



## March 18, 2025

Again, the House and Senate will not be in session at the same time this week. Now that the Primary Election is behind us, the members of the Illinois House returned to Springfield this afternoon (March 18) to work on legislation in committee. The deadline to pass House bills out of a House committee is next week, March 27.

Below are the **key dates** from each chamber's calendar:

**Mar. 27, 2026:** House - HB Substantive Committee Deadline

**Apr. 17, 2026:** House/Senate - First Chamber - Third Reading Deadline

**May 8, 2026:** House/Senate - Second Chamber - Substantive Committee Deadline

**May 22, 2026:** House/Senate - Second Chamber - Third Reading Deadline

**May 31, 2026:** Adjournment

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## ELECTION NIGHT OVERVIEW

Tuesday's primary results underscored that while significant financial resources shaped many contests, outcomes ultimately hinged on voter engagement and campaign execution, with several lower-funded candidates outperforming expectations. Attention now turns to turnout dynamics and how candidates in both parties position themselves for the general election.

### U.S. Senate

Dem. Candidate	GOP Candidate
Julianna Stratton	Don Tracy

### U.S. House

District	Dem. Candidate	GOP Candidate
<b>1</b>	Jonathan Jackson *incumbent	Christian Maxwell
<b>2* OPEN</b>	Donna Miller	Michael Scott Noack
<b>3</b>	Delia Ramirez *incumbent	Angel Oakley
<b>4* OPEN</b>	Patty Garcia	Lupe Castillo
<b>5</b>	Mike Quigley *incumbent	Tommy Hanson
<b>6</b>	Sean Casten *incumbent	Niki Conforti
<b>7* OPEN</b>	La Shawn Ford	Chad Koppie
<b>8* OPEN</b>	Melissa Bean	Jennifer Davis
<b>9* OPEN</b>	Daniel Biss	John Elleson
<b>10</b>	Brad Schneider *incumbent	Cark Lambrecht
<b>11</b>	Bill Foster *incumbent	Jeff Walter
<b>12</b>	Julie Fortier	Mike Bost*incumbent
<b>13</b>	Nikki Budzinski *incumbent	Jeff Wilson

14	Lauren Underwood *incumbent	James Marter
15	Jennifer Todd	Mary Miller*incumbent
16	Paul Nolley	Darin LaHood*incumbent
17	Eric Sorensen *incumbent	Dillan Vancil

### IL Constitutional Officers

Office	Dem. Candidate	GOP Candidate
<b>Governor / Lt. Governor</b>	JB Pritzker / Christian Mitchell *incumbent	Darren Bailey / Aaron Del Mar
<b>Attorney General</b>	Kwame Raoul *incumbent	Bob Fioretti
<b>Secretary of State</b>	Alexi Giannoulias *incumbent	Diane Harris
<b>Comptroller** OPEN</b>	Margaret Croke **	Bryan Drew
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Frerichs *incumbent	vacant

\*\*The AP has not yet called this race. Margaret Croke leads Karina Villa by 2.3 points as of 11am on 3/18

### State Senate

District	Candidate	Candidate
<b>6 Dem.</b>	<i>Feigenholtz</i> *incumbent 56%	Uniejewski 44%
<b>9 Dem. OPEN (Fine)</b>	Hanley 52%	Ruttenberg 48%
<b>14 Dem.</b>	<i>Jones</i> *incumbent 61%	Karrar 22%
<b>33 GOP OPEN (DeWitte)</b>	Penman 59%	Breugelmans 41%
<b>59 GOP OPEN (Fowler)</b>	Jacobs 73%	Vercellino 27%

### State House

District	Candidate	Candidate	
<b>1 Dem.</b>	<i>Aaron Ortiz</i> * 65%	Guadalupe Rivera 35%	
<b>4 Dem.</b>	<i>Lilian Jimenez</i> * 89%	Kirk Ortiz 11%	
<b>8 Dem. OPEN (Ford)</b>	Shantel Franklin 46%	Latonya Mitts 26%	
<b>12 Dem. OPEN (Croke)</b>	Paul Kendrick 48%	Litcy Kurisinkal 23%	
<b>13 Dem. OPEN (Huynh)</b>	Demi Palecek 42%	James O'Brien 28%	
<b>34 Dem. OPEN (Smith)</b>	Cleopatra Cowley 59%	Aja Kearney 41%	
<b>40 Dem.</b>	Miguel Alvelo-Rivera 56%	<i>Jamie Andrade</i> * 44%	Incumbent Lost
<b>42 Dem.</b>	<i>Margaret DeLaRosa</i> * 59%	Lynn LaPlante 41%	
<b>52 Dem. (GOP Rep. McLaughlin)</b>	Maria Peterson 65%	Erin Chan Ding 35%	Rep. McLaughlin (GOP) is a Tier 1 Target
<b>76 Rep. (Dem Rep. Briel)</b>	Liz Bishop 60%	Crystal Loughran 40%	Rep. Briel (DEM) is a Tier 1 Target
<b>84 Dem. OPEN (Kifowit)</b>	Saba Haider 63%	Jared Ploger 37%	
<b>89 GOP</b>	<i>Tony McCombie</i> * 76%	Victoria Onorato 24%	
<b>94 GOP</b>	Josh Higgins 58%	<i>Norine Hammond</i> * 32%	Incumbent Lost
<b>109 GOP</b>	<i>Charlie Meier</i> * 62%	Zachary Meyer 38%	
<b>116 GOP</b>	<i>Dave Severin</i> * 70%	Angela Evans 30%	
<b>118 GOP OPEN (Jacobs)</b>	Scott Doody 52%	Harold Visser 35%	

\*Incumbent

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## Policy Updates

### **Pritzker Establishes Postsecondary Attainment Working Group**

Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order creating a State Attainment Working Group to recommend a statewide goal for postsecondary degrees and workforce credentials. The effort is aimed at aligning higher education and training programs with Illinois' future workforce needs, as more than 70 percent of jobs are projected to require education or training beyond high school by 2031.

The working group will review existing state education and workforce plans and engage stakeholders including workforce boards, colleges and universities, economic development organizations, labor unions, and employee groups. Representatives from several state agencies, including the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB), as well as advisory members from other agencies, will participate. The group is tasked with assessing the types of degrees and credentials needed statewide and regionally. Findings and recommendations are due to the governor by December 1, 2026.

### **Pritzker Administration Launches Down Payment Assistance Program**

Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced the launch of IHDA Access Home, a new program offering up to \$15,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers. The initiative pairs a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with assistance provided as a zero-percent interest second mortgage, repayable when the home is sold or refinanced. The program is part of the governor's broader housing affordability agenda and complements his proposed BUILD Illinois housing initiative in the FY27 budget, which includes \$50 million for down payment assistance. State officials say the program is intended to help working families overcome upfront costs and expand access to homeownership as housing prices continue to rise.

### **CSL Announces \$1.5 Billion Life Sciences Investment in Kankakee County**

Global biopharmaceuticals company CSL Behring will invest \$1.5 billion to build a new manufacturing facility at its Kankakee campus. The project is expected to create 300 new jobs and retain more than 1,200 existing positions, marking one of the largest life sciences investments in Illinois history. The new facility will expand production of CSL's immunoglobulin therapies and shift the company's full U.S. manufacturing process to the Kankakee site for the first time. State officials said the investment will strengthen Illinois' growing life sciences sector while supporting the production of treatments used to combat immune disorders.

### **Hyundai Translead to Invest \$450 Million, Create 2,500 Jobs in Will County**

Gov. JB Pritzker announced an EDGE agreement with Hyundai Translead to support a \$450 million investment in new trailer manufacturing facilities in Will County. The project is expected to create nearly 2,500 full-time jobs and expand Illinois' advanced manufacturing footprint. State officials highlighted the investment as part of ongoing efforts to attract global manufacturers through the EDGE program, which has already helped secure commitments for more than 3,000 jobs in Illinois this year.

### **Raoul Releases Public Access Counselor Annual Report**

Attorney General Kwame Raoul released the 2025 Public Access Counselor (PAC) Annual Report, showing the PAC received more than 6,000 requests for review in 2025, averaging over 500 new matters per month. The PAC is responsible for resolving disputes related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA), and the report underscores growing public engagement in accessing government records and meetings.