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Illinois Primary Election Set For March 19

Profound change is in the air as all 177 seats are up for grabs in the General Assembly this election cycle. The General Primary Election, which takes place on Tuesday March 19th, marks the start of a season that ends in November. The Constitutionally required legislative remap, done every ten years to account for shifts in population, means that the 118 House seats and 59 Senate seats are open for possible change this year. Republicans currently control the Senate with a 32 to 27 margin, while the Democrats control the House 62 to 56. The change of only a few seats may determine the majority party in either house. The question remains about any impact the Democratically drawn map may have on outcomes. Theoretically, the party who ends up drawing the map has the advantage; however, anything could happen in an election year.

In the upcoming Primary, six incumbent senators (5-Republican, 1 Democrat) will not be seeking re-election. Eight incumbent representatives (3-Democrat, 5-Republican) will not seek re-election. Four incumbent senators and ten incumbent representatives are seeking other political offices. Twenty-three Democrat representatives (19%) have contested races. In the House of Representatives,

21 Republicans (18%) face contested races. The number of contested races for both the Senate Republican and Democrats are the same at 9 (15%) for each party. No appointed Senate incumbents are running for election; in the House, three appointed incumbents seek election for the first time. Thirty candidates for the Senate and forty-one candidates for the House currently face no opposition. If a ballot spot remains vacant after the March Primary, a candidate can be appointed by May 20th at the latest. In most cases, the county Chairmen within the legislative district would appoint the person based on the weighted vote of ballots cast in the Primary. In the case of DuPage County, the county Chairman and two members of the county central committee will select the candidate. In the case of Cook County, ward and township committeemen select the candidate based on the weighted vote of ballots cast in the Primary.

The March Primary will also include candidates for U.S. Senate and U.S. Representatives, judicial offices, as well as all constitutional offices. Following are lists of the candidates for the Illinois General Assembly in the upcoming Primary election.

CANDIDATES FOR THE ILLINOIS STATE SENATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Key: **Dist.** = District **Bold** - Incumbent * - Appointed Incumbent

Dist.	Democrat	Republican	Dist.	Democrat	Republican
1.	Antonio "Tony" Munoz	None	5.	Wallace Davis, III	None
2.	Miguel Del Valle	None		Rickey R. Hendon	
3.	Margaret Smith	None		Johnnie Davis	
	Martini Shaw		6.	John J. Cullerton	None
	Galen L. McGee		7.	Carol Ronen	None
	Hal Baskin		8.	Ira I. Silverstein	None
	William A. Brown		9.	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg	Robin Thybony
4.	Kimberly A. Lightford	None	10.	James A. DeLeo	None
	Jason C. Ervin		11.	Louis S. Viverito	Jeffery P. Malinowski
	Ronald Lawless				Robert M. Raica
	Gregory M. LaNier		12.	Martin A. Sandoval	None

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13.	Barack Obama	None	35.	None	J. Bradley Burzynski
14.	Emil Jones, Jr.	None	36.	Denny Jacobs	None
15.	William "Bill" Shaw Nickolas E. Graves	None	37.	Paul Mangieri	Dale E. Risinger
16.	Jacqueline "Jacqui" Y. Collins Melvin "Mel" Caldwell	None	38.	Pat Welch	Kristine A. Paul Rod Thorson
17.	Donne E. Trotter William H. Taylor	None	39.	James S. Caporusso	Don Harmon
18.	Edward D. Maloney	None	40.	Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson	None
19.	M. Maggie Crotty	None	41.	None	William F. Mahar
20.	Michael A. Wojcik Iris Y. Martinez	None	42.	None	Christine Radogno
21.	None	Dan Cronin	43.	Lawrence M. "Larry" Walsh	None
22.	Robert J. Steffen	Thomas J. Walsh	44.	Gerald E. Bradley	Bill Brady Rus Kinzinger
23.	None	Steven J. Rauschenberger	45.	None	Todd Sieben
24.	None	James 'Pate' Philip	46.	George P. Shadid George A. Saal, Jr.	None
25.	None	Kirk W. Dillard	47.	John M. Sullivan	Laura Kent Donahue
		Chris Lauzen	48.	None	Peter J. Roskam
		Scott Sutterlin	49.	Vince Demuzio	None
		Ken Toftoy	50.	Don Tracy	Larry K. Bomke
26.	None	William E. Peterson	51.	John F. Dunn	Frank Watson
27.	Michael Harry Minton	Wendell E. Jones Thomas F. Menzel	52.	Dan McCollum	Judith A. Myers Richard J. (Rick) Winkel, Jr.
28.	None	Doris C. Karpel	53.	None	Brian Heller Dan Rutherford
29.	Chris Cohen Susan Garrett	Kathleen K. Parker	54.	William L. O'Daniel	John O. Jones
30.	Terry Link	None	55.	None	Dale A. Righter
31.	None	Adeline Jay Geo-Karis	56.	William R. "Bill" Haine	None
32.	Ray Flavin	Dick Klemm	57.	James F. Clayborne, Jr. II	Karron A. Waters
33.	None	Dave Sullivan	58.	Charles Wayne Goforth	David Luechtefeld
34.	None	Dave Syverson	59.	Larry D. Woolard	None

CANDIDATES FOR THE ILLINOIS STATE HOUSE PRIMARY ELECTION

Dist.	Democrat	Republican	Dist.	Democrat	Republican
1.	Susana Mendoza	None	7.	Karen A. Yarbrough	None
2.	Edward J. Acevedo	None		James O. Bishop Joyce Eaker Porter	
3.	Jose Anthony Alvarez William Delgado	None	8.	Calvin L. Giles	Glenn L. Harris
4.	Cynthia Soto	None	9.	Arthur L. Turner	None
5.	Leslie Gryce Sturino Kenneth "Ken" Dunkin Howard Kenner Andrew Boron	None	10.	Annazette R. Collins Joseph William Sneed Julius D. Penn	
6.	Steven Boone April Troope Everloyce Faye McCullough Patricia Bailey Keith Harris Brian Kenner	None	11.	John A. Fritchey	None
			12.	Michael G. Weiler Sara Feigenholtz	None
			13.	Larry McKeon Kirsten M. Curley	None
			14.	Harry Osterman	None
			15.	Ralph C. Capparelli	William C. "Bill" Miceli

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16.	Louis I. Lang	None	49.	None	Timothy L. Schmitz
17.	Michael Ian Bender Pat Hughes	Elizabeth Coulson	50.	None	Edward F. Sleezer Wade Joyner
18.	Julie Hamos	James O'Hara			Patricia Reid Lindner
19.	Joseph M. Lyons	None	51.	None	Marilyn Sindles Ed Sullivan, Jr.
20.	Lou Giovannetti Robert J. Bugielski Frank L. Coconate	Michael P. McAuliffe	52.	None	Mark H. Beaubien, Jr. Peter D. Michling
21.	Robert S. Molaro	Martin J. Ryan Randy Kantner	53.	Thomas Duda	Sidney H. Mathias
22.	Michael J. Madigan	Terrence F. Goggin	54.	None	Suzanne "Suzie" Bassi Warren R. Kostka
23.	Daniel J. Burke	None	55.	Stephen "Steve" Bruesewitz	John J. Millner Randy Ramey
24.	Elizabeth Hernandez	Frank Aguilar	56.	None	Kathleen L. "Kay" Wojcik
25.	Barbara Flynn Currie	Elroy M. Leach, Jr.	57.	Elaine Nekritz Dan Scott	Mary C. Childers James R. Brookman
26.	Lovana S. "Lou" Jones	None	58.	Karen May	None
27.	Monique D. Davis Jerome Brown	None	59.	Kathleen A. Ryg	Roger L. Byrne
28.	Arvine Boddie Robert "Bob" Rita Derrick C. Davis	None	60.	Jerry L. Johnson Eddie Washington Jay W. Ukena	Susan Tenzi
29.	David E. Miller Sheryl E. Tillman Robert L. Ryan, Jr.	Linda Rockett	61.	Jason Linn	Timothy H. Osmond Ed Walters
30.	William "Will" Davis Richard F. Kelly, Jr. Willis A. Harris Ronald V. Cummings Brenda L. Thompson Kevin J. Whitney	Willie Jordan Jr.	62.	None	Albert L. Wysocki Robert W. Churchill Steven J. "Steve" Cuda
31.	Mary E. Flowers	C. A. Lofton	63.	Jack Franks	Rosemary Kurtz
32.	Charles G. Morrow III	Derome Stovall	64.	Gloria J. Urch	Rosemary Mulligan
33.	Marlow H. Colvin *	Lionel O. Pittman	65.	Barbara Jones	Carolyn H. Krause
34.	Constance A. "Connie" Howard	None	66.	None	Anthony A. Savaiano Gloria Cardenas Cudia
35.	Kevin Carey Joyce	Anne Zickus	67.	Charles E. "Chuck" Jefferson * Daniel P. Conness Carol D. Bell	
36.	James D. Brosnahan	None	68.	None	Dave Winters
37.	Kevin A. McCarthy	None	69.	None	Ronald A. Wait John Young
38.	Harold Murphy Robin Kelly	None	70.	None	David A. Wirsing
39.	Maria Antonia (Toni) Berrios	None	71.	Mike Boland Cary M. Mirocha	None
40.	Richard T. Bradley	None	72.	Joel Brunsvold	None
41.	Shawn A. Aranha	Robert A. "Bob" Biggins	73.	None	David R. Leitch
42.	Terri Brzezinski	Kaaren Oldfield Terry Tyson Dean Clark Sandra M. Pihos Michael R. "Mike" Formento	74.	Dave McCrery	Donald L. Moffitt
		Douglas L. Hoeft	75.	Mary K. O'Brien	Patricia "Pat" C. Clemmons
43.	Michael J. Noland	Terry R. Parke	76.	Frank J. Mautino	Spencer G. McDonald
44.	None	Carole Pankau	77.	None	Angelo "Skip" Saviano
45.	None	Lee A. Daniels	78.	Jesus "Jesse" Martinez Deborah L. Graham Dorothy M. Reid Ted E. Leverenz	None
46.	None	Patricia R. "Patti" Bellock	79.	John "Phil" Novak James H. Taylor, Sr.	None
47.	Jim Speta	Douglas P. Krause	80.	George Scully	None
48.	None	James H. "Jim" Meyer Kevin M. Gallaher	81.	None	Renee Kosel Jill Stanek

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82.	None	Eileen Lyons Duane R. Bradley	100.	None	Gwenn Klingler Rich Brauer
83.	Linda Chapa-LaVia	Robert J. O'Connor	101.	Julie A. Curry	None
84.	None	Tom Cross	102.	Jeffrey A. Hurst	Ron Stephens
85.	None	Brent Hassert Christian A. Smith	103.	Naomi D. Jakobsson Laurel Lunt Prussing	Thomas B. "Tom" Berns
86.	Jack McGuire	None	104.	Charles Mattis	William B. "Bill" Black
87.	None	Bill Mitchell	105.	None	Shane Cultra
88.	None	Dan Brady	106.	None	John Martin
89.	Warwick Stevenson	Dean Wright John C. Buford Jim Sacia Jerry P. Daws Terrence N. Ingram	107.	Kurt M. Granberg	Keith P. Sommer John Cavaletto
90.	Susan L. Coers	Jerry L. Mitchell	108.	Charles A. "Chuck" Hartke	David B. Reis
91.	Michael K. Smith	None	109.	James W. Lane, Jr.	Don Stephen Jim Barnett Roger L. Eddy
92.	Ricca Slone	None	110.	John. P. Hayden	Chapin Rose Lynda Warfel Fishel Ronald H. Hunt
93.	None	Art Tenhouse	111.	Steve Davis	Gerald W. Smith
94.	Jon E. Mummert	Richard P. "Rich" Myers	112.	Jay C. Hoffman	Larry D. Rudder
95.	None	Randall M. "Randy" Hultgren	113.	Thomas "Tom" Holbrook	T. Allen Wright
96.	None	Joe Dunn George D. Porter	114.	Wyvetter H. Younge	None
97.	John Glynn Steve Pohlman Rick Stevens	Jim Watson *	115.	Gerald Deering	Marcy L. Burrelsman
98.	Gary Hannig	None	116.	Dan Reitz	Mike Bost
99.	Carol Jane "CJ" Higgason Donald M. Craven	Raymond Poe	117.	Gary Forby	None
			118.	Brandon W. Phelps	Jack Woolard Jay D. Williams



Great information is available from the State Board of Elections' website at www.elections.state.il.us. Cook-Witter, Inc. currently provides a link to the State Board of Election site at www.cook-witter.com. You can see where the new districts are, what district you live in now, and who is running in the districts, as well as other election details, all provided in an easily-accessible format.

The State Board of Elections has added a new feature to its website that provides voters with the step-by-step basics on how to vote a ballot. The new "How to vote" section is available for punch card and optical scan ballots and can be accessed on the Board's website under "Voting Information" or the "How to vote a punch card or optical scan ballot" under the "Points of Interest" section.

The "How to vote" section offers a step-by-step voting process, from how to obtain a ballot to ballot marking and casting a secret ballot. Voters who are not familiar with the type of voting system used in their area can obtain that information by going to the "Voting Systems by County" section under "Voting Information." Armed with the knowledge available at this site, Illinois residents can approach their polling place with confidence to vote on Tuesday, March 19th.



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