

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Voter Information & Election Guide



General Election

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 • Polls Open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.



Prepared and Distributed by

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



A Message to Voters

Once again it is my privilege to provide the voters of Macoupin County this Voter Information and Election Guide for the 2022 General Election.

As your County Clerk, it is my goal to provide as many voting opportunities as financially prudent and legally permitted, and to make sure each voter understands his or her responsibilities and rights. To that end, this guide includes not only the sample ballot but also detailed information about polling locations, early voting, vote-by-mail and correctly marking your ballot. It is part of our ongoing effort to making voting convenient, make sure voters are fully informed and ensure our elections are fair and secure.

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. 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.

ON THE COVER

A mural commemorating Historic Route 66 appears on the side of the Iron Sleds motorcycle club building in Nilwood provides a photo opportunity for tourists traveling the historic highway through Macoupin County. To mark the upcoming Route 66 centennial new murals have been completed or soon will be in Staunton, Gillespie, Carlinville, Girard and Virden as part of a Great River Roads and Routes Travel Bureau project funded with a \$90,000 state grant. As home to one of the best preserved sections of Historic Route 66, Macoupin County annually attracts hundreds of Route 66 tourists, many of whom travel from foreign countries to experience the freedom of the "Mother Road."

Despite our best efforts, a substantial percentage of our registered voters do not cast ballots for any given election. That is one of the few disappointments I take away from my job. 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.

Please exercise your right to cast a ballot in this fall. Because it comes in the middle of the Presidential term, the midterm election often generates less voter participation than elections held during Presidential years. However, the upcoming General Election is vitally important to charting the direction of the nation, state and county over the coming months. This election will determine who will serve as Governor for the next four years, as well as Secretary of State, State Attorney General, Comptroller and Treasurer. Macoupin voters will have a say in selecting one of two U.S. Senators from Illinois, along with picking a new Representative in Congress for the 13th Congressional District. Also on the ballot are State Representatives for districts that include parts of Macoupin County. At the local level, voters will decide contested races for Macoupin County Sheriff and Macoupin County Treasurer, and will choose County Board members in all nine County Board districts.

Voters in this election will have a unique opportunity to vote on whether or not the state should adopt a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right of Illinois workers to organize and collectively bargain for wages, benefits and workplace safety. If approved, the proposed amendment will become law.

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 2022 General Election

runs smoothly. As always, administering this election has been a challenging and rewarding experience. We strive to use the resources of my office to make it as easy and convenient as possible for county voters to cast their ballots.

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.macoupinvotes.gov. 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 honor to administer the 2022 General Election in Macoupin County and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the voters of this county.



Pete Duncan

Macoupin County Clerk



Table of Contents

Voter Bill of Rights	4
Election Notice	5
Am I Eligible to Vote?	6
Check Your Voter Registration Status	6
Voter Information Changes.....	7
Grace Period Voting	8
Three Ways to Vote	9
More Information, Less Cost.....	9
What to Expect at the Polls	10
Voter Responsibilities	10
Casting Your Ballot.....	11
Where Do I Vote?.....	12
Find Your Polling Place Online	12
Polling Places	13
Notice of Public Test	14
Vote By Mail Now Permanent.....	15
Vote By Mail Processing.....	16
Track Your Ballot Online	17
What Can I Find Online?	17
How Do I Vote Early?.....	18
Early Voting Dates & Times	18
Why No Early Voting in My Town?.....	19
Election Security.....	20
Become an Election Judge	21
Sample Ballot	22-23
Important Dates.....	24





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.



Election Notice

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on
Tuesday November 8, 2022

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
 - 50th State Senate District
 - 54th State Senate District
- 8 Representatives of the General Assembly
 - 100th State Representative District
 - 108th State Representative District
- 9 County Clerk
- 10 County Treasurer
- 11 County Sheriff
- 12 County Board Member
 - All Board Districts (2 members per district)
- 13 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 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 8th, 2022.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Dated August 11, 2022



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 is Oct. 11. See the 'Grace Period Balloting' section on page 8 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

Check Your Voter Registration Status

- ❖ Go to www.macoupinvotes.gov.
- ❖ 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 previously used name to see if your registration is outdated.





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.gov, 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.gov.

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 January. State law requires the Election Office to mail out voter cards to all voters every two years. This voter file maintenance was the fifth

done since October 2011. There was a five-year break before October 2011 in which no voter file maintenance was completed.

The maintenance mailing is done to ensure only valid registrations for voters are listed in the voter file.

This has multiple goals:



- ❖ Makes sure a voter's registration is complete and up-to-date before the voter tries to vote
- ❖ Cleans the voter file of no longer valid registrations
- ❖ Speeds up Election Day sign-in process by shortening the list of voters given to judges.
- ❖ Reduces costs in the election budget by requiring less ballots and supplies to be printed.

Every registered voter should have received a new card. The new card should be checked to make sure the name and address of the voter is up to date. If it is not, the voter will need to change their registration before the next election.

Voters are also reminded that if they do not receive a card but feel they are registered, there are a couple of common issues that might explain why they did not receive a card. Their registration information was not updated after moving to a new address or they had a P.O. Box listed on their registration that they no longer use.

Voters are asked to return any cards sent to a person who no longer resides at that address. All that is required is your signature and a note stating the voter no longer lives at that residence so the voter's registration can be removed.

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



Grace Period Balloting

If I Didn't Register or Forgot to Change My Registration Before the Deadline, Can I Still 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 is Oct. 11.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address starting Oct. 12 through Election Day at the County Clerk's Office.

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.

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@macoupincounty-il.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 'Early Voting' on page 18 for more information.

Vote By Mail

Simply call our office at (217) 854-

3214 ext 918 or visit our website at www.MacoupinVotes.gov to request your absentee ballot and vote in privacy before Election Day. See page 16 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 page 12.

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.



More Information, Less Cost

It is hard to believe but with the 2022 Primary Voter's Guide, it has now been 10 years since I published the first guide for the 2012 General Election. And it is still one of the things people talk to me the most about that I've done since taking office.

But since it's been a decade of publishing the guide, I wanted to take a minute and talk about one of the things I'm most proud about it, it's actually saving you money.

By state law, I am required to publish the sample ballot for the whole county, polling place locations, a notice of the election, the notice of any public questions, the notice of the public test of the voting machines, the early vote

schedule, and in the case of a primary, the color of the ballots for each party.

Before I started the Voter's Guide, each of those was run separately in each of the county's newspapers. In total, for the 2012 Primary, the last election those notices ran separately, it cost the Election office \$12,351 to publish all those notices.

For comparison's sake, the 2021 Consolidated Election Guide was the most recent guide published and paid for. That guide cost a total of \$4,921 to have set-up, printed, and inserted in all the local newspapers.

That's a savings of over \$7,430 of taxpayer money for just one Election.

And on top of the savings, the guide puts all of the required information from the other notices in one document, as well as significantly more than required notices that answer just about any question a voter may have about voting.

So with the 10 year anniversary of the first Voter Guide this year, I wanted to take this space to celebrate a better, smarter way of doing things that saves you money. It's one of the reasons the Voter's Guide is one of my favorite things I've done since taking office. Hopefully, you've found it useful as well.

Pete Duncan

Macoupin County Clerk



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 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., we suggest you vote between 10 a.m. – 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. You can ask any questions you have to the Election judges.

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 with the Elections Office their registration 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.



Casting Your Ballot

Optical Scan Voting: 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 to receive a new ballot.

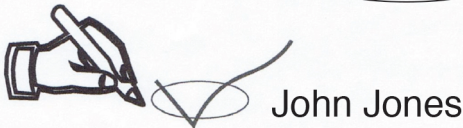
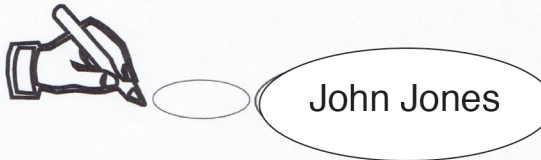
3. Vote!

Cover your ballot with the privacy sleeve and insert the ballot into the ballot tabulator. The Optical

FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME



DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER



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 (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.

FYI...

- ❖ The ballot tabulator will notify you if you have overvoted an office or undervoted an office. Many voters intentionally skip offices which they do not care to vote in, but rarely intentionally vote for more candidates than allowed in any given office. You can either count the ballot as is or go back and check your ballot.
- ❖ The ballot tabulator will notify you if you have inserted a blank ballot or one that it perceived to be blank because it was not marked properly.
- ❖ The "paper trail" provided by this system of voting is not a receipt for the voter, but instead an actual ballot which can be recounted when necessary to insure the integrity of the system.



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 page 18.

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.gov.

However, if you moved and have not updated your voter registration information, 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 8 for more information.



Find Your Polling Place Online

1. Go to www.macoupinvotes.gov.
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

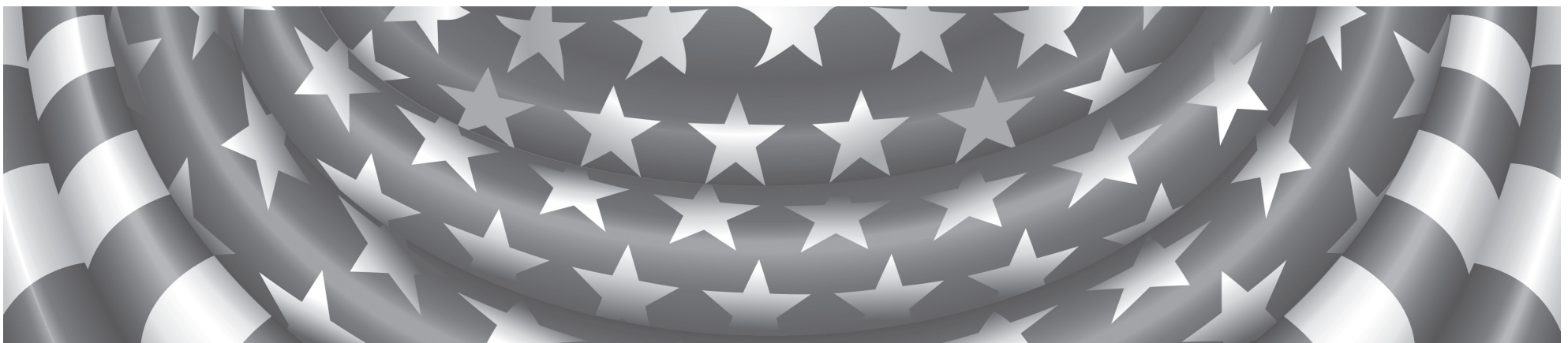
- it appears on the voter file, which is exactly as you wrote it when you registered. If your registration information does not immediately appear, try your legal name or old address.
4. Once your information comes up, select "View Polling:

- 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 Street, Hettick	Honey Point	Honey Point Town Hall, 21082 Woodland Road, Carlinville
Bird	Charity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville	Mount Olive 1 & 2	Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mount Olive
Brighton 1 & 2	Christian Life Center, 918 North Main Street, Brighton	Mount Olive 3	Sawyerville Village Hall, 300 Mine Road, Sawyerville
Brighton 3	Brighton Municipal Building, 206 South Main Street, Brighton	Mount Olive 4	White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main Street, Mount Olive
Brushy Mound	Brushy Mound Town Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville	Nilwood	Nilwood Town Hall, 27 Morean Road, Nilwood
Bunker Hill 1, 2 & 3	Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 South Franklin, Bunker Hill	North Otter	Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lakle, 130 East Lake Drive, Girard
Cahokia 1	East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Road, Gillespie	North Palmyra	Modesto Community Building, 102 East Grand Street, Modesto
Cahokia 2	Benld Civic Center, 201 East Central Avenue, Benld	Polk	Macoupin Station, 10169 Macoupin Station Road, Plainview
Carlinville 1	St. Paul's Church, 202 East Main Street, Carlinville	Scottville	Scottville Town Hall, 102 Walnut Street, Scottville
Carlinville 2	Federated Church, 122 East 2nd South Street, Carlinville	Shaws Point	Atwater Town Hall, 22839 Main Street, Atwater
Carlinville 3	Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 West First South, Carlinville	Shipman 1	Shipman Town Hall, 111 Keating Street, Shipman
Carlinville 4	Macoupin County Housing, 504 West Nicholas., Carlinville	South Otter	South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard
Carlinville 5	Bothwell Auditorium, Blackburn College, 700 College, Carlinville	South Palmyra	Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 East State Street, Palmyra
Chesterfield	Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington Street, Medora	Staunton 1 & 2	Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Road, Staunton
Dorchester	Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson Street, Wilsonville	Staunton 3 & 4	Crystal Ballroom, 20361 Staunton Road, Staunton
Gillespie 1, 2 & 3	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin Street, Gillespie	Virden 1 & 2	Virden Township Hall, 232 North Masterson, Virden
Girard 1 & 2	Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison Street, Girard	Western Mound	Hagaman Town Hall, 3640 Hagaman Road, Hagaman
Hilyard	Hilyard Township Hall, 481 E. Shipman Road, Royal Lakes		





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 8th, 2022 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 31st at 1:00 p.m.

The public test is open to everyone.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



Dated: September 15, 2022





Vote By Mail Now Permanent

The state has approved giving voters the choice of receiving a mail ballot each election without applying each time.

Voters wanting to be placed on the permanent vote by mail list are required to apply for that list. Once they apply, they will remain on the list and have a ballot mailed to them each election going forward. If the voter requests to be removed from the list, there is a change to their registration, or they move out of county, they will be removed from the list and no longer receive a ballot in future elections.

Those wanting to apply can choose to just apply to receive a ballot at general elections and consolidated elections

or they can choose to also receive a primary ballot for the party they put on their application each primary, as well as general elections and consolidated elections.

“I’m very happy that voters who have been voting by mail for years and years will now have the option of requesting a ballot automatically if they so choose,” Duncan said. “I’m all for giving voters more choices on how they want to vote. For those who only want to vote at their polling place on Election Day, they can still do that. For those who do apply to vote by mail each election, this is an option that may make sense for you.”

This will be more cost-effective and efficient for elections going forward. There are quite a few voters in Macoupin who have voted by mail each election for many years. Each Election, the Election office has probably mailed them an application, and they’ve mailed it back to get their ballot. While it’s not a lot of postage and costs, eliminating that step by that voter going on the permanent mail ballot list does save money. It also helps our Election office since they will have a head start on vote by mail ballot mailing since it will be known going in how many permanent mail ballots are going out, and can get them to voters right away.

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 en-

velope 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.



Vote by Mail Balloting

Who Can Vote by Mail?

Any registered voter in Macoupin County is 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.gov.

The Election office will need the voter's 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. 3 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. 8, 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

Track Your Ballot's Return To Election Office And See If It Was Counted

1. Visit www.macoupinvotes.gov/checkmyballot/
2. Enter your name and the address we mailed your ballot to.
3. You will be able to see notifications on when your ballot will be delivered back to the Election office and then the actual delivery date.
4. You will also be able to see if your ballot was counted (accepted) or rejected.
5. If you would like, you can also sign up for email and/or text notifications regarding your ballot's delivery back to the office and whether it was counted or not. Just check the box next to the statement that you would like to receive those notifications and enter your email and/or phone number.



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 Nov. 8, 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.



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 runs through Nov. 7.

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. Special evening and Saturday hours are listed below.

The County Clerk's office is located on the first floor of the the County Courthouse in Carlinville.

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.



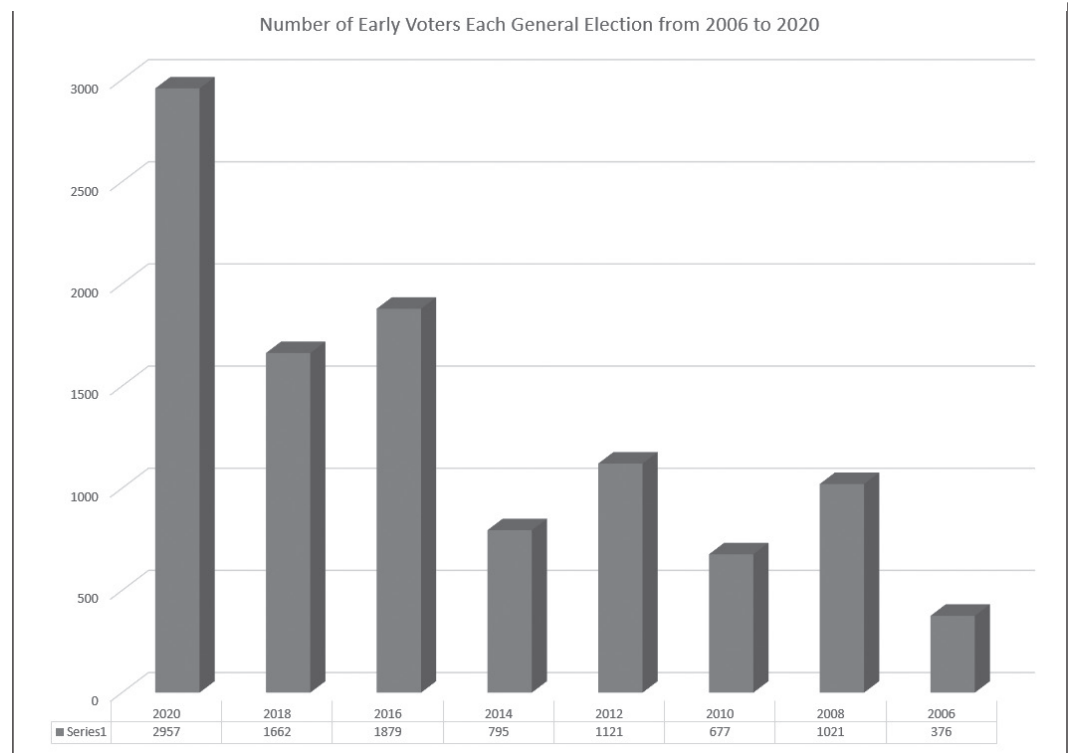
Early Voting Dates & Times

DATES	LOCATION	TIMES
Thursday, Sept 29 to Monday, Nov. 7 (Monday-Friday)	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Extended Hours Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 24, 25, 26 and 31, and Nov. 1 and 2	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22 and 29, and Nov. 5	Macoupin County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 201 E. Main, Carlinville	9 a.m.-12 noon



Why No Early Voting in My Town?

For many years, the Election Office has had certain days or nights that they have offered early voting in different cities and villages around the county. In 2020, due to COVID, there was only early voting in the County Board room in Carlinville. This fall, there will again only be early voting at the Election office in Carlinville. This decision was made based off the fact that the number of early voters in 2020, when the only option was to early vote in Carlinville, there was nearly double the number of early voters as there were when options were offered across the county. It is the job of the Election office to offer voters the most opportunities to vote in the easiest and most cost-effective way possible. Based on the data, it looks like offering more evening and Saturday hours in just Carlinville is the easiest and most cost-effective way to give the most people the opportunity to vote early in person. If the data begins to show something different in future elections, the Election office will reevaluate what makes the most sense, but as you will be able to see in the previous page's Early Vote schedule, there are still plenty of opportunities for voters who want to vote early in person to do so before Election Day.



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 Security

Election Security allow you to cast your vote with confidence

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.

To find your sample ballot online:

- ❖ Go to www.macoupinvotes.gov
- ❖ Click the 'View Your Sample Ballot' button
- ❖ Enter your name and birthdate
- ❖ Once your voter information is brought up, scroll down to 'My Elections'
- ❖ Under the '11/8/2022 General Election' info, click on 'View Sample Ballot'

(Sept. 29 - Nov. 7)



Become an Election Judge

★ 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 \$200 for their duties on election day. Judges who have not attended and completed the class will receive \$170 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.



Sample Ballot

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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 8, 2022.

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".

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

- YES
 NO

FEDERAL

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for one)

- TAMMY DUCKWORTH DEMOCRATIC
 KATHY SALVI REPUBLICAN
 BILL REDPATH LIBERTARIAN
 Write-in _____

STATE

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for one)

- (JB PRITZKER DEMOCRATIC
(JULIANA STRATTON
 (DARREN BAILEY REPUBLICAN
(STEPHANIE TRUSSELL
 (SCOTT SCHLUTER LIBERTARIAN
(JOHN PHILLIPS
 (Write-in _____
(_____

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for one)

- KWAME RAOUL DEMOCRATIC
 THOMAS G. DeVORE REPUBLICAN
 DANIEL K. ROBIN LIBERTARIAN

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for one)

- ALEXI GIANNOULIAS DEMOCRATIC
 DAN BRADY REPUBLICAN
 JON STEWART LIBERTARIAN
 Write-in _____

FOR COMPTROLLER (Vote for one)

- SUSANA A. MENDOZA DEMOCRATIC
 SHANNON L. TERESI REPUBLICAN
 DEIRDRE McCLOSKEY LIBERTARIAN
 Write-in _____

STATE

FOR TREASURER (Vote for one)

- MICHAEL W. FRERICHS DEMOCRATIC
 TOM DEMMER REPUBLICAN
 PRESTON NELSON LIBERTARIAN
 Write-in _____

CONGRESSIONAL

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

- NIKKI BUDZINSKI DEMOCRATIC
 REGAN DEERING REPUBLICAN
 Write-in _____

LEGISLATIVE

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)

- No Candidate DEMOCRATIC
 JIL TRACY REPUBLICAN

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)

- No Candidate DEMOCRATIC
 STEVE McCLURE REPUBLICAN

REPRESENTATIVE

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

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

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT	
(Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> WAYNE A. ROSENTHAL	REPUBLICAN
COUNTY	
FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> PETE DUNCAN	DEMOCRATIC
No Candidate	REPUBLICAN
FOR COUNTY TREASURER	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> ROGER ANDERSON	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> LILLIAN AMBER McGARTLAND	REPUBLICAN
FOR SHERIFF	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> SHAWN KAHL	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> JARED DePOPPE	REPUBLICAN
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION	
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (ADAMS, BROWN, CASS, MORGAN, PIKE AND SCOTT COUNTIES)	
(Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> JILL REIS	REPUBLICAN
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES)	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> JULIE WOLLERMAN	DEMOCRATIC
No Candidate	REPUBLICAN
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES)	
(Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> MICHELLE MUELLER	DEMOCRATIC
No Candidate	REPUBLICAN

COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> RYAN A. KILDUFF	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> HOLLY KLAUSING	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO	
(Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> JON C. PAYNE	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> GORDON L. HEUER	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE	
(Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> KRISTI DUNNAGAN	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> MATTHEW ACORD	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FOUR	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> MARK G. DRAGOVICH	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> KELLIE VESPER	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> ROSS R ADDEN	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FIVE	
(Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> LARRY SCHMIDT	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> JOHN J. BLANK	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SIX	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT K. QUARTON	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> AARON STAYTON	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> LEANN BARR	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> CHRISTINE BRULEY-HILL	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> BERNARD C KIEL	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> JAMES IBERSON	REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT EIGHT	
(Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT "TONY" WIGGINS	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> HARRY W. STARR IV	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT NINE	
(Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
<input type="radio"/> TODD ARMOUR	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> CHARLES A SIEGEL	REPUBLICAN
JUDICIAL RETENTION	
BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE	
<i>"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 or her present office."</i>	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE	
SHALL APRIL TROEMPER be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
<input type="radio"/> YES	
<input type="radio"/> NO	
SHALL RYAN CADAGIN be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
<input type="radio"/> YES	
<input type="radio"/> NO	





Important Dates

- Sept. 29** – First Day to Early Vote
- Sept. 29** – First Day Ballots Will Be Mailed
- Oct. 11** – Voter Registration Deadline
- Oct. 12** – Grace Period Voting Begins
- Nov. 3** – Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- Nov. 7** – Last business day to vote early
- Nov. 8** – Last business day to grace period vote
- Nov. 8** – **ELECTION DAY**

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT THE 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 918

elections@macoupincountyil.gov

www.macoupinvotes.gov

Like us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/MacoupinCountyClerk



Don't forget with MacoupinVotes.gov, you can:

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