



## Illinois State Board of Elections Notice of Judicial Vacancies

### **2026 General Primary and General Election Initial Announcement of Judicial Vacancies**

The following vacancies have been added to the judicial vacancies to be elected in 2026.

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This document is a listing of judicial vacancies for which candidates will be nominated at the 2026 General Primary Election and elected at the 2026 General Election.

Candidates seeking an established party nomination to any of these vacancies will file their nomination documents during the initial filing period which will be held from October 27 - November 3, 2025. Candidates filing during this period may begin circulating their petitions on August 5, 2025.

Individuals who wish to run as independents or new party candidates may begin petition circulation on February 25, 2026, and will file their nomination documents during the filing period of May 18-26, 2026.

The judicial vacancies listed in this document have been placed in two separate lists. The first list will sort vacancies by the district, circuit, or subcircuit. The second list will sort the vacancies by the date the vacancy was certified to the State Board of Elections.

This list will continue to be updated as more vacancies occur leading up to October 12, 2025, which is the cutoff date for vacancies to be open for filing during the initial filing period. Please continue to check the State Board of Elections' website as additional vacancies are announced.

Vacancies which occur during the timeframe of October 13 - November 3, 2025, will be listed in a separate document. Established party candidates for these vacancies will file their nomination documents during the filing period of November 17-24, 2025.

**2026 Judicial Vacancies****Vacancies that exist as of 06/01/2025**

This list includes judicial vacancies to be elected at the 2026 General Election

**Supreme Court****District****Vacancy Name****Date Certified to SBE****Appellate Court****District****Vacancy Name****Date Certified to SBE**

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Honorable Mary M. McDade

12/9/2024

**Cook Circuit Court****Subcircuit****Vacancy Name****Date Certified to SBE**

At Large

Honorable Paul A. Karkula

2/7/2024

19th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Michael J. Kane

2/7/2024

20th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
David E. Haracz

2/7/2024

16th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Callie L. Baird

4/1/2024

17th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Lloyd J. Brooks

4/16/2024

18th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Jeffery G. Chrones

4/16/2024

19th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
John A. Fairman

4/16/2024

20th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Stephanie K. Miller

4/16/2024

16th Subcircuit

Converted from the Associate Judgeship of  
Patricia Mendoza

4/17/2024

3rd Subcircuit

Honorable Thomas W. Murphy

5/29/2024

At Large

Honorable Mary Ellen Coghlan

6/20/2024

At Large

Honorable William H. Hooks

7/3/2024

8th Subcircuit

Honorable Celia Gamrath

8/5/2024

2026 General Election Judicial Vacancies

**Ordered by Date Vacancy was Certified**

17th Subcircuit	Converted from the Associate Judgeship of James R. Carroll	8/27/2024
11th Subcircuit	Honorable Mary Colleen Roberts	10/8/2024
At Large	Honorable Cynthia Y. Cobbs	12/9/2024
1st Subcircuit	Honorable Carl A. Walker	12/9/2024
8th Subcircuit	Honorable Mary L. Mikva	12/9/2024
13th Subcircuit	Honorable Martin C. Kelley	12/9/2024
13th Subcircuit	Honorable Shannon P. O'Malley	12/9/2024
18th Subcircuit	Converted from the Associate Judgeship of Frank J. Andreou	12/9/2024
11th Subcircuit	Honorable Pamela McLean Meyerson	12/17/2024
1st Subcircuit	Honorable Robert Balanoff	1/10/2025
13th Subcircuit	Honorable John J. Curry, Jr.	4/24/2025

**Downstate Circuit Court**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Subcircuit or Resident County</b>	<b>Vacancy Name</b>	<b>Date Certified to SBE</b>
10	Resident - Peoria	Honorable John P. Vespa	2/7/2024
12	1st Subcircuit	Honorable David M. Carlson	3/5/2024
8	At Large	Honorable Robert K. Adrian	3/19/2024
11	Resident - Woodford	Honorable Charles M. Feeney, III	7/3/2024
18	4th Subcircuit	Honorable K. Wilson	7/17/2024
17	2nd Subcircuit	Honorable Eugene Doherty	8/12/2024
8	At Large	Honorable Amy C. Lannerd	9/20/2024
2	Resident - Edwards	Honorable Michael J. Valentine	12/9/2024
2	Resident - Wayne	Honorable Michael J. Molt	12/9/2024
3	2nd Subcircuit	Honorable Stephen A. Stobbs	12/9/2024
12	3rd Subcircuit	Honorable John C. Anderson	12/9/2024
4	At Large	Honorable Douglas L. Jarman	1/8/2025
13	At Large	Honorable Cynthia M. Raccuglia	2/14/2025
2	Resident - Richland	Honorable Ray W. Vaughn	3/20/2025
12	5th Subcircuit	Honorable Barbara N. Petrungaro	5/9/2025
15	Resident - JoDaviess	Honorable Kevin J. Ward	5/9/2025
14	Resident - Rock Island	Honorable Linnea E. Thompson	5/16/2025

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