

SPECIMEN BALLOT
FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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 FORD
COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

Kelsie Vaughn

Kelsie Vaughn, County Clerk and Recorder
Ford County, Illinois

FEDERAL	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for one)	
☐ Juliana Stratton	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Don Tracy	REPUBLICAN
☐ Whitfield Harrington Jr	AMERICAN CENTER
STATE	
FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for one)	
☐ (JB Pritzker (Christian Mitchell)	DEMOCRATIC
☐ (Darren Bailey (Aaron B. Del Mar	REPUBLICAN
☐ (Collin Corbett (Carolyn Schofield	INDEPENDENT
☐ (Write-in (	
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for one)	
☐ Kwame Raoul	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Robert W. Fioretti	REPUBLICAN
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for one)	
☐ Alexi Giannoulis	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Diane M. Harris	REPUBLICAN
FOR COMPTROLLER (Vote for one)	
☐ Margaret Croke	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Bryan Drew	REPUBLICAN
☐ Write-in	
FOR TREASURER (Vote for one)	
☐ Michael W. Frerichs	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Max Solomon	REPUBLICAN
☐ Write-in	
CONGRESSIONAL	
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Donna Miller	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Michael Scott Noack	REPUBLICAN
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Paul Nolley	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Darin LaHood	REPUBLICAN
LEGISLATIVE	
FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Chapin Rose	REPUBLICAN
FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Chris Balkema	REPUBLICAN

REPRESENTATIVE	
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Douglas Fagan	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Chris G. Miller	REPUBLICAN
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Jason R. Bunting	REPUBLICAN
COUNTY	
FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Kelsie N. Vaughn	REPUBLICAN
FOR COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Taylor Burnett	REPUBLICAN
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Chad Johnson	REPUBLICAN
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION	
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (DeWITT, LIVINGSTON, LOGAN AND McLEAN COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Molly Allen	REPUBLICAN
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CHAMPAIGN AND FORD COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Jon Kelly	REPUBLICAN
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (IROQUOIS AND KANKAKEE COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Patricia High	REPUBLICAN
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (VERMILION COUNTY) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Aaron Hird	REPUBLICAN
COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE (For a full 4-year term) (Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Rob Steiger	REPUBLICAN
☐ Dominic Brackenhoff	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE (For an unexpired 2-year term) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Kim Evans	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO (Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Tim Nuss	REPUBLICAN
☐ Karl Bouk	REPUBLICAN

COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (For a full 4-year term) (Vote for not more than two)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Randy Ferguson	REPUBLICAN
☐ Mark Sizemore	REPUBLICAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (For an unexpired 2-year term) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Neil Rhoades	REPUBLICAN
JUDICIAL	
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John Casey Costigan) (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Sarah R. Duffy	REPUBLICAN
JUDICIAL RETENTION	
BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE "Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges listed on this ballot. No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in his or her present office."	
APPELLATE COURT JUDGE	
SHALL James A. Knecht be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?	
☐ Yes	
☐ No	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE	
SHALL Matthew J. Fitton be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
☐ Yes	
☐ No	
SHALL Jason Chambers be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
☐ Yes	
☐ No	
SHALL Jonathan C. Wright be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
☐ Yes	
☐ No	
PROPOSITION	
COUNTYWIDE NEW STATE ADVISORY QUESTION "Shall the Illinois General Assembly pursue legislation and constitutional measures to separate the City of Chicago and Cook County from the remainder of the State of Illinois, creating a new state, subject to approval by the Illinois General Assembly, the Congress of the United States, and all other constitutional requirements?"	
☐ Yes	
☐ No	

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the **General Election** to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Ford County and State of Illinois.

PROPOSITION

COUNTYWIDE NEW STATE ADVISORY QUESTION

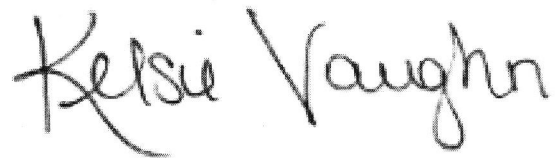
"Shall the Illinois General Assembly pursue legislation and constitutional measures to separate the City of Chicago and Cook County from the remainder of the State of Illinois, creating a new state, subject to approval by the Illinois General Assembly, the Congress of the United States, and all other constitutional requirements?"

☐ Yes

☐ No

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026.



**Kelsie Vaughn, County Clerk and Recorder
Ford County, State of Illinois**