

Macoupin County

Voter Information & Election Guide



General Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls Open: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



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A Message to Voters

It is my pleasure to provide Macoupin County voters with this 2024 General Election Information and Voter Guide. In addition to sample ballots, the Guide includes information about voter registration, voting procedures, early voting and voting by mail. The Voter Guide is part of my office's ongoing effort to ensure voters have all the information they need to participate in the 2024 General Election. In addition to this printed guide, our efforts to inform voters include a robust internet presence where voters can view sample ballots, look up their polling places and learn about vote-by-mail and early voting options. Our goal is to make voting an easy and convenient experience for everyone.

It may be a cliché to say this election is vitally important, but it is. Truthfully, all elections are important. Voting is the foundation of our representative democracy, and the warranty that protects our freedom. The ability to choose our own political leaders is uniquely American, and voter participation is the key to having a responsive, responsible government.

In the last Presidential Election, in 2020, more than 75 percent of Macoupin County's registered voters cast ballots despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. By most standards, that was an admirable turnout. But it meant nearly a quarter of our registered voters chose to not participate. When I think back to the days before any of us were born, I realize that voters once had to ride on horseback, hitch up a horse and buggy, or even walk, often in inclement weather, just to make their mark on a ballot and have their voices heard. These days, casting a ballot on Election Day is a matter of hopping the car and driving a few blocks or a few miles to reach a polling place to cast a ballot. Moreover, we have early voting and vote-by-mail options that did not exist a century ago. Casting a ballot has become so easy that is hard to imagine

ON THE COVER: Using proceeds from a federal Centers for Election Excellence grant, the Macoupin County Board authorized establishing a County Voting Center last year at 227 E. First South Street in Carlinville. Located adjacent to the Old County Jail, directly across the street from the Courthouse, the new facility not only provides a central location for early voting, but also improves election secure by providing a secure location for storing and testing voting machine, and providing space for meetings and election judge training.

why anyone would not participate..

In addition to helping to elect a new U.S. President, voters who participate in the General Election also will cast votes for U.S. Congressional Representative in the 13th District, and State Representatives to the General Assembly in the 100th and 108th State Representative districts. At the county level, voters will vote for Circuit Clerk, Coroner and State's Attorney, as well as County Board members in four County Board districts. Voters also will choose judges to fill vacancies in the 4th Appellate Judicial District and a resident judge in the 7th Judicial Circuit.

Apart from the political races, voters will voice their opinion on three proposed amendments to the Illinois Constitution. Each of the three referendums are non-binding but the results will guide the state legislature in the future. One of the initiatives asks voters to advise the legislature on whether or not to require health insurers who offer full coverage for pregnancies to also cover medically assisted reproductive treatments, including in vitro fertilization. A second question asks voters to advise the legislature on whether or not to amend the Illinois Constitution to create an additional three percent tax on income greater than \$1 million with the revenue generated dedicated to property tax relief. Finally, the third question will ask voters to advise the legislature on whether or not to establish civil penalties for a candidate who interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties.

I'm proud to say election results in Macoupin County have never been questioned in the time I have served as your County Clerk. That's testament to the hard work and dedication of our Elections Office staff and election judges who commit themselves to training and put in long hours of public service on Election Day and/or during early voting opportunities, as well as political leaders from both major parties. In Macoupin County, we use up-to-date voting technology that electronically tabulates votes but also maintains a paper trail to confirm election results should they ever come under question. Macoupin County elections also are safe from cyber-attacks; our voting machines and tabulating equipment are not connected to the internet in any way. For us, maintaining the integrity of our elections is always Job No. 1.

As part of our continuing effort to improve our service to voters and candidates, the County Board authorized establishing a new Macoupin County Voting Center adjacent to the Old Macoupin County Jail to provide a central location for early voting and election administration.

If you have further questions or need additional information, I encourage you to contact my office at (217) 854-3214, extension 918, 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 and ballot issues as soon as ballots are counted.

From finalizing ballots and responding to vote-by-mail requests to setting up polling places and vote counting equipment, administering any election is a mammoth undertaking. As your County Clerk, it has again been my pleasure to work with staff members, party officials, candidates and public officials to make sure every aspect of the 2024 General Election runs smoothly.



Pete Duncan

Pete Duncan
Macoupin County Clerk



Election Notice

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.

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on
Tuesday November 5, 2024

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

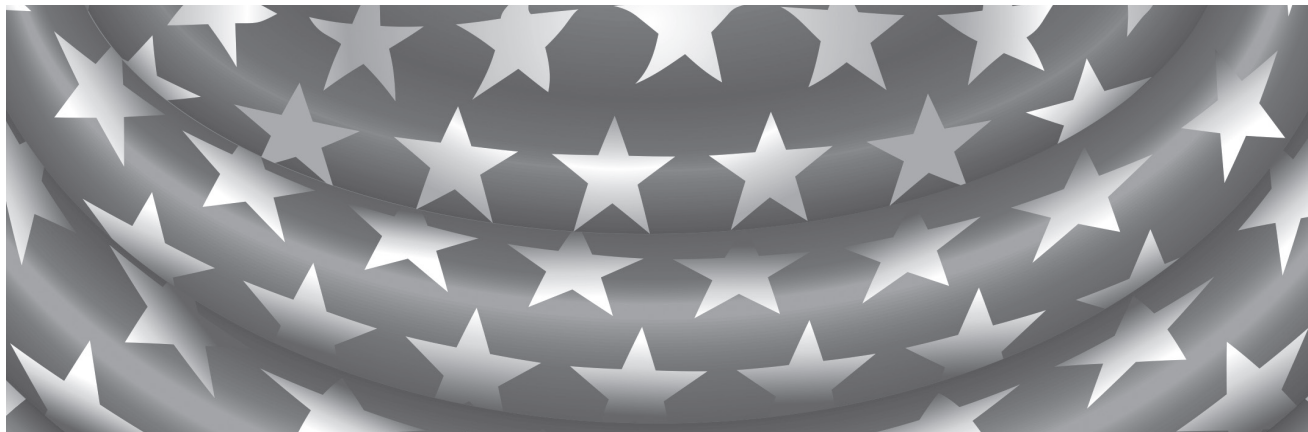
- 1 President and Vice President of the United States
- 2 Representative in Congress
 - 13th Congressional District
- 3 Representatives of the General Assembly
 - 100th State Representative District
 - 108th State Representative District
- 4 Circuit Clerk
- 5 County Coroner
- 6 State's Attorney
- 7 County Board Member
 - 2nd County Board District
 - 3rd County Board District (2 year unexpired term)
 - 4th County Board District
 - 9th County Board District
- 8 Appellate Judge (vacancy)
 - 4th Judicial District
- 9 Judge of the Circuit Court (vacancy)
 - 7th Judicial Circuit

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 5th, 2024.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK




Pete Duncan, County Clerk
Dated August 27, 2024





Am I Eligible to Vote?

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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. 8. See the 'Grace Period Balloting' section on page 6 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 date of next election and lived 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. Also, be sure to use back slashes in your birthdate (10/29/1995).





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 seventh done since October 2021. 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

John Hancock

to this

[Signature]

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 singature 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 was Oct. 8.

Grace period individuals may register to vote or change their address starting Oct. 9 through Election Day at the Macoupin County Voting Center.

Grace period voting is only available at the Macoupin County Voting Center, east of the Old Jail. 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@macoupincountyil.gov





Three Ways to Vote

Vote Early

Cast your ballot at the County Voting Center before Election Day. You just need to bring a photo i.d. See 'Early Voting' on page 16 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 13 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 10.

Be sure we have your current information on your registration. See 'Am I eligible to vote?' on page 4 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.



Constitutional Questions

The Illinois General Assembly is seeking voter input on three potential amendments to the state constitution. Each of the three referendums are non-binding but the results will guide the state legislature regarding the amendments.

The constitutional amendment questions will appear at the top of your ballot.

Voters are asked to advise legislators on each of the following constitutional issues.

- ◆ Whether or not health insurers who offer full coverage for pregnancies should be required to also cover med-

ically assisted reproductive treatments, including in vitro fertilization.

- ◆ Whether or not the Illinois Constitution should be amended to create an additional three percent tax on incomes greater than \$1 million with the new revenue generated dedicated to property tax relief.
- ◆ Whether or not to establish civil penalties for a candidate who interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties.

Voters may vote only on the constitutional amendments if they wish. In such instances, the vote tabulator will kick out the ballot as an "undervoted" ballot. An election judge will verify whether or not the voter intended to skip some or all of the political races. If the voter confirms his or her intent, the judge will override the tabulator to tabulate votes for the races or question for which the voter intended to cast a vote.



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 poll-

ing 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.

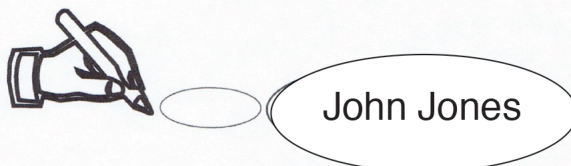
3. Vote!

Cover your ballot with the privacy sleeve and insert the ballot into the ballot tabulator. The Optical Scan System complies with the Help Amer-

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DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER



ica 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.gov 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 Macoupin County Voting Center. Find out more about early voting opportunities on page 16.

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 Macoupin County Voting Center during grace period and change your registration and vote at the same time. See page 6 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 exact-

ly 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. Be sure to use backslashes in your birthdate (8/15/1998).

5. Your polling place, its address and the ability to Google map the location will appear on screen. Click on the red name of the polling place to go to Google maps.



Polling Places

Barr	Barr Township Building, 330 W. Main Street, Hettick
Bird	Charity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville
Brighton 1 & 2	Christian Life Center, 918 North Main Street, Brighton
Brighton 3	Brighton Municipal Building, 206 South Main Street, Brighton
Brushy Mound.....	Brushy Mound Town Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville
Bunker Hill 1, 2 & 3....	Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 South Franklin, Bunker Hill
Cahokia 1	East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Road, Gillespie
Cahokia 2	Benld Civic Center, 201 East Central Avenue, Benld
Carlinville 1	St. Paul's Church, 202 East Main Street, Carlinville
Carlinville 2	Federated Church, 122 East 2nd South Strreet, Carlinville
Carlinville 3	Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 West First South, Carlinville
Carlinville 4	Macoupin County Housing, 504 West Nicholas., Carlinville
Carlinville 5	Bothwell Auditorium, Blackburn College, 700 College, Carlinville
Chesterfield.....	Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington Street, Medora
Dorchester.....	Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson Street, Wilsonville
Gillespie 1, 2 & 3	Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin Street, Gillespie
Girard 1 & 2	Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison Street, Girard
Hilyard	Hilyard Township Hall, 481 E. Shipman Road, Royal Lakes

Honey Point	Honey Point Town Hall, 21082 Woodland Road, Carlinville
Mount Olive 1 & 2	Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mount Olive
Mount Olive 3.....	Sawyerville Village Hall, 300 Mine Road, Sawyerville
Mount Olive 4.....	White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main Street, Mount Olive
Nilwood	Nilwood Town Hall, 27 Morean Road, Nilwood
North Otter	Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lakle, 130 East Lake Drive, Girard
North Palmyra.....	Modesto Community Building, 102 East Grand Street, Modesto
Polk.....	Boente Seed Shed, 7545 Macoupin Station Road, Plainview
Scottville	Scottville Town Hall, 102 Walnut Street, Scottville
Shaws Point	Atwater Town Hall, 22839 Main Street, Atwater
Shipman 1.....	Shipman Town Hall, 105 Keating, Shipman
South Otter	South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard
South Palmyra.....	Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 East State Street, Palmyra
Staunton 1 - 4	St. Michael's Church Gym, 428 E. North Street, Staunton
Virden 1 & 2	Virden Township Hall, 232 North Masterson, Virden
Western Mound	Hagaman Town Hall, 3640 Hagaman Road, Hagaman





Notice of Public Test

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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 5th, 2024 will be conducted at the Macoupin Voting Center at 227 E. First South St., Carlinville, IL on Monday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m.

The public test is open to everyone.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Duncan".

Dated: August 30, 2024

For more information on the voting machines and tabulators as well as the security of them, visit the FAQs section of www.macoupinvotes.gov



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

- envelope until judges review it.
- ❖ 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, Oct. 31 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 pre-paid 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. 5, 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 candi-

date 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/. Click "Ballot Tracking Signup Page."
2. Enter your name, date of birth and zip code.
3. You will be able to see notifications on when your ballot will be mailed to you, delivered back to the Election office and then the date it is received.

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, text and/or phone call 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.



Find Your Sample Ballot

To find your sample ballot online:

- ❖ Go to www.macoupinvotes.gov
- ❖ Click the 'Voter Lookup' button
- ❖ Enter your name and birthdate
- ❖ Once your voter information is brought up, there will be a yellow button on the right. Click the yellow button to open and view your sample ballot.



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 Voting Center office or at a location set up by the County Clerk.

WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING OCCUR?

Early voting runs through Nov. 4.

WHERE CAN PEOPLE VOTE?

People may vote at the Macoupin County Voting Center, located east of the Old Macoupin County Jail, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 4. Special evening and Saturday hours are listed below.

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
Sept. 26-Nov. 4 (Monday-Friday)	Macoupin County Voting Center 227 E. First South, Carlinville	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Closed Oct. 14 for Columbus Day)
Oct. 22, 23, 24 (Tuesday-Thursday) Oct. 28, 29, 30 (Monday-Wednesday)	Macoupin County Voting Center 227 E. First South, Carlinville	4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2	Macoupin County Voting Center 227 E. First South, Carlinville	9 a.m.-12 noon



Early Voting Dates & Times

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 5, 2024 General Election:

Date	Location	Hours
September 26-November 4 Monday-Friday (Closed Oct 14th—Columbus Day)	Macoupin Voting Center 227 E. First South Carlinville	8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m
Tue Oct 22, Wed Oct 23, Thur Oct 24 Mon Oct 28, Tue Oct 29, Wed Oct 30	Macoupin Voting Center 227 E. First South Carlinville	4:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Sat October 26 Sat November 2	Macoupin Voting Center 227 E. First South Carlinville	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Macoupin Voting Center is just south of the Courthouse next to the old Jail.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Early Voting allows all registered voters to cast their ballot prior to Election Day between Thursday, September 26th and Monday, November 4th 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



Dated August 30, 2024



Sample Ballot

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
MAC OUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

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 5, 2024.

PETE DUNCAN, COUNTY CLERK
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE ADVISORY QUESTIONS

**ELECTION WORKER PROTECTION AND
CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY REFERENDUM**

"Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND FAIRNESS
REFERENDUM**

"Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
REFERENDUM**

"Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

FEDERAL

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

(Vote for one)

- ☐ (Donald J. Trump
(JD Vance) REPUBLICAN
- ☐ (Kamala D. Harris
(Tim Walz) DEMOCRATIC
- ☐ (Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
(Nicole Shanahan) INDEPENDENT
- ☐ Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
THIRTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Joshua Loyd REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Nikki Budzinski DEMOCRATIC
- ☐ Write-in

REPRESENTATIVE

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ONE HUNDREDTH
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Christopher "C.D." Davidsmeyer REPUBLICAN
- ☐ No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)

- ☐ Wayne A. Rosenthal REPUBLICAN
- ☐ No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY

**FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY
(Vote for one)**

- ☐ No Candidate REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Jordan Garrison DEMOCRATIC

**FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
(Vote for one)**

- ☐ Amy J Ashby REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Dana Carr Skinner DEMOCRATIC

**FOR CORONER
(Vote for one)**

- ☐ No Candidate REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Anthony E. Kravanya DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY BOARD

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

(Vote for not more than two)

- ☐ Jon C. Payne REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Gordon Heuer REPUBLICAN
- ☐ No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

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

(Vote for one)

- ☐ John P Trevino REPUBLICAN
- ☐ No Candidate DEMOCRATIC

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
DISTRICT FOUR**

(Vote for not more than two)

- ☐ Ross Adden REPUBLICAN
- ☐ Mark G. Dragovich DEMOCRATIC

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT NINE (Vote for not more than two)	
<input type="radio"/> Todd E Armour	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> Molly A Rosentreter	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
JUDICIAL	
FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Rita B. Garman) (Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> Lisa Holder White	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John W. Turner) (Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> Amy Lannerd	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Lisa Holder White) (Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> Gene Doherty	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THIRD SUBCIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Kenneth R. Deihl) (Vote for one)	
<input type="radio"/> Thomas D Denby	REPUBLICAN
<input type="radio"/> No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

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>
APPELLATE COURT JUDGE
SHALL Robert J. Steigmann be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
SHALL David R. Cherry be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

PROPOSITION
STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 PROPOSITION TO ISSUE \$26,100,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
Shall the Board of Education of Staunton Community Unit School District Number 6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois, build, alter, repair and equip school buildings and facilities, including installing safety and security improvements, increasing accessibility with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance measures, renovating classrooms and other instructional areas and installing air conditioning in the District's main gym, build and equip auxiliary gym and classroom additions to the Staunton High School Building and improve school sites, including relocating the bus parking area, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$26,100,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No


NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION


Public notice is hereby given that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Staunton Community Unit School District #6 in Macoupin County, Illinois;

Shall the Board of Education of Staunton Community Unit School District Number 6, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois, build, alter, repair and equip school buildings and facilities, including installing safety and security improvements, increasing accessibility with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance measures, renovating classrooms and other instructional areas and installing air conditioning in the District's main gym, build and equip auxiliary gym and classroom additions to the Staunton High School Building and improve school sites, including relocating the bus parking area, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$26,100,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.

PETE DUNCAN
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK




Dated September 1, 2024



Important Dates

Sept. 26 – Ballots being mailed and Early Voting begins

Oct. 8 – Voter Registration Deadline

Oct. 9 – Grace Period Voting Begins

Nov. 4 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail

Nov. 4 – Last business day to vote early

Nov. 5 – Last business day to grace period vote

Nov. 5 – ELECTION DAY



Don't forget with [MacoupinVotes.com](https://www.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

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE

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Macoupin County Clerk

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