

MCLEAN COUNTY VOTER GUIDE



PRESENTED BY THE MCLEAN
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 10th

First day to request a mail-in ballot

SEPTEMBER 29th

First day to send mail-in ballots and early in-person voting opens

NOVEMBER 3rd

Last day to request a mail-in ballot and last day of early voting

NOVEMBER 8th

ELECTION DAY

PRIMARY ELECTIONS STATISTICS:

Held June, 28th 2022

Total Races: 98

Total Registered Voters: 59,482

Total Ballots Cast: 14,973

Total Voter Turnout: 25.17%

HOW CAN I VOTE:

Register to vote online, in person, and by mail

You can vote both in person and by mail

70 voting location across the county

6 dropbox locations

UPCOMING RACES:

U.S. Senate:

Tammy Duckworth vs Kathy Salvi

U.S House of Representatives:

16th District: Darin LaHood is running unopposed as an incumbent

17th District: Eric Sorenson vs Esther Joy King

State Senate:

44th District: Sally Turner is running unopposed as an incumbent

46th District: David Koehler vs Desi Anderson

53rd District: Jason Barickman is running unopposed as an incumbent

State Representatives:

87th District: Bill Hauter has won the nomination, and the seat

88th District: Dan Caulkins is running unopposed as an incumbent

91st District: Scott Preston vs Sharon Chung

105th District: Dennis Tipsword Jr has won the nomination, and the seat

106th District: Tom Bennett is running unopposed as an incumbent

ILLINOIS SENATE SEAT:

About This Race:

Current incumbent Tammy Duckworth (D) is seeking her first re-election as the junior senator from Illinois. She will be facing Kathy Salvi (R) in the general election this November. Senator Duckworth ran unopposed in the primary while seven challengers fought for the Republican nomination. Salvi narrowly beat out challenger Peggy Hubbard, who had been polling ahead, to win the nomination. If re-elected, Duckworth would be the first woman to be re-elected to the Senate in Illinois' history.

Tammy Duckworth (D):

Biography:

Current incumbent and junior Senator for Illinois, elected in 2016. Army veteran and former director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Replaced incumbent Senator Mike Kirk after beating him in the general election. She currently serves the Committees for the Armed Forces, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Environment and Public Works.

Main Priorities:

1. Support Agriculture
2. Criminal Justice Reform and Gun Safety
3. Fostering Economic Growth and Small Business Support
4. Education Access and Worker Training
5. Protecting Natural Resources and the Environment
6. Greater Government Oversight and Accountability
7. Greater Healthcare Access
8. Comprehensive Immigration Reform
9. Supporting the Military and Veterans
10. Social Security Protection
11. Increasing Transportation and Infrastructure

Endorsements:

1. Planned Parenthood
2. AFL-CIO
3. EMILY's List
4. End Citizens United
5. Feminist Majority PAC
6. Giffords
7. Illinois National Organization for Women
8. International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150

9. Jewish Dems
10. League of Conservation Voters
11. Let America Vote
12. NARAL Pro-Choice America
13. Natural Resources Defense Council
14. Population Connection Action Fund
15. Women's Political Committee
16. VoteVets.org

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Official Website](#)
3. [Campaign Facebook](#)

Kathy Salvi (R):

Biography:

Attended Loyola University and is a personal injury attorney. Has previously served as a judicial clerk and a Public Defender. She currently owns her own law practice. Mother of six that currently resides in Mundelein. Served on the Board of Midtown Educational Foundation and has participated in planning sessions for the United Nations Conference on Women. She previously ran for Congress in 2006 and lost.

Main Priorities:

1. Energy Independent
2. Economic Relief to Families and Business
3. Secure the Border
4. Protect Law Enforcement
5. Pro-Traditional Education
6. World Leadership

Endorsements:

1. Chicago Tribune
2. Daily Herald
3. Republicans of Wheeling Township
4. Winfield Township Republican Party
5. Schaumburg Township Republican Organization
6. Sangamon County GOP
7. Lake County Republican Central Committee
8. Barrington Township Republican Organization
9. Evanston Township GOP
10. New Trier Republican Organization

11. Illinois Family Action
12. Niles Township Republicans
13. Northfield Township Republican Organization
14. Homer Township Republicans
15. Illinois Federation for Right to Life
16. McHenry County GOPAC
17. Bremen Township Republican Organization
18. McHenry County Pro Life Victory PAC
19. Illinois Citizens for Life, PAC federal
20. The Arab Daily News

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)
3. [Personal Website](#)

Bill Redpath (L):

Biography:

Member of the Libertarian Party since 1984 and the former Chairman of the LNC from 2006-2010. He has run for office as a Libertarian candidate seven times and is best known for his work on ballot access for the Libertarian party. Redpath moved to Illinois in 2019 and is the current Managing Director of the Chicago Office of Summit Ridge Group, LLC. He has his CPA, CFA, CIPM, and ABV. He also currently serves as Treasurer of Citizens in Charge. Redpath's fiancé is also a former Libertarian candidate for comptroller.

Main Priorities:

1. Pro-Vaccine, Anti-Mandates
2. Reduce Federal Government Spending
3. Fundamental Tax Reform
4. Healthcare Reform
5. Reform Social Security
6. Reduce Defense Spending
7. Free Trade
8. Immigration Reform
9. Reduce Government Surveillance
10. Repeal Prohibition of Online Gambling and Drugs
11. Election Reform

Endorsements:

1. N/A

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 16:

About This Race:

This district's boundaries now include some of former Rep Adam Kinzinger's district. Current incumbent Rep. Darin LaHood beat out three challengers to win the Republican nomination for the seat. He is opposed by Bradley Horges Jr, who is running as an independent. If elected, this will be Rep. LaHood's fourth term in office.

Darin LaHood (R):

Biography:

Current incumbent of the 16th district since 2015. Previously served in the Illinois State Senate. Attorney by profession and a former public prosecutor. He is assigned to the Committees on Natural Resources, Science, Space and Technology, Intelligence, and Ways & Means. He also serves on the House Democracy Partnership and co-chairs the China-US working group and more. Born and raised in Peoria but currently resides in Dunlap.

Main Priorities:

1. Open and Expand Small Business
2. Limit Federal Spending
3. Support Agriculture
4. Support the Military and Veterans
5. Expand Transportation
6. Support Manufacturing
7. Reform Healthcare
8. Immigration Reform
9. Higher Education Reform
10. Pro-2nd Amendment
11. Pro-Life
12. Free Trade

Endorsements:

1. Every Republican Central Committee Chairs
2. Every Illinois General Assembly Member

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)

Bradley Horges Jr. (I)

Notes:

There is no information regarding this candidate other than his appearance on the ballot and his initial interview to announce his candidacy. There is no campaign website, social media, or in-person presence within the campaign arena.

ILLINOIS U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 17:

About This Race:

Formerly Rep. Cheri Bustos' district, who announced that she was not running for re-election in 2022. This district newly encompasses parts of McLean County, with boundaries formerly ending in Peoria. This race is considered by polling agencies to be a toss-up. Esther Joy King previously ran against Rep. Bustos, winning 48% of the vote, while Eric Sorensen is a newcomer to the campaign field. This is one of the few races in Illinois where no incumbent is running.

Eric Sorensen (D):

Biography:

Weatherman from Moline, IL. Born and raised in Rockford, IL and has served on the boards of Clock, Inc and The Projects of the Quad Cities and is active in initiatives that connect vulnerable individuals to health services. Founder of Project Tornado, an initiative that bring meteorologists into schools to educate students on severe weather.

Main Priorities:

1. Addressing Climate Change
2. Strengthening Healthcare
3. Investing in Our Schools
4. Creating Sustainable Jobs
5. Preventing the Next Pandemic

Endorsements:

1. Equality PAC
2. VictoryFund
3. 314Action

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

Esther Joy King (R):

Biography:

Practicing real estate lawyer from Moline, IL, and a Captain in the Army Reserve. Parents previously served as missionaries on the U.S Mexico border and has spent time overseas. She is also part of the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General (JAG).

Main Priorities:

1. Agriculture
2. Bipartisan Cooperation
3. Economic Growth
4. Education Support
5. Healthcare and Immigration Reform
6. Supporting Infrastructure and Reducing the National Debt
7. Pro-Life, 2nd Amendment, Israel, Law Enforcement, and Union
8. Free Trade
9. Support Military and Veterans

Endorsements:

1. Leader Kevin McCarthy
2. House Conference Chair Elise Stefanik
3. Sen. Tom Cotton
4. Rep. Jack Bergman
5. Rep. Dan Crenshaw
6. Rep. Byron Donalds
7. Rep. Virginia Foxx
8. Rep. Mike Garcia
9. Rep. Ashley Hinson
10. Rep. Mike McCaul
11. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers
12. Rep. Carol Miller
13. Rep. Marianne Miller-Meeks
14. Rep. August Pfluger
15. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler
16. Rep. Greg Steube
17. Rep. Beth Van Duyne
18. Rep. Mike Bost
19. Rep. Rodney Davis
20. Derrick Appel, Mayor, Altona
21. Avery Bourne, State Rep., Illinois County
22. Cory Burgland, County GOP Chairman, Warren County
23. Tim Butler, State Rep., Illinois County
24. Gloria Cardenas Cudia, Rock Valley College Trustee, Rockford
25. Andrew Chesney, State Rep., Stephenson County
26. Mark Luft, Mayor/State Rep, Pekin
27. Kent McDowell, Mayor, Canton
28. Jodie Miller, Mayor, Freeport
29. Gary Moore, Mayor, Kewanee
30. Jim Rule, GOP Chairman, Tazewell County
31. Sally Snyder, State Sen., Illinois County
32. Ryan Spain, State Rep., Illinois County
33. John Spangler, County Board Member, GOP Chairman, Fulton County

- 34. Brian Stewart, State Sen., Stephenson County
- 35. Dan Swanson, State Rep., Knox/Mercer County
- 36. Dave Syverson, State Sen., Winnebago County
- 37. Kirk Van Ostrand, Mayor, Jo Daviess County

Campaign Resources:

- 1. [Campaign Website](#)
- 2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 44:

About This Race:

State Senator Sally Turner is running for her second term, unopposed both in the primary and the general election. Outside of write-in candidates, she faces no competition for this election cycle.

Sally Turner (R):

Current incumbent with no challengers.

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 46:

About This Race:

This is the first year this district encompasses McLean County following the 2020 redistricting session. Either Senator Koehler or Republican Nominee Desi Anderson faced challengers in the primary. Senator Koehler is seeking his fifth term. Koehler was previous challenged by Mary Burriss, who recently lost a bid for Republican nominee for the 87th State Representative district.

David Koehler (D):

Biography:

Born in South Dakota and currently resides in Peoria with his wife and three children. He is the co-owner of the Koehler Bread Co. Senator Koehler was first appointed in 2006 to fill the term of retiring Senator George Shadid.

Main Priorities:

1. Creating Job and Economy Growth
2. Helping Families in Need
3. Improving Education
4. Pension Reform

Endorsements:

1. Ameren Corp
2. OSF Saint Francis Inc
3. Illinois Educators Association

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)

Desi Anderson (R):

Biography:

Bulgarian-adopted originally from the Pacific Northwest. Non-profit dedication and has previously served as a missionary in Latin America and Africa. Along with her husband, owns an agricultural-tourism venue.

Main Priorities:

1. Pro-Life

2. Pro-2nd Amendment
3. Education
4. Mental Health
5. Small Business
6. Support Law Enforcement
7. Protect Veterans
8. Lower taxes
9. Address Crime and Safety
10. Promote Infrastructure
11. Conservative Spending
12. Promote Work and Trade Unions
13. Help Farming Communities
14. Greater Vocational Training

Endorsements:

1. N/A

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 51:

About This Race:

State Senator Chapin Rose is running for his third term, unopposed both in the primary and the general election. Outside of write-in candidates, he faces no competition for this election cycle.

Chapin Rose (R):

Current incumbent with no challengers.

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE DISTRICT 53:

About This Race:

State Senator Jason Barickman is running for his third term, unopposed both in the primary and the general election. Outside of write-in candidates, he faces no competition for this election cycle. Senator Barickman is currently the Minority Caucus Chair.

Jason Barickman (R):

Current incumbent with no challengers.

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 87:

About This Race:

This district previously belonged to Republican incumbent Tim Butler, however, following the 2020 redistricting, he is now running to represent the 95th district. Bill Hauter ran against Mary Burress for the Republican nomination. As he won the nomination, he also won the seat as there is no Democratic challenger.

Bill Hauter (R):

Biography:

Physician from Morton, IL. Elected to the Tazewell County Board in 2020. Member of the Tri-County Regional planning commission, Tazewell County Health Service Committee, Tazewell County Property Committee, Tazewell County Insurance Review Committee, and Tazewell County Legislative Liaison. Wife is the director of Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center.

Main Priorities:

1. Second Amendment (more guns and elimination of the FOID card)
2. Support small family farmers
3. High parental involvement in education and remove “woke, radical indoctrination”
4. Against all mandates
5. Mandatory Voter ID
6. Reduce state spending
7. Maintain affordable domestic energy production

Endorsements:

1. Illinois Family Action
2. State Representative Keith Sommer
3. Tazewell County Board Chairmen David Zimmerman
4. Morton Mayor Jeff Kaufman
5. County Board Member and Tazewell County Treasurer Candidate, Mindy Darcy
6. County Board Member Greg Menold
7. Tazewell County Auditor Brett Grimm
8. Illinois Federation for Right to Life
9. State Senator Win Stoller
10. County Board Member Greg Longfellow
11. County Board Member Michael Harris
12. Illinois State Rifle Association Political Victory Fund

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 88:

About This Race:

State Representative Dan Caulkins running for his second term, unopposed both in the primary and the general election. Outside of write-in candidates, he faces no competition for this election cycle.

Dan Calukins (R):

Current incumbent with no challengers. Currently has high votes of confidence from the Illinois Environmental Council, Illinois Humane Society, and Illinois Realtors.

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 91:

About This Race:

This district was previously held by Republican Representative Mark Luft, but the 2020 redistricting led to him seeking re-election in the 93rd district, where he lost in the Republican primary. This is also a district that will be representing McLean County this election. There were two candidates in both the Democratic and the Republican primaries with Sharon Chung and Scott Preston competing to the seat this November.

Sharon Chung (D):

Biography:

Current McLean County Board Member and former teacher. Has lived in the county since 2009 while also working as a professional musician. Sharon Chung has also served on the Land Use and Development, Health, and Justice Committees. She is married with two daughters.

Main Priorities:

1. Education

Endorsements:

1. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL 8th District)
2. AFL-CIO
3. Planned Parenthood of Illinois
4. Asian American Caucus
5. Members of the McLean County Board:
 - a. Jim Rogal (D), District 4
 - b. Benjamin Webb (D), District 4
 - c. Elizabeth Johnston (D), District 5
 - d. Hannah Beer (D), District 6
 - e. Val Laymon (D), District 7
 - f. Lea Cline (D), District 8
 - g. Shayna Watchinski (D), District 8
 - h. Josh Barnett (R), District 10
6. LiUNA! Midwest Region
7. Great Plains Laborers' District Council
8. Laborers' Local 362

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

Scott Preston (R):

Biography:

Youngest Normal Councilman. Owns Preston Property Group. Serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of McLean County. Previously served on the Community Advisory Board for the Multicultural Leadership Program. Involved with the Illinois State University Alumni Association Board of Directors and is on the Alumni Ambassador team. Recipient of the Redbird Proud Award. Married, no kids.

Main Priorities:

1. Cutting taxes
2. Consistent COVID Response
3. Deregulation
4. Investing in Education
5. Funding law enforcement

Endorsements:

1. Representative Rodney Davis
2. Representative Darin LaHood
3. Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR
4. Illinois Fraternal Order of Police
5. State Senator Jason Barickman
6. State Senator Sally Turner
7. Sate Rep. Dan Brady
8. State Rep. Tom Bennett
9. State Rep. Mark Luft
10. State Rep. Keith Sommer
11. State Rep. Ryan Spain

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Website](#)
2. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 105:

About This Race:

Currently represented by Rep. Dan Brady, he did not seek reelection to instead run for Secretary of State. There were five Republican challengers for this seat, with Dennis Tipsword Jr winning the primary. Because there were no Democratic nominees, he has also won the seat.

Dennis Tipsword Jr. (R):

Biography:

Small business owner and former police officer (deputy sheriff) in Woodford County.

Main Priorities:

1. Pro-life
2. Pro 2A
3. Small Government

Endorsements:

1. Illinois Fraternal Order of Police
2. Woodford County Sheriff's Department
3. Illinois Family Action
4. ABATE Illinois

Campaign Resources:

1. [Campaign Facebook](#)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 106:

About This Race:

State Representative Tom Bennett is running for his fifth term, unopposed both in the primary and the general election. Outside of write-in candidates, he faces no competition for this election cycle.

Tom Bennett (R):

Current incumbent with no challengers. This will be the first map where he encompasses McLean County.

Campaign Resources:

1. [Official Website](#)
2. [Official Facebook](#)