

SPECIMEN BALLOT
STEPHENSON 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 STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

Jazmin L. Wingert

Jazmin L. Wingert, Stephenson County Clerk
Stephenson County, Illinois

FEDERAL	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for one)	
☐ Don Tracy	REPUBLICAN
☒ Juliana Stratton	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Whitfield Harrington Jr	AMERICAN CENTER
STATE	
FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for one)	
☐ (Darren Bailey (Aaron B. Del Mar	REPUBLICAN
☒ (JB Pritzker (Christian Mitchell	DEMOCRATIC
☐ (Collin Corbett (Carolyn Schofield	INDEPENDENT
☐ (Write-in (	
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for one)	
☐ Robert W. Fioretti	REPUBLICAN
☒ Kwame Raoul	DEMOCRATIC
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for one)	
☐ Diane M. Harris	REPUBLICAN
☒ Alexi Giannoulas	DEMOCRATIC
FOR COMPTROLLER (Vote for one)	
☐ Bryan Drew	REPUBLICAN
☒ Margaret Croke	DEMOCRATIC
FOR TREASURER (Vote for one)	
☐ Max Solomon	REPUBLICAN
☒ Michael W. Frerichs	DEMOCRATIC
CONGRESSIONAL	
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Darin LaHood	REPUBLICAN
☒ Paul Nolley	DEMOCRATIC
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Dillan S. Vancil	REPUBLICAN
☒ Eric Sorensen	DEMOCRATIC
☐ Write-in	
LEGISLATIVE	
FOR STATE SENATOR FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Andrew S. Chesney	REPUBLICAN
☒ Joseph H. "Joe" Berning	DEMOCRATIC
REPRESENTATIVE	
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EIGHTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ Tony M. McCombie	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NINETIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)	
☐ John M. Cabello	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY	
FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER (Vote for one)	
☐ Jazmin L. Wingert	REPUBLICAN
☒ Suzanne M. Cook	DEMOCRATIC
FOR COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for one)	
☐ Stephanie A. Helms	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for one)	
☐ Steve Stovall	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR CORONER (For an unexpired 2-year term) (Vote for one)	
☐ Tom Konieczny	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION	
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
☐ Scott Bloomquist	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CARROLL, JO DAVIESS AND STEPHENSON COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
☐ Christopher Shockey	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (LEE, OGLE AND WHITESIDE COUNTIES) (Vote for one)	
☐ Christopher J. Tennyson	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT B (Vote for one)	
No Candidate	REPUBLICAN
☒ Samuel L. Newton	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C (For a 4-year term) (Vote for one)	
☐ Lou Hayes	REPUBLICAN
☒ Joseph R. Cardoso, Jr.	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C (For an unexpired 2-year term) (Vote for one)	
☐ Larry Pittsley	REPUBLICAN
☒ Casey Marie Jacobs Heneghan	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT D (Vote for one)	
☐ Troy Barr	REPUBLICAN
☒ Roxane Rice	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT E (Vote for one)	
☐ Joshua Libby	REPUBLICAN
☒ Adam I. Moderow	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT F (Vote for one)	
☐ Clayton Zimmerman	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT G (Vote for one)	
☐ Jerry Clay	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT H (Vote for one)	
☐ Nicole Baker	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY BOARD	
FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT I (Vote for one)	
☐ Cynthia J. Lawler	REPUBLICAN
☒ Edward Klein	DEMOCRATIC
JUDICIAL	
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. James M. Hauser) (Vote for one)	
☐ Judd Thrumman	REPUBLICAN
No Candidate	DEMOCRATIC
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."	
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE	
SHALL John B. "Ben" Roe IV be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
☒ Yes	
☐ No	
SHALL Douglas E. Lee be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ?	
☒ Yes	
☐ No	
SHALL J. Jerry Kane be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?	
☒ Yes	
☐ No	
PROPOSITION	
PECATONICA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE LIMITING RATE	
Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Pecatonica Fire Protection District, Winnebago and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.3739% above the limiting rate for the purpose of fire protection and ambulance services including additional EMS staffing for levy year 2026 and be equal to 0.6500% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2026?	
☒ Yes	
☐ No	
(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$480,780, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$1,215,500.	
(2) For the 2026 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$124.63.	
(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2026 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).	