupin County Jail Complex, Carlinville.

**Tuesday, Oct. 20:** Drive-through drop-off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7:30 p.m., Benld Public Library

**Thursday, Oct. 22:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7:30 p.m., Palmyra Municipal Building

**Saturday, Oct. 24:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 10-11:30 a.m., Gillespie Civic Center.

**Saturday, Oct. 24:** Early voting hours, 9 a.m. to noon, County Board Conference Room, Macoupin County Jail Complex, Carlinville.

**Sunday, Oct. 25:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 3-4:30 p.m., Staunton City Clerk's Office.

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 26-27:** Extended early voting hours from 4:30-7 p.m., County Board Conference Room, Macoupin County Jail Complex, Carlinville.

**Monday, Oct. 27:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7:30 p.m., Mount Olive City Hall.

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7:30 p.m., Virden Township Building

**Wednesday, Oct. 28:** Drive-through drop off for vote-by-mail ballots, 6-7:30 p.m., Bunker Hill Municipal Building.

**Saturday, Oct. 31:** Early voting hours, 9 a.m. to noon, County Board Conference Room, Macoupin County Jail Complex, Carlinville.

**Monday, Nov. 2:** Last day to early vote at the Macoupin County Courthouse

### Election Day

**Tuesday, November 3**

#### Macoupin County Election Office

*Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk*

*201 E. Main, Carlinville, IL 62626*

*First Floor of the Macoupin County Courthouse*

*Hours Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*(217) 854-3214 ext 707*

[elections@macoupincountyil.gov](mailto:elections@macoupincountyil.gov)

[www.macoupinvotes.com](http://www.macoupinvotes.com)