

**SPECIMEN BALLOT  
GENERAL ELECTION  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

I hereby certify that this Specimen Ballot is a true and correct copy of the Official Ballot to be voted in the GENERAL ELECTION to be held in EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**KERRY J. HIRTZEL, COUNTY CLERK  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**

To vote, complete the oval to the LEFT of your choice, like this (●). To cast a write-in vote, complete the oval to the LEFT of the blank space provided and write the candidate's name in that space. For specific information, refer to the card of instruction posted in the voting booth. If you tear, soil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the Election Judge and obtain another. Vote both sides of ballot if applicable.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970  
ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION**

“NOTICE

THE FAILURE TO VOTE THIS BALLOT MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE, BECAUSE A CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER THREE-FIFTHS OF THOSE VOTING ON THE QUESTION OR A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN THE ELECTION. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)

WHETHER YOU VOTE THIS BALLOT OR NOT YOU MUST RETURN IT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH”.

CONSTITUTION BALLOT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS  
CONSTITUTION

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the “flat tax,” that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the state the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed amendment of Section 3 to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

YES

NO

**FEDERAL**

**FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

(Vote for one)

(JOSEPH R. BIDEN  
(KAMALA D. HARRIS  
DEMOCRATIC

(DONALD J. TRUMP  
(MICHAEL R. PENCE  
REPUBLICAN

(HOWIE HAWKINS  
(ANGELA WALKER  
GREEN

(GLORIA LA RIVA  
(LEONARD PELTIER  
PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION

(BRIAN CARROLL  
(AMAR PATEL  
AMERICAN SOLIDARITY PARTY

(JO JORGENSEN  
(JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN  
LIBERTARIAN

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Write-In

**FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**

(Vote for one)

RICHARD J. DURBIN  
DEMOCRATIC

MARK C. CURRAN JR.  
REPUBLICAN

WILLIE L. WILSON  
WILLIE WILSON PARTY

DAVID F. BLACK  
GREEN

DANNY MALOUF  
LIBERTARIAN

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Write-In

**CONGRESSIONAL**

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
IN CONGRESS  
FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)



ERICA C. WEAVER  
DEMOCRATIC



MARY MILLER  
REPUBLICAN

**LEGISLATIVE**

**FOR STATE SENATOR  
FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)



CYNTHIA ANN GIVEN  
DEMOCRATIC



DARREN BAILEY  
REPUBLICAN

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)



DAVID J. SEILER  
DEMOCRATIC



BLAINE WILHOUR  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

(Vote for one)



JOHN SPENCER  
DEMOCRATIC



ADAM M NIEMERG  
REPUBLICAN

**COUNTY**

**FOR CIRCUIT CLERK**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



JOHN P. NIEMERG  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



BRYAN M. KIBLER  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR CORONER**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



KIM RHODES  
REPUBLICAN

**COUNTY BOARD**

**FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

**DISTRICT A**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



NORBERT L. SOLTWEDEL  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

**DISTRICT E**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



JOHN PERRY  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

**DISTRICT F**

(Vote for one)



ANTHONY ROBERTSON  
DEMOCRATIC



ELIZABETH HUSTON  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

**DISTRICT H**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



ROB ARNOLD  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

**DISTRICT I**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE  
DEMOCRATIC



JOSEPH E. THOELE  
REPUBLICAN

**JUDICIAL**

**FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

(To fill the vacancy of the  
Hon. Lloyd A. Karmeier)  
(Vote for one)



JUDY CATES  
DEMOCRATIC



DAVID K. OVERSTREET  
REPUBLICAN

**FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

(To fill the vacancy of the  
Hon. Melissa Ann Chapman)  
(Vote for one)



SARAH SMITH  
DEMOCRATIC



MARK M. BOIE  
REPUBLICAN

**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 present office.”

**APPELLATE COURT JUDGE**

SHALL **THOMAS M. WELCH**  
be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?



YES



NO

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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

**SHALL STANLEY BRANDMEYER**

be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?

YES

NO

**SHALL JAMES L. ROBERTS**

be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

YES

NO

**SHALL MARTIN W. SIEMER**

be retained in office as  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

YES

NO

**PUBLIC QUESTION**

**STEWARDSON FIRE & AMBULANCE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Shall the trustees of the Stewardson Fire  
Protection District be elected, rather than  
appointed?

YES

NO