



ADLER UNIVERSITY

Department of Community Engagement

Down-ballot Voting Continued

Illinois State House Representatives

State House Representatives also propose and vote for state legislation. They are part of the lower house of the Illinois General Assembly and have the power to impeach judges. There are 118 Representatives in Illinois; they represent the 59 legislative districts overseen by Illinois State Senators. Each legislative district is divided in half to ensure that there is one Representative for each half of every legislative district. Representatives hold two-year terms. For information on your district's race, please visit ballotready.org.

Illinois County Judges

County Judges oversee trial courts (also known as circuit courts) in Illinois. There are 24 judicial circuits in Illinois, covering 102 Illinois counties. County judges have the power to appoint associate judges who hear cases in courts and can rule on most cases (they share jurisdiction with the Illinois Supreme Court). County judges hold six-year terms. For information on your county judges' race, please visit ballotready.org.

Illinois Retention judges

Retention judges serve on the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court, and trial courts. They are called retention judges because once their term expires, voters must decide whether or not to extend their terms by voting "Yes" or "No". Retention judges are nonpartisan and therefore do not affiliate with a party. In order for a judge to maintain office, he or she must earn a 60% "Yes" vote.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners manage reclamation and treatment of wastewater, monitor disinfection of water, and lead flood abatement strategy. A total of nine Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners hold office. Each commissioner serves a six-year term. Terms are staggered so that voters have the opportunity to elect three commissioners every two years. For information on your commissioners, please visit ballotready.org.

State's Attorney

A State's Attorney is responsible for prosecution on behalf of his or her county. This person oversees all civil and criminal actions, suits, and indictments concerning the public. State's Attorneys serve four-year terms. This year, Cook County residents will have the opportunity to vote for a new State's Attorney. Cook County's current State's Attorney and would-be incumbent Anita Alvarez (D) held the seat for almost 30 years until she lost the Illinois primary election in March 2015. For information on the State's Attorney Race, please visit ballotready.org.

County Board of Review

County Board of Review consists of three commissioners who are responsible for addressing taxpayer complaints on property assessments and tax-exempt properties in their designated county. Commissioners serve four-year terms. For information on commissioners, please visit ballotready.org.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Circuit Court Clerks maintain records for circuit courts and provide case information to the public. Clerks serve four-year terms. For information on your race, please visit ballotready.org.

Recorder of Deeds

The Recorder of Deeds maintains all public records including property documents. The Recorder serves a four-year term. For information on Illinois Recorder of Deeds' race, please visit ballotready.org.