GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 3, 2026 • COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

Julie Coe

Julie Coe, Coles County Clerk
Coles 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
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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for one)

- ◯ Kwame Raoul — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Robert W. Fioretti — REPUBLICAN

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
(Vote for one)

- ◯ Alexi Giannoulias — 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 TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

- ◯ Julie Fortier — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Mike Bost — REPUBLICAN

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

- ◯ Jennifer Todd — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Mary E. Miller — REPUBLICAN

LEGISLATIVE

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Chapin Rose — 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 SECOND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Adam M. Niemerg — REPUBLICAN

COUNTY

FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Julie Coe — REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY TREASURER
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ George E. Edwards — REPUBLICAN

FOR SHERIFF
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Kent Martin — REPUBLICAN

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REGION

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (CLARK, COLES, CUMBERLAND, DOUGLAS, EDGAR, MOULTRIE AND SHELBY COUNTIES)
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Kyle Thompson — REPUBLICAN

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Thomas (Tom) Sherman — REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FIVE
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ John L Doty — REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Summar Smith — REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT NINE
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ David Johnson — REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ELEVEN
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Robert G. Bennett — REPUBLICAN

FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWELVE
(Vote for one)

- ◯ Bristole Zimmerman — DEMOCRATIC
- No Candidate — REPUBLICAN

JUDICIAL

FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas M. Welch)
(Vote for one)

- No Candidate — DEMOCRATIC
- ◯ Amy E. Sholar — 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

SHALL John B. Barberis, Jr. be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

SHALL Mitchell Shick be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

SHALL Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION TO ELECT NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Shall the members of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District No. 3, Cumberland, Shelby and Coles Counties, Illinois, be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC POLICY STATE SPLIT (ILLINOIS SEPARATION REFERENDUM)

Shall the board of Coles County correspond with the boards of the other counties of Illinois outside of Cook County about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

POLLING PLACES

Charleston

Pct. 1: CUSD #1 School Administration Office, 410 West Polk

Pct. 2: St. Charles Catholic Church, 921 Madison Avenue

Pct. 3: HOME Church, 2350 Madison Avenue

Pct. 4: St. Charles Catholic Church, 921 Madison Avenue

Pct. 5: HOME Church, 2350 Madison Avenue

Pct. 6: Masonic Temple, 651 W. Lincoln Avenue

Pct. 8: Masonic Temple, 651 W. Lincoln Avenue

Pct. 10: First Baptist Church, 2800 University Drive

Pct. 11: First Baptist Church, 2800 University Drive

Pct. 12: CUSD #1 School Administration Office, 410 West Polk

Pct. 13: HOME Church, 2350 Madison Avenue

Pct. 14: Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Avenue

Pct. 15: Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Avenue

Pct. 16: University Union, Bridge Lounge, Eastern Illinois University

Pct. 17: University Union, Bridge Lounge, Eastern Illinois University

Pct. 18: Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Avenue

Pct. 19: Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Avenue

Mattoon

Pct. 3 Broadway Christian Church, 1205 South 9 th Street

Pct. 4 Broadway Christian Church, 1205 South 9 th Street

Pct. 5 East Side Nazarene Church, 2129 South 9 th Street

Pct. 6 Burgess-Osborne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Avenue

Pct. 8 East Side Nazarene Church, 2129 South 9th Street

Pct. 10 Burgess-Osborne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Avenue

Pct. 12 Grace Fellowship Church, 2220 Western Avenue

Pct. 13 Grace Fellowship Church, 2220 Western Avenue

Pct. 16 First Southern Baptist Church, 3521 Dewitt Avenue

Pct. 17 First Southern Baptist Church, 3521 Dewitt Avenue

Pct. 18 Salvation Army Citadel, 1300 Richmond Avenue

Pct. 19 Salvation Army Citadel, 1300 Richmond Avenue

Pct. 21 First Southern Baptist Church, 3521 Dewitt Avenue

Pct. 22 First Southern Baptist Church, 3521 Dewitt Avenue

ASHMORE: Ashmore Community Center, 211 South Illinois, Ashmore

EAST OAKLAND: City Hall, 301 East State Highway 133, Oakland

HUMBOLDT: Town Hall, Commercial Street, Humboldt

HUTTON: Hutton Fire Protection District, 21049 Westfield Road, Charleston

LAFAYETTE 1: First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon

LAFAYETTE 2: Lafayette Township Building, 9421 Old State Road, Mattoon

LAFAYETTE 3: First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon

LAFAYETTE 4: First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue. Mattoon

MORGAN: Morgan Township Building, 1500 North Street, Bushton

NORTH OKAW: Cooks Mills Fire Protection District, 14210 Circle Drive, Humboldt

PARADISE: Paradise Town Hall, 2099 N. CR 190 E, Mattoon

PLEASANT GROVE: Lincoln Fire Protection District, 305 Main Street, Lerna

SEVEN HICKORY: Seven Hickory Town Hall, 14377 Onyx Street, Fairgrange

The polls of said General Election shall be open continuously from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

GENERAL ELECTION – November 3, 2026 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1(a))

TO BE ELECTED:

- United States Senate
- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- Representatives in Congress - All 17 Districts
- State Senators
 - For 2-year terms: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 26, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57
 - For 4-year terms: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59
 - For unexpired 2-year terms: Please note that vacancies which occur after the publication of this guide will not be included in the listing of unexpired terms.
- Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts
- Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees
- Forest Preserve District Commissioners
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Sheriff
- County Assessor
- Members of Board of Review (in counties with elected boards of review, including Cook County)
- Regional Superintendent of Schools
- Chicago Board of Education - Board Members and President
 - For 2-year terms: 1A, 2B, 3A, 4A, 5B, 6A, 7A, 8B, 9A, 10B
 - For 4-year terms: 1B, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9B, 10A, President
- County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
- County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
- Judges (Additional Judgeships if required)
- Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Judicial Retention

Watch the results

www.colesco.illinois.gov

Election information

www.colesco.illinois.gov/coclerk/elections/

Voter notice

Check Voter Registration Card for precinct and polling site location changes at colesco.illinois.gov/coclerk/elections/
OR
State Board of Elections:
www.elections.il.gov

Early Voting Information

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COLES COUNTY, IL

Dates	Location	Hours
9/24/26 -11/02/26 Saturday - 10/31/26 Closed 10/12 - Holiday	Coles County Clerk's Office 651 Jackson Ave. Rm 122 Charleston IL 61920 All Coles County Precincts	8:30am-4:30pm 9:00am-12:00pm
09/24/26-11/02/26 Saturday – 10/31 Closed 10/12 - Holiday	First Presbyterian Church 10 Charleston Ave. Mattoon IL 61938 All Coles County Precincts	9:00am - 4:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm
10/28 – 10/30	Eastern Illinois University Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Bridge Lounge Charleston, IL 61920 All Coles County Precincts	10:00am-5:00pm

For more information, please call Julie Coe, Coles County Clerk and Recorder:

217-348-0523

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST FOR THE November 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the testing of the automatic tabulating equipment as requested by Illinois Compiled Statutes (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24,C-9) for the November 3, 2026 General Election, will be held at the Coles County Courthouse, Tabulation Center, on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, representatives of the State Board of Elections and the public.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2026

Julie Coe
Coles County Clerk