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The information in this guide mostly comes from the Illinois Blue Book. For more than a century, the Illinois Blue Book has been the official publication about state government. It was first published by the Secretary of State’s office in 1900 and published every two years; the book is a key reference source for an individual writing about Illinois history, government and institutions.

For more information, visit http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/illinois_bluebook/home.html
THE GOVERNOR

CURRENT OFFICIAL: GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER (R)
CANDIDATES:
BRUCE RAUNER (R), JEANNE IVES (R), JB PRITZKER (D), CHRIS KENNEDY (D),
DANIEL BISS (D), BOB DAIBER (D), TIO HARDIMAN (D), ROBERT MARSHALL (D)

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

"The Governor shall have the supreme executive power, and shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws." — Constitution of the State of Illinois

The Governor of Illinois is the chief executive of the state and is responsible for the administration of most areas of the executive branch of Illinois government. The Civil Administrative Code establishes clear lines of authority between the Governor and state departments and gives him general administrative responsibility over numerous agencies, boards and commissions. Though the Governor does not exercise direct control over other elected state constitutional officers, the Illinois Constitution empowers him to require information on any subject relating to their management or expenses.

The Governor appoints hundreds of key administrators and department directors and fills vacancies in the Offices of the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, Comptroller and the U.S. Senate. The Governor’s powers include granting clemency, calling special legislative sessions, approving or vetoing bills and approving state construction contracts.

The Governor also serves as commander-in-chief of the state’s Armed Forces.

Each year, the Governor appears before the General Assembly to propose a budget for Illinois government and report on the condition of the state, set priorities and provide direction.

The Office of Management and Budget develops the comprehensive annual budget for submission to the General Assembly and provides the Governor with the professional budgeting and fiscal analysis tools needed to manage state government.

THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ESTABLISHES CLEAR LINES OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND STATE DEPARTMENTS AND GIVES HIM GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OVER NUMEROUS AGENCIES

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
The Department of Human Rights.
The Department of Human Services.
The Department of Juvenile Justice.
The Department of Labor.
The Department of the Lottery.
The Department of Natural Resources.
The Department of Public Health.
The Department of Revenue.
The Department of State Police.
The Department of Transportation.
The Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

CURRENT OFFICIAL: EVELYN SANGUINETTI (R)

CANDIDATES:
EVELYN SANGUINETTI/RAUNER (R), RICH MORTHLAND/IVES (R),
JULIANA STRATTON/PRITZKER (D), RA JOY/KENNEDY (D),
LITESA WALLACE/BISS (D), JONATHAN W. TODD/DAIBER (D),
PATRICIA AVERY/HARDIMAN (D), DENNIS COLE/MARSHALL (D)

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Lieutenant Governor is the second-highest executive office in Illinois and first in line for succession to the governorship. Under the Illinois Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor becomes the Acting Governor if the Governor is unable to discharge the duties of the office.

In addition to being prepared to lead the state, the Lieutenant Governor exercises the powers delegated to him/her by the Governor and those prescribed by law, including serving as the state’s top advocate for rural communities, military families and river conservation.

Inspiring Better Government
The state currently has nearly 7,000 units of local government. This statistic is the highest in the country by more than 1,800 units. Governor Bruce Rauner signed Executive Order – 15-15 on Feb. 13, 2015, which created the Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force. The mission of this task force is to reduce the heavy burden on Illinois taxpayers by empowering citizens and local government officials to streamline local government through consolidation and eliminating unnecessary state mandates. The Lieutenant Governor oversees this task force.

Advocating for Rural Communities
Lieutenant Governor leads the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council (GRAC). GRAC serves as a link between state and local agencies to improve the delivery of state services, support innovative rural development initiatives and recommend programs and policies that help improve the quality of rural life in Illinois. As chair of GRAC, Lieutenant Governor collaborates with a group of government agencies, academic institutions and rural advocacy groups dedicated to improving the economy, environment and health of Illinois’ rural communities. These communities are home to 1.6 million Illinoisans.

Representing Military Families and Bases
Illinois has three active military base installations, including Scott Air Force base near Belleville, Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island and Naval Station Great Lakes near North Chicago. There are more than 50 other military installations associated with the Illinois National Guard and Illinois Air National Guard. The military and defense industry directly and indirectly contributes nearly 150,000 jobs and $13.4 billion in economic activity across Illinois, as of 2013. Lieutenant Governor is an advocate for retaining and developing the state’s military bases and their surrounding communities. This will help determine how Illinois can better align its facilities with the National Security Strategy and help retain and expand the economic development benefits of the military in our state over time.

Protecting Illinois Rivers
Lieutenant Governor serves as chair of the Illinois River, Mississippi River and Wabash and Ohio Rivers Coordinating councils. The three councils unite citizens, river enthusiasts and commercial interests. In addition, the councils collaborate with state and federal agencies to coordinate policy and initiatives for the preservation, restoration and economy of the watersheds. Lieutenant Governor works with the members of each council to lay out a 2015 River and Watershed Integrated Management Strategy that protects Illinois’ economic interests while preserving environmental priorities.

Population estimates, July 1, 2017
12,802,023 (US Census Bureau)
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CURRENT OFFICIAL: LISA MADIGAN (D)

CANDIDATES: ERIKA HAROLD (R), GARY GRASSO (R), PAT QUINN (D), RENATO MARIOTTI (D), SCOTT DRURY (D), NANCY ROTERING (D), KWAME RAOUl (D), JESSE RUIZ (D), SHARON FAIRLEY (D), AARON GOLDSTEIN (D)

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is the state’s legal officer, responsible for protecting the interests of the state and its residents. The office provides services covering a broad range of issues and reaching every corner of the state including protecting consumers, protecting workplace rights, helping crime victims, protecting older residents, keeping communities safe, safeguarding the environment, representing the State of Illinois, ensuring open and honest government, and protecting the public interest.

PROTECTING CONSUMERS
The Consumer Protection Division receives nearly 30,000 consumer complaints annually, covering issues such as home and vehicle repair, mortgage and telecommunications fraud, counterfeit check scams and identity theft. The Attorney General’s office files lawsuits to stop fraudulent practices and recover losses, mediates consumer complaints and educates consumers on scams.

PROTECTING WORKPLACE RIGHTS
The Attorney General’s office protects and advances the employment rights of all Illinois residents and investigates and litigates cases involving serious or persistent wage law violations or other significant employment practices.

HELPING CRIME VICTIMS
The office’s Crime Victims Compensation Bureau provides financial assistance to innocent victims of violent crimes and their families. Additionally, each year, the Violent Crime Victim Assistance Program awards about $6 million in grant funding to programs and agencies that provide services to victims of violent crimes. Funding for the program is generated from fees and fines imposed on convicted criminals and traffic offenders. The office’s Automated Victim Notification System provides a toll-free, bilingual, 24-hour telephone and email service for victims and family members to inquire about offender custody and case status.

PROTECTING OLDER RESIDENTS
The Attorney General’s office works with state agencies, law enforcement officials and community leaders to address elder abuse and promote safety in long-term care facilities.

KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE
The Attorney General’s office works with law enforcement agencies and state’s attorneys to make Illinois a safer place to live, work and raise families. The office has worked to improve the state’s sex offender registry and locate dangerous predators. The office also collaborates with law enforcement to prosecute cases, strengthen laws and increase public awareness of the dangers of synthetic drugs.

SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT
The Attorney General’s office enforces environmental protection laws to protect Illinois’ air, water and land from pollution.

REPRESENTING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Government Representation Division provides legal representation for the state and all state agencies and employees involved in civil litigation. The division handles cases covering numerous legal issues, including revenue litigation. Since 2003, the Attorney General’s office has collected more than $12 billion on behalf of the state. In 2015, the office collected nearly $1 billion.

ENSURING OPEN AND HONEST GOVERNMENT
After establishing the first Public Access Counselor (PAC) position in the office, the Attorney General worked with legislators and open government advocates to draft and pass landmark legislation to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA). The amended laws improved enforcement and closed loopholes that made it difficult for the public to access government records and meetings. The laws also permanently established the PAC position in the Attorney General’s office and gave the PAC authority to resolve FOIA and OMA disputes. In 2015, members of the public and the media sought the office’s help to resolve more than 4,700 disputes.

PROTECTING PUBLIC INTEREST
The Attorney General’s Public Interest Division is charged with protecting the public’s civil rights, upholding the rights of people with disabilities, enforcing the state’s antitrust laws and advocating for fair rates for utility consumers. Within the division, the Civil Rights Bureau enforces and works to strengthen civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CURRENT OFFICIAL: JESSE WHITE (D)

CANDIDATES:
JASON HELLAND (R), JESSE WHITE (D), MICHAEL E. HASTINGS (D)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

As provided in the Illinois Constitution, the Office of the Secretary of State's main functions are to maintain official state records and the state seal. However, many additional responsibilities have been added over the years, making the office one of the largest and most diverse of any of its counterparts nationwide. As the second-largest state constitutional office, the Secretary of State's office is visited by more Illinois residents than any other in state government. The office generates approximately $2.8 billion in annual revenue with nearly $1.5 billion a year designated for state highway construction funds. The office registers investment advisers, securities dealers, lobbyists and businesses. It also manages one of the largest computer databases in Illinois, keeping track of approximately 9 million drivers, 11 million registered vehicles and 480,000 corporations. The office is an important resource for educating the public about traffic and school bus safety, drunk driving, securities fraud, literacy and organ/tissue donation.

The duties of the Secretary of State's office are divided among 20 departments employing approximately 4,000 people. Law and tradition have assigned many additional responsibilities to the office, which has one of the largest and most diverse collections of responsibilities of any of its counterparts nationwide. From issuing driver's licenses and registering vehicles, to promoting organ/tissue donation awareness, overseeing the Illinois State Library and administering the state's literacy efforts. Departments include:

Accounting Revenue
The Accounting Revenue Department manages all revenue collected by the Office of the Secretary of State. The department provides audit services, processes refunds, collects on insufficient funds checks and analyzes revenue and sales data for the office. The department audits all certified institutions and agents that handle Secretary of State business.

Administrative Hearings
The Administrative Hearings Department primarily conducts hearings for drivers seeking reinstatement of a license that has been suspended or revoked due to driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or other drugs.

BADD
The BADD Division monitors the installation and readings on more than 10,000 ignition interlock devices installed on vehicles of DUI offenders.

Budget & Fiscal Management
The Budget and Fiscal Management Department prepares the Secretary of State's budget for presentation to the General Assembly and provides for continuing fiscal responsibility in its execution, including processing payments made by the office. The department also prepares the office payroll and all agency financial statements, and is responsible for the procurement of all goods and services through its Purchasing Division. It also serves as a fiscal research and reference center for the office.

Business Services Communications
The Communications Department coordinates the writing, design and production of all printed, audiovisual and online materials distributed by the office.

Court of Claims
The Illinois Court of Claims was established as a forum of specific jurisdiction to render decisions on monetary claims and lawsuits against the state, with the exceptions of worker's compensation claims and federal claims.

Driver Services
The Driver Services Department issues licenses to more than 8.5 million Illinois drivers and more than 3 million photo identification cards to drivers and non-drivers at more than 130 locations. In addition, Driver Services maintains driving records and takes administrative action against unsafe drivers.

Illinois State Archives
The Illinois State Archives serves by law as the depository of public records of Illinois state and local governmental agencies which possess permanent administrative, legal, or historical research values. Its collections do not include manuscript, newspaper, or other nonofficial sources.

Illinois State Library
The Illinois State Library was established to promote, support, implement and maintain library services on a State level for all State Offices, Offices, the General Assembly, the Judiciary and all State agencies, bodies and commissions, and to promote, support and implement library services on a statewide basis.
THE COMPTROLLER

CURRENT OFFICIAL: SUSANA A. MENDOZA (D)

CANDIDATES:
DARLENE SENGER (R), SUSANA A. MENDOZA (D)

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

The Comptroller’s primary focus is the management of state funds — revenue receipts and spending. The office provides current and accurate fiscal information to the Governor, the General Assembly, local government officials and the public. Financial impact analyses and other studies are published to assist the Governor and lawmakers in making informed budget decisions. The Comptroller is the chief fiscal control officer for Illinois government, charged by the Constitution with maintaining the state’s central fiscal accounts and ordering payments into and out of the appropriate funds. The Comptroller sits on the Illinois State Board of Investment, which manages the pension assets of the General Assembly, and the Judges’ and State Employees’ Retirement systems, and chairs the State Employees’ Retirement System Board.

The Illinois Constitution empowers the Comptroller to record transactions, pre-audit expenditures and contracts, issue financial reports and provide leadership on the fiscal affairs of the state. The office processes more than 16 million transactions annually and serves as a “fiscal watchdog” to ensure that all state payments meet the requirements of the law.

SUMMARY

- Estimated 1/31/18 backlog of bills totaled $9.213 billion for General Funds and Health Insurance Reserve Fund (HIRF) ($36 million less than prior month)
- Agencies had a net $2.876 billion in General Funds and HIRF bills on hand (almost $400 million more than prior month)
- Pending vouchers and transfers at the Office of the Comptroller totaled $6.336 billion (more than $400 million less than prior month)
- Agencies reported more than $2.3 billion in unfunded liabilities for fiscal year 2018 (no significant change)
- Identifies nearly $950 million in late-payment interest penalties ($50 million increase)

General Funds revenues totaled $29.405 billion in fiscal year 2017.
Where the Fiscal Year 2017 Dollar Came From

General Funds revenues totaled $23.405 billion in fiscal year 2017. The largest source of revenue to the General Funds was the personal income tax with receipts of $12.737 billion accounting for 43.3% of the total. Sales taxes were the second largest source of revenue with $8.043 billion or 27.4% of the total. Other major sources included federal revenues of $2.483 billion (8.4%), corporate income taxes of $1.328 billion (4.5%), lottery and riverboat transfers of $990 million (3.4%), and public utility taxes of $884 million (3.0%). All other sources of revenue, including insurance, cigarette, inheritance, liquor, and other miscellaneous sources totaled $2.940 billion for fiscal year 2017 and accounted for 10.0% of total revenues.

How the Fiscal Year 2017 Dollar Was Spent

In fiscal year 2017, expenditures from the General Funds totaled $34.057 billion, which was $4.652 billion more than revenues received for the fiscal year. Education encompassed the largest portion (43.1%) of the General Funds budget with fiscal year 2017 spending of $14.679 billion, including $11.320 billion for elementary and secondary education (includes teacher retirement contributions) and $3.359 billion for higher education (includes retirement contributions). Health and Social Services expenditures, which include spending for medical assistance, children and family services, the operation of mental health and developmentally disabled facilities and other related services, totaled $10.676 billion in fiscal year 2017 accounting for 31.3% of total General Funds expenditures. Transfers-out of $4.636 billion from the General Funds primarily supported local governments and debt service payments on bonds issued. Spending for Public Protection and Justice of $1.921 billion included funding for the operation of prisons, courts, and law enforcement. Other areas of spending included General Government ($2.056 billion) and $90 million for environmental assistance and employment and economic development.

How the Fiscal Year 2017 Lottery Dollar Was Spent

According to the records of the State Comptroller, Illinois lottery revenues deposited into the State Treasury totaled $1.341 billion in fiscal year 2017. Of this total, $1.338 billion was deposited into the State Lottery Fund, while $2.9 million from special instant games was deposited into five separate funds. Total Illinois State Lottery Fund expenditures of $1.337 billion in fiscal year 2017 included $720 million (53.9%) in transfers to the Common School Fund for education, $382 million (28.5%) for prizes, $15 million (1.1%) in transfers to the Capital Projects Fund and $220 million (16.5%) for operational expenses of the lottery. The largest component of operational expenditures was $101 million for expenses of developing and promoting lottery games.

Payment totals match the Comptroller's receipts. Totals may not equal individual components due to rounding.

For more information on how your money is being spent, call 217 782-6000 or 312 814-2451, or visit illinoiscomptroller.gov.
THE TREASURER

CURRENT OFFICIAL: MICHAEL W. FRERICHS (D)

CANDIDATES:
JIM DODGE (R), MICHAEL W. FRERICHS (D)

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

The State Treasurer is the state’s chief investment officer, managing tens of billions of dollars in state funds and billions more pooled from local governments. The Treasurer’s office establishes sound investment policies to ensure the safekeeping of those funds, provide the necessary liquidity to pay the state’s bills and earn the best rate of return for taxpayers and local governments.

The Treasurer’s office manages the Bright Start and Bright Directions college savings plans, enabling families to combat the rising costs of college by offering tax-advantaged investment accounts to save for a child’s higher education. The office supports economic development and job creation through specific investment initiatives to local employers, family farmers and entrepreneurs. The Unclaimed Property Division strives to reunite more than $2 billion in lost and abandoned property and cash with its rightful owners while generating additional revenue for the state. The Treasurer’s office also oversees programs aimed at securing retirement savings and providing specific investment vehicles for parents with children who have disabilities or blindness.

Unclaimed Property
The Illinois Treasurer’s office is the custodian of unclaimed property for current and past state residents. Unclaimed property could include lost bank accounts, the contents of safe deposit boxes, insurance policy proceeds and unpaid rebate cards. Items are surrendered after private entities attempt for at least five years to locate the owner. For example, if an individual neglected to pick up a final paycheck, the employer typically would attempt to contact the individual for at least five years before surrendering the paycheck to the Treasurer’s office. Once surrendered, the Treasurer’s office continues the attempt to locate the individual through direct mail, telephone calls and public events. State law requires newspaper advertising to occur twice each year in each county of Illinois. Due to the evolving ways individuals consume news and information, the Treasurer's office now incorporates digital and social media channels to inform the public of potential unclaimed property that might belong to them or someone they know. Recent data shows that 53,000 unclaimed property claims were fulfilled in the 2015 fiscal year with a value that exceeded more than $155 million. The average amount recovered is $1,000 per individual, although various claims have exceeded $1 million. Because thousands of items are surrendered each year, residents should check the unclaimed property database every six months. The database is updated nightly. Please visit www.illinoistreasurer.gov/Icon for additional information.

College and Trade School
The Treasurer’s Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program provides persons with blindness or disabilities the option to invest in tax-advantaged savings for disability related expenses. ABLE is a tax-advantaged savings program similar to the Bright Start and Bright Directions college saving plans. Qualified expenditures from ABLE investment accounts can be used to support the health and well-being of the person with disabilities or blindness, such as a home renovation to accommodate a wheelchair or paying for physical therapy.

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Charitable Trust
The Charitable Trust Stabilization Fund awards grants to 501(c)(3) organizations incorporated in the State of Illinois, with special attention to nonprofit corporations with operating budgets of less than $1 million that are located in Illinois Enterprise Zones or similarly depressed areas. Grants of up to $25,000 can be allocated for operating or startup expenses to not-for-profit institutions. The fund is overseen by an 11-member board that reviews grant applications and makes non-binding recommendations to the State Treasurer. The fund was created in 2007 and was to be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. In 2011, bipartisan legislation shifted administrative authority of the fund to the State Treasurer’s office.
CURRENT OFFICIALS:

US SENATE

SENIOR SENATOR: RICHARD "DICK" DURBIN (D)
JUNIOR SENATOR: TAMMY DUCKWORTH (D)

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

16TH CONGRESS: ADAM KINZINGER (R)
17TH CONGRESS: CHERI BUSTOS (D)

CANDIDATES:

16TH CONGRESS: ADAM KINZINGER (R), JAMES T. "JIM" MARTER (R), NEILL MOHOMMAD (D), SARA DADY (D), BETH VERCOLIO-OSMUND (D), AMY "MURRI" BRIEL (D)

17TH CONGRESS: MARK KLEINE (R), WILLIAM W. "BILL" FAWELL (R), CHERI BUSTOS (D)

TWO SENATORS REPRESENT EACH STATE IN THE U.S. SENATE AND ARE ELECTED TO SERVE SIX-YEAR TERMS. 18 REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENT ILLINOIS IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE UNITED STATES IS DIVIDED INTO 435 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, EACH WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 710,000 INDIVIDUALS. EACH DISTRICT ELECTS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOUSE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALSO CALLED CONGRESSMEN/CONGRESSWOMEN.
The Illinois State Senate is the upper chamber of the Illinois General Assembly. Alongside the Illinois House of Representatives, it forms the legislative branch of the Illinois state government and works alongside the governor of Illinois to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Illinois State Senate include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.

The General Assembly may impeach and convict executive and judicial officeholders in the State of Illinois. The House of Representatives has the sole power of impeachment, while the Senate serves as adjudicator. If a majority of the members of the House vote to impeach, the case proceeds to the Senate for trial.

To find your legislative district, visit: https://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx

SENATOR STEVE STADELMAN
Years served: 2013 - Present
Committee assignments: Commerce and Economic Development; Committee of the Whole; Gaming (Chairperson); Government Reform (Vice-Chairperson); Higher Education; Telecommunications & Info Technology; Transportation; Subcommittee on Special Issues (GR); Subcommittee on Cyber security.
Biography: Elected to the Senate in 2012; born Oct. 30, 1960; received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; former news anchor/reporter in Rockford; full-time state legislator.
Associated Representative(s): Litesa E. Wallace (D), John M. Cabello (R)

SENATOR DAVE SYVERSON
Years served: 1993 - Present
Committee assignments: Committee of the Whole; Gaming (Minority Spokesperson); Human Services (Minority Spokesperson); Public Health; Executive; Telecommunications & Info Technology; Insurance; Subcommittee on Election Law; Oversight Medicaid Mang. Care (Minority Spokesperson); Subcommittee on Long Term Care; Sub. on Consequences of Fed.Policy; Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform.
Biography: Born June 29, 1957, in Chicago. Graduate of Guilford High School and Rock Valley College. Member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business, Rockford Area Economic Council, Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, and National Conference of State Legislators. Works with Williams Manny, Inc. in Rockford. Married (wife, Shirley), with two children.
Associated Representative(s): Joe Sosnowski (R) Robert W. Pritchard (R)
CURRENT OFFICIALS:

ILLINOIS HOUSE

67TH REPRESENTATIVE: LITESA WALLACE (D)
68TH REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN M. CABELLO (R)
69TH REPRESENTATIVE: JOE SOSNOWSKI (R)

CANDIDATES:

67TH REPRESENTATIVE: MAURICE WEST II (D), VALERI DECASTRIS (D), GERALD ALBERT (D), ANGELA FELLARS (D)
68TH REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN M. CABELLO (R), JAKE CASTANZA (D)
69TH REPRESENTATIVE: JOE SOSNOWSKI (R), ANGELIQUE "ANGIE" BODINE (D)

The Illinois House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the Illinois General Assembly. Alongside the Illinois State Senate, it forms the legislative branch of the Illinois state government and works alongside the governor of Illinois to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the Illinois House of Representatives include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.

REPRESENTATIVE LITESA WALLACE

Years served: July 2014 - Present
Committee assignments: Agriculture & Conservation; Economic Justice & Equity (Chairperson); Financial Institutions; Human Services (Vice-Chairperson); Business Growth & Incentives (Vice-Chairperson); Mental Health, Restorative Justice; Public Benefits Subcommittee; Childhood and Young Adult Onset Sub.
Biography: Mental health counselor; attended Western Illinois University, received Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Northern Illinois University, where she also taught psychology courses; member, Delta Sigma Theta; co-founder, Rockford Anti-Racism Network; fellow, Diversifying Faculty in Higher Education, 2005-09; has one son.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. CABELLO

Years served: August 2012 - Present
Committee assignments: Appropriations-Public Safety (Republican Spokesperson); Construction Industry & Code Enforc; Judiciary - Criminal; Police & First Responders (Republican Spokesperson); Tollway Oversight; Criminal Admin and Enforcement; Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Regis; Transportation Subcommittee.

REPRESENTATIVE JOE SOSNOWSKI

Years served: January 2011 - Present
Committee assignments: Approp-Elementary & Secondary Educ; Cities & Villages; Elem Sec Ed: Charter School Policy; Executive (Republican Spokesperson); Revenue & Finance; Income Tax Subcommittee; Growth, Reform & Fairness Subcommit; Scholarship Tax Credit Oversight.
Biography: Director of Institutional Advancement, Rockford Christian Schools; Illinois Licensed Real Estate Salesperson; born April 13, 1977, in Hanover Park, IL; graduated, West Chicago High School, 1995, B.A. English, Northern Illinois University, 1999, former Alderman, City of DeKalb, 1999-2003, former Alderman, City of Rockford, 2005-2010; member of Stateline Community Church; member of Next Rockford (young professionals); recipient of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce’s 40 Under 40 Award; married (wife, Roxanne), has two sons, Aidan and Roman, and daughter, Ellie.
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES

CURRENT COMMITTEES:
16TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
JOHN M. NELSON & CHRISTINE BENSON
16TH STATE CENTRAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
JOHN MCGlasson
17TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
DON JOHNSTON & KATE JENNINGS
17TH STATE CENTRAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
JAN WEBER

CANDIDATES:
16TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE'
ANGELIQUE "ANGIE" BODINE (D), CHRISTINE BENSON (D), ELIZABETH LUNDQUIST (D)
16TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
JOHN M. NELSON (D), TOM P. WALSH (D), ARTHUR BARDsLEY (D)
17TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
KATE JENNINGS (D), JODY CROSS (D)
17TH STATE CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
EDWARD KLEIN (D), DON JOHNSTON (D)

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES

The General Assembly revised the Election Code in 1984, offering an alternative composition for each State Central Committee. The State Central Committee of each political party may choose to: 1) elect one central committeeman from each congressional district; or 2) elect one male and one female committeeman from each congressional district. As a result, the Democratic Party has chosen to elect one female and one male from each congressional district, while the Republican Party has opted for one central committeeman per congressional district. State Central Committee members are elected every four years in their respective party's primary election.
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

CURRENT JUDGES:
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ROSEMARY COLLINS, EUGENE DOHERTY,
JANET R. HOLMGREN, JOSEPH G. MCGRAW,
J. EDWARD PROCHASKA, CURTIS R. TOBIN III,
RONALD J. WHITE

CANDIDATES:
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PROCHASKA VACANCY: JOHN LOWRY (R), ANN DEMPSEY (D)
COLLINS VACANCY: DONNA HONZEL (R), JOSEPH P. "JOE" BRUSCATO (D)

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

In Illinois, the circuit court is the court of original jurisdiction. There are twenty four circuits in the state. Six are single county circuits (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will) and the remaining eighteen circuits comprise as few as two and as many as twelve counties each. Except for redistricting of the general assembly and ruling on the ability of the governor to serve or resume office, the circuit court has jurisdiction for all matters properly brought before it. The circuit court shares jurisdiction with the Supreme Court to hear cases relating to revenue, mandamus, prohibition, and habeas corpus. If the Supreme Court chooses to exercise its authority in a case of these types, the circuit court loses jurisdiction. The circuit court is also the reviewing court for certain state agency administrative orders. There are two types of judges in the circuit court: circuit judges and associate judges. Circuit judges are elected for a six year term and may be retained by voters for additional six year terms. They can hear any circuit court case. Circuit judges are initially elected either circuitwide, from the county where they reside or from a sub-circuit within a circuit, depending on the type of vacancy they are filling. Associate judges are appointed by circuit judges of that circuit, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, for four year terms.

Winnebago County
Circuit Clerk              (815) 319-4500
Sheriff's Department      (815) 319-6000
State's Attorney          (815) 319-4700
Public Defender            (815) 319-4900
Adult Probation            (815) 319-6250
Juvenile Probation        (815) 516-2700
Arbitration Center        (815) 987-7739
Jury Commission           (815) 319-4880

Boone County
Circuit Clerk              (815) 544-0371
Sheriff's Department      (815) 544-9322
State's Attorney          (815) 544-0868
Public Defender            (815) 547-5400
Probation Department       (815) 544-9806

Associate Judges

Stephen E. Balogh
Ronald A. Barch
Joseph J. Bruce
Mary Linn Green
Donna R. Honzel
John S. Lowry
Francis M. Martinez
Philip J. Nicolosi
Steven L. Nordquist
Debra D. Schafer
Brian Dean Shore
Donald P. Shriver
Robert R. Wilt
K. Patrick Yarbrough
John H. Young
WINNEBAGO COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

Maintaining Public Records of Winnebago County

The County Clerk is an elected official whose office serves as the administrative arm of the Winnebago County Government. The duties and responsibilities of the County Clerk’s office are divided into four categories: Elections, Vital Records, Taxes, Board Records.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CLERK

CURRENT OFFICIAL:
TIANA MCCALL (D)
(APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN FRANK HANEY)
CANDIDATES:
PAUL GORSKI (D), LORI GUMMOW (R), MAGDALENA "MAGGIE SHIRO" LUKE (R), NANCY EDWARDSEN (R)

Tiana McCall, County Clerk (D)
Tom Klein, Circuit Clerk (R)
Nancy McPherson, Recorder (R)
Susan J. Goral, Treasurer (D)
Gary Caruana, Sheriff (R)
Joseph P. Bruscatto, State’s Attorney (D)
Bill Hintz, Coroner (R)
Frank Haney, County Board Chair (R)

Population estimates
July 1, 2016, 285,873
(US Census Bureau)

For more information, visit
http://www.winnebagocountyclerk.com/

ELECTIONS
NEXT ELECTION: GENERAL PRIMARY TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
Apply for a ballot through the mail
View Candidate Information
View referenda showing on upcoming general primary ballot
View Listing of Current Polling Places

VITAL RECORDS
LICENSES
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses, Marriage Certificate and Civil Union Certificate, Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, DBA Business Licenses, Liquor Licenses, Amusement Licenses, Raffle Licenses, Hotel/Motel, Notary, Vital Records

TAXES
The Tax division of our office provides tax services including annually calculating the rate for various taxing districts by working with taxing authorities and the Board of Review. We make sure that the rates used in calculating taxes are within the legal limits established by law or the vote of the people. The Clerk also collects all delinquent (past due) taxes from sold properties and issues tax deeds. The tax redemption area of our office computes and collects payments for past due or unpaid taxes. Call our tax line at 815-319-4253 for questions or more information.

BOARD RECORDS
The County Clerk’s office serves as the Clerk of the County Board. We attend all County Board meetings and manage the County records, maintain permanent files of all meeting minutes, Resolutions, and Ordinances of this governmental body.
County treasurers, most often elected officials, are typically responsible for sending tax bills, receiving the funds and collecting overdue payments. Once received, the treasurer will disburse that money among the various agencies that need it. This includes property taxes as well as gambling and excise taxes.
THE COUNTY SHERIFF

The county sheriff is responsible for law enforcement on the county level. A sheriff’s deputies carry out most of the law enforcement duties while the sheriff, usually an elected official, manages their activities.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve our community with exceptional public safety services that are second to none.

VALUES

Willing
Caring
Service-Oriented

VISION STATEMENT

We will be effective in our efforts of protecting lives, property and ensuring peace with integrity and professionalism. With our highly qualified and well-trained staff, we will apprehend criminals and maintain a safe and secure correctional facility. The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to public safety and it’s accountability in times of disaster to the citizens we serve.

SHERIFF’S MERIT COMMISSION

Michael J. Tulley, Chairman
Appointed: 11/99
Expires: 12/20

Michael Williams, Commissioner
Appointed: 12/14
Expires: 12/20

Laura Ortiz, Commissioner
Appointed: 12/14
Expires: 12/20

Chris Cowan, Commissioner
Appointed: 12/14
Expires: 12/20

Ryan Fritz, Commissioner
Appointed: 12/14
Expires: 12/20

THE COUNTYSHERIFF

CURRENT OFFICIAL:
GARY CARUANA (R)

CANDIDATES:
ROBERT "BOB" C. SPRINGER, JR (D); KURT DITZLER (R), GARY CARUANA (R)
The Winnebago County Board has adopted a legislative agenda to address issues directly affecting the organization and its constituency.

The 2018 Proactive Legislative Agenda includes the following:

1. Eliminating the 800-voter limit on local precincts to alleviate election judge shortage and to reflect current practice (10 ILCS 5/11-2)

   Sponsored by Senators Stadelman and Syverson, SB3526 would bring the law into alignment with current practice of similar-sized election authorities that often cannot otherwise meet the need for voting judges. The change would also allow implementation of modernized voting centers.

2. Updating the type of sales included in Sales Ratio Studies and used as comparable sales in the appeal process to exclude Short Sales and Real Estate Owned (REO) properties (35 ILCS 200/10-45, 35 ILCS 200/16-55, and 35 ILCS 200/16/65)

   This calculation model has distorted local market values, driven equalized assessed value down, and forced the tax rate up.

3. Eliminating the requirement to publish the assessment for parcels for those whose assessment has not changed (35 ILCS 200/12-10)

   Sponsored by Representative Sosnowski, HB5441 would alleviate the County of approximately $80,000 in publication fees every four years.

In addition to the above proactive agenda, the County will support or oppose, respectively, legislation relative to its 2018 Comprehensive Legislative Agenda:

- End unfunded legislative or judicial mandates that negatively affect local government
- Sustain and grow local government revenue streams
- Increase local government rights to govern local issues
- Combat the opioid epidemic
- Reduce the size, scope and cost of local government
- Modernize election code and practices
- Expand opportunities for recycling
- Establish County Board designated representation in all collective bargaining unit negotiations

The Winnebago County Election Districts are as follows: (C) (815) 985-0228

- District 1 (West) Aaron Booker (R) ABooker@wincoil.us C: (815) 520-3210
- District 2 (Northwest) Jim Webster (R) JWebster@wincoil.us C: (815) 988-2701
- District 3 (North) Steve Schultz (R) SSchultz@wincoil.us C: (815) 505-4345
- District 4 (North) David Boomer (R) DBoomer@wincoil.us (C) (815) 509-3230
- District 5 (West) Dave Tassoni (D) DTassoni@wincoil.us
- District 6 (North) Keith McDonald (R) KMcDonald@wincoil.us C: (815) 222-4407
- District 7 (East) Dave Kelley (R) DKelley@wincoil.us
- District 8 (East) Angie Goral (D) AGoral@wincoil.us
- District 9 (Southwest) Dave Kelley (R) DKelley@wincoil.us
- District 10 (East) Joe Hoffman (D) JHoffman@wincoil.us
- District 11 (Southwest) Dave Fiduccia (R) DFiduccia@wincoil.us C: (815) 565-0591
- District 12 (Central/South) Jaime Salgado (D) JASalgado@wincoil.us C: (815) 505-1636
- District 13 (Northwest) Angela Goral (D) AGoral@wincoil.us
- District 14 (West) L.C. Wilson (D) LCWilson@wincoil.us
- District 15 (Southeast) Burt Gerl (D) BGerl@wincoil.us C: (815) 621-0078
- District 16 (East) Jean Crosby (R) JCroby@WinCoIL.us C: (815) 231-2900
- District 17 (North) Fred Wescoat (R) FWescoat@wincoil.us C: (815) 665-3479
- District 18 (West) Dorothy Redd (D) DRedd@wincoll.us
- District 19 (North) Daniel Fellars (D) DFellars@wincoil.us C: (815) 348-5679
- District 20 (Northeast) Ted Blondo (R) TBlondo@wincoil.us

To locate your Winnebago County Election District, visit: http://ims.wingis.org/WinCoGallery/Districts.aspx

Winnebago County Board
Elected Board Members
- Governance by Policy (Ord. Res)
- County Budget Oversight
- Citizen Relations
- Committee Participation
- Decisions Required by Code or Statute

Current Officials:
See Below

Candidates:
District 2: Vicky Ivy (D), Terry Peterson (R), Jim Webster (R)
District 3: Steve Schultz (R)
District 4: Danna Krischke (R), David D. Boomer (R)
District 5: David Tassoni (D)
District 6: Keith McDonald (R)
District 7: Kevork (Kevin) Muradian (R), Paul M. Arena (R)
District 8: Eli Nicholosi (R), John Butitta (R)
District 14: Timothy Nabors, Jr (D)
District 15: Burt Gerl (D), Frank Giammarese (R)
District 20: David Soll (D), Daniel T. Gray (R), Jas Bilich (R), Douglas McPherson (R)
## WINNEBAGO COUNTY REFERENDA

### PROPOSITION TO ISSUE $7,500,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

| Shall the Board of Education of Winnebago Community Unit School District Number 323, Winnebago and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, alter, repair and equip the Dorothy Simon Elementary, Jean McNair Elementary, and Winnebago Middle and High School Buildings and improve the sites thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of $7,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? | YES | NO |

### PROPOSITION TO LEVY A TAX RATE AT 1% FOR EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE, WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

| Shall the Village of Roscoe, Illinois be authorized to enact a 1% sales tax to be used solely for expenditures on Roads and Public Infrastructure, and which shall apply only to gross receipts on persons engaged in the business of selling or transferring personal property other than food, medicine and titled property, at retail or incidental to the sale of service? | YES | NO |

### QUESTION TO CONSOLIDATE THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS


### QUESTION TO ISSUE $4,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIBRARY BONDS

| Shall the City of South Beloit, Winnebago County, Illinois, erect a public library as part of the Nature at the Confluence campus, improve the site thereof, furnish necessary equipment therefor and issue its bonds to the amount of $4,900,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? | YES | NO |
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN ILLINOIS

What are the Voter Registration requirements?
-Must be a US citizen;
-Must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day; 17 years of age to vote in a General Primary if individual will be 18 as of the following General Election;
-Must have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

What forms of identification may be needed when I register to vote?
Two forms of identification with at least one showing your current residence address are needed when you register in-person. If you register by mail sufficient proof of identity is required by submission of your driver's license number or State identification card number. If you don't have either of those, verification by the last 4 digits of the your social security number, a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows your name and address will be required. A person may also demonstrate sufficient proof of identity by submission of a photo identification issued by a college or university accompanied by either a copy of the applicant's contract or lease for a residence or any postmarked mail delivered to the applicant at his or her current residence address.

When may I register to vote?
Regular registration is open year round except during the 27-day period just prior to an election and during the 2-day period after each election.

Grace period registration is an extension of the regular registration deadline from the 27th day prior to an election through Election Day.

Grace period registration is only available “in-person” at sites authorized by each election authority.

Where can I register to vote?
-County Clerk's Office
-Board of Election Commissioner's Office
-City and Village Offices
-Township Offices
-Schools
-Public Libraries
-Military Recruitment Offices

Locations specifically designated by the election authority

Plus registration is available online and through deputy registrars.

Can I register to vote by mailing an application to my election office?
Yes. Under federal law, citizens may apply to register to vote by mailing in an application. The applications are available at some public and private facilities. Also, applications can be downloaded from the Illinois State Board of Elections website at: www.elections.il.gov. When you apply for registration using the mail-in form, it must be postmarked prior to the close of registration. If you do not provide the necessary identification with your mail-in form, you must vote in-person the first time.

Can I register to vote or update my registration online in Illinois?
Yes. Online voter registration was created by Public Act 98-115. An individual may register to vote or update his or her existing voter registration by accessing the home page of the Illinois State Board of Elections’ website at www.elections.il.gov.

To use this option, an applicant must provide:
(1) the full Illinois driver’s license or State identification card number;
(2) the last 4 digits of your social security number; and
(3) the date the Illinois driver’s license or State identification card was issued.

If I move, can I still vote?
If you moved within 27 days of the election in the same precinct you can vote a full ballot by signing an affidavit.

If you moved more than 30 days before the election within the same election jurisdiction, but outside your precinct, and did not transfer your registration, you may grace-period update your registration through Election Day and then grace-period vote; alternatively you may vote for federal offices only after completing an address correction form.

If you moved within 30 days before the election outside of your precinct, but you still live in the State, and did not transfer your registration, you may grace-period update your registration to your new address through Election Day and grace-period vote, or vote a full ballot in your old polling place after completing an affidavit.

If you moved more than 30 days before the election out of your county or municipality under a board of election commissioners and did not transfer your registration, you can only vote by reregistering from your new address.

If any change in your name or address has occurred, please remember to contact your election authority to update your registration.

However, even if you forget to update your information, note that “Grace Period Registration and Voting” is now available through Election Day in Illinois.

When can I consider myself officially registered to vote?
As soon as you receive a voter ID card in the mail, you can consider yourself registered. If you do not receive an ID card within 3 weeks after you registered, contact your election authority.

May I verify that my registration is correct?
Yes. Illinois residents can check with their election authority or go online at www.elections.il.gov and go to the link called “Registration and Polling Place Information.”
12/20/2017 - First day to make application by mail or in person for an official ballot

2/2/2018 - Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses and voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians

2/8/2018 - First day for election authority to mail an official ballot to voters who have requested one

2/8/2018 - First day for early voting at the office of the election authority & temporary locations

2/20/2018 - Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority

2/21/2018 - First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose

3/5/2018 - First day of early voting for counties who have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority

3/12/2018 - Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, voting age dependents, nonresident civilian and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot

3/15/2018 - Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter

3/19/2018 - Last day for early voting

3/20/2018 - Last day for grace period registration and voting
EARLY VOTING AND GRACE PERIOD VOTING REGISTRATION FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY

FEBRUARY 21st through FEBRUARY 23rd 8am - 5pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 8am - 12:00 NOON
SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd 8am - 12:00 NOON
SATURDAY, MARCH 10th 8am - 12:00 NOON
SUNDAY, MARCH 11th 10am - 4:00pm
MONDAY, MARCH 12th through FRIDAY, MARCH 16th 8am - 7:00pm
SATURDAY, MARCH 17th 8am - 3:00pm
SUNDAY, MARCH 18th 9am - 4:00pm
MONDAY, MARCH 19th 8am - 7:00pm
ONLY GRACE PERIOD VOTING TUESDAY, MARCH 20th (ELECTION DAY) 6am - 7:00pm

If you need to contact the election department and want to use email, please use elections@wincoil.us

Winnebago County Circuit Clerk
404 Elm St. Room 101
Rockford, IL
IMPORTANT CONTACTS

ILLINOIS BLUE BOOK - SECRETARY OF STATE
http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/illinois_bluebook/home.html

ILLINOIS BOARD OF ELECTIONS
http://www.elections.il.gov/
Springfield Office
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone:
217-782-4141

Chicago Office
100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-100
Chicago, IL 60601
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday,
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Phone:
312-814-6440

ROCKFORD BOARD OF ELECTIONS
http://www.voterrfork.com/
301 South 6th St.
Rockford, IL 61104
Phone: 815-987-5750

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CLERK
http://www.winnebagocountyclerk.com/
Vital Records: 815-319-4250
Tax Extension/Redemption: 815-319-4253
Elections: 815-319-4252
404 Elm Street, Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61101

WINNEBAGO COUNTY WEBSITE
http://wincoil.us/
Winnebago County
404 Elm Street
Rockford, IL 61101
OFC: (815) 319-4444

CITY OF ROCKFORD WEBSITE
https://rockfordil.gov/
425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(779) 348-7300

United Way 2-1-1 is an easy to remember phone number that connects individuals with resources in their community. With thousands of nonprofit organizations within Ogle and Winnebago counties plus scores of government agencies, finding help can be confusing and intimidating while people who want to give help often do not know where to begin. In partnership with United Way Illinois and PATH, Inc., United Way 211 centers are staffed by trained specialists who quickly assess the callers’ needs and refer them to the help they seek. It's simple to remember, accessible to everyone at no cost, available 24/7, with multilingual capabilities.
THANK YOU!

West Gateway Coalition Neighborhood Association
The Word Worship Center, Pastor David Ballard II & Tiffany Scott
City of Rockford Mayor, Tom McNamara
Winnebago County Board Chairman, Frank Haney
Rockford Area Realtors Governmental Affairs Director, Conor Brown
UAW CAP Council Chairman, John Gedney
Works of Faith Catering LLC, Tikisha Ellis
Carpenters Local 792

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