



## ICCTA Government Relations and Public Policy Report 2022 General Election November 9, 2022

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Yesterday's general election saw Illinois voters cast ballots on a state Constitutional amendment, Congressional offices, every statewide Constitutional office, every seat in the Illinois General Assembly and, in 12 counties, a spot on the state's Supreme Court.

Earlier this year, what once seemed like an inevitably good year for Republicans was thrown out of whack by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision reversing *Roe v. Wade*, which ended the Constitutional right to an abortion. Democrats started to believe that they could overcome the typical poor performance of the president's party in a midterm election. As the *Roe* decision faded and gas prices started to creep up again, so did Republican poll numbers. However, a GOP surge never materialized. Instead, voters turned out to support Democrats in a big way. (It must be said some of these races could change as more ballots are counted.)

Illinois Democrats now control:

- All 8 statewide seats (six constitutional officers and two US Senators)
- A 14-3 Congressional advantage
- A 5-2 advantage on the Illinois Supreme Court
- A supermajority in the Illinois Senate: possibly 39 Dem – 20 GOP, which is a net loss of -2 Democrats
- A supermajority in the Illinois House: possibly 77 Dem – 41 GOP, which is a net gain of +4 Democrats

At the top of the ticket, Illinois saw a Democratic sweep. Even with the late surge in Republican polling, all **statewide Constitutional officers** (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, and Treasurer) enjoyed commanding polling leads heading into Election Day, and all won by double digits. All statewide office holders will continue to be held by Democrats for the next four years.

Democrat incumbent **U.S. Senator** Tammy Duckworth faced an unsuccessful challenge by Republican Kathy Salvi, an attorney from north suburban Mundelein.

### ILLINOIS WORKERS RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Also on the ballot was a **constitutional amendment** that would enshrine the right to organize and bargain over wages, hours, and working conditions as fundamental in the Illinois Constitution. The measure needs either 60% of those who vote on the question or a simple majority of those who cast a ballot in the election. As of this writing, the result is too close to call.

### U.S. CONGRESS

The Illinois Democratic Congressional delegation safely held onto all its incumbents -- even increasing their House seats by one -- and now hold a 14-3 advantage. In the **6th Congressional District**, sitting Democratic Rep. Sean Casten defeated Republican Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau by eight points. The new **13th Congressional District** previously represented by Republican Rodney Davis, which stretches from East St. Louis to Champaign-Urbana and includes Decatur and Springfield, featured Democrat Nikki Budzinski, a former adviser to Pritzker who worked in President Joe Biden's administration, and Regan Deering, a philanthropist

and community activist. This seat was considered a toss-up, but Democrats handily picked up this seat. In the **17th Congressional District**, a C-shaped district which includes Bloomington-Normal, Peoria, the Quad Cities and Rockford, Democrat Eric Sorensen narrowly defeated Republican Esther Joy King.

### ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

This election cycle, Illinois had not one but two **Supreme Court** seats on the ballot, with the partisan makeup of the court hanging in the balance. Both seats were won by the Democratic candidate. Looming large over both races was abortion after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June, sending the issue back to the states.

The Illinois Supreme Court has seven total seats: three from the First District, which is Cook County alone, and one each from the four other districts across the state. Democrats have long held a 4-3 majority on the court but will now have a 5-2 majority. The three justices from Cook County are all Democrats, including **Justice Mary Jane Theis**, who was up for a retention vote this year and was successfully retained for another 10-year term and will serve the next three years as the Chief Justice. The justices from the Fourth District (central and western Illinois) and Fifth District (largely downstate) are both Republicans, with two vacant seats – the 2nd and 3rd Districts – decided on Election Day.

In the **2nd Supreme Court District**, winner Judge Elizabeth Rochford (Democrat) faced former Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran (Republican). Curran never served as a judge and was rated “not recommended by the Illinois State Bar Association, while Rochford has been a judge in Lake County for 10 years and was rated as “highly recommended” by the ISBA. The district covers DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry Counties. The **3rd Supreme Court District** includes DuPage, Will, Kankakee, Iroquois, Grundy, LaSalle and Bureau counties. Incumbent Republican Michael J. Burke was defeated by Democrat Mary K. O'Brien. O'Brien was previously a private attorney and a state legislator from 1997 to 2003 when she was appointed to the 3rd Appellate District Court. Justice Burke, appointed in 2020 to fill a vacancy, had served as a judge for the last 30 years.

### ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Down ballot, a big theme has been the vast disparity in campaign resources. Democrats had a much stronger advantage with campaign funds than Republican candidates.

*\*As the outstanding votes come in, outcomes in close races may change\**

The super majority status of the **Senate** Democrats was never in question. Even though they lost two seats, they will still have 39 members in their caucus (36 members for a super majority), while Republicans will have 20 members (up from 18). With all state Senate districts up for grabs under the new map, only 25 of the Senate's 59 seats were contested. Of those, there were only a few Tier One races where both sides poured in millions of dollars. In the **District 48** race featuring Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, and state Rep. Sandy Hamilton, R-Springfield, spending topped \$6 million. Turner defeated Hamilton. In the **District 56** race between appointed Sen. Kris Tharp, D-Maryville, and Republican challenger Erica Harriss, Republicans picked up this seat. In **District 19**, embattled Sen. Michael Hastings, D-Frankfort, is trailing Republican Patrick Sheehan by less than 100 votes; however, this is one of those races where late ballots could change the outcome. In other Senate news, Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie is currently leading his Democratic challenger Maria Peterson by less than 2,000 votes. Peterson is unwilling to concede, with more than 6,000 mail-in ballots outstanding in that district.

In the **Illinois House**, Democrats increased their super majority status, in the first test for new Speaker of the House Emanuel “Chris” Welch. Battling in newly drawn districts, 78 of the total 118 districts were contested –

12 more contested seats than in 2020. With limited resources, House Republicans fought to overcome super minority status, but they came up so short that Representative Jim Durkin announced the morning after Election Day that he will not seek another term as Minority Leader. As of this writing, House Democrats picked up a net four seats. The big shocker was the loss of Democrat Rep. LaToya Greenwood from East St. Louis. Even with her loss, the Democrat pick-ups in five currently Republican-held districts give them 77 seats out of 118 in the House (71 members for a super majority). Incumbent Republicans losing their seats include Assistant House Minority Leader Keith Wheeler from North Aurora and Rep. Chris Bos from Lake Zurich. The other two Democrat pick-ups were in newly drawn open seats. It appears Rep. Deanne Mazzochi of Elmhurst will narrowly defeat her Democrat challenger, but this is a close call that could change in the coming weeks.

### COMING UP

The four legislative caucuses are scheduled to convene in Springfield on November 15 for the 2022 fall veto session. With no vetoes to consider, they are most likely to address concerns about the future of reproductive health, public safety issues related to the SAFE-T Act, firearm safety, mental health awareness, and the rise of online extremism. The caucuses will also be choosing their leaders for the upcoming 2023-2024 General Assembly. House Republicans will be jockeying for the selection of a new Minority Leader. Sen. McConchie will seek another term as leader of the Senate Republican Caucus. Senate President Harmon and Speaker Welch are both vying for second full terms.

Below is a breakdown of the Illinois legislative races. Again, as early votes come in, the outcomes could change. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

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## 2022 ILLINOIS GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

### U.S. SENATE

<b>DEMOCRAT</b>	<b>REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>LIBERTARIAN</b>
<b>Tammy Duckworth</b>	Kathy Salvi	Bill Redpath

### U.S. CONGRESS

	<u>DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>THIRD PARTY</u>
<b>1ST CONGRESS</b>	<b>Jonathan L. Jackson</b>	Eric Carlson	
<b>2ND CONGRESS</b>	<b>Robin Kelly</b>	Thomas Lynch	
<b>3RD CONGRESS</b>	<b>Delia Ramirez</b>	Justin Burau	
<b>4TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Jesus “Chuy” Garcia</b>	James Flakos	Edward Hershey
<b>5TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Mike Quigley</b>	Tommy Hanson	Jerico Matias Cruz
<b>6TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Sean Casten</b>	Keith Pekau	
<b>7TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Danny K. Davis</b>	---	
<b>8TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Raja Krishnamoorthi</b>	Chris Dargis	
<b>9TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Jan Schakowsky</b>	Maxwell “Max” Rice	
<b>10TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Brad Schneider</b>	Joseph Severino	
<b>11TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Bill Foster</b>	Catalina Lauf	
<b>12TH CONGRESS</b>	Homer “Chip” Markel	<b>Mike Bost</b>	
<b>13TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Nikki Budzinski</b>	Regan Deering	
<b>14TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Lauren Underwood</b>	Scott Gryder	
<b>15TH CONGRESS</b>	Paul Lange	<b>Mary Miller</b>	
<b>16TH CONGRESS</b>	Elizabeth “Lisa” Haderlein	<b>Darin LaHood</b>	
<b>17TH CONGRESS</b>	<b>Eric Sorensen</b>	Esther Joy King	

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**ILLINOIS CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

	<u><b>DEMOCRAT</b></u>	<u><b>REPUBLICAN</b></u>	<u><b>LIBERTARIAN</b></u>
<b>GOVERNOR</b>	<b>JB Pritzker</b>	Darren Bailey	Scott Schluter
<b>LT. GOVERNOR</b>	<b>Juliana Stratton</b>	Stephanie Trussell	John Phillips
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	<b>Kwame Raoul</b>	Thomas DeVore	Daniel Robin
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	<b>Alexi Giannoulias</b>	Dan Brady	Jon Stewart
<b>COMPTROLLER</b>	<b>Susana Mendoza</b>	Shannon Teresi	Deirdre McCloskey
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Michael Frerichs</b>	Tom Demmer	Preston Nelson

**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT**

	<u><b>DEMOCRAT</b></u>	<u><b>REPUBLICAN</b></u>
<b>2ND DISTRICT Justice Thomas Vacancy</b>	<b>Elizabeth "Liz" Rochford</b>	Mark C. Curran, Jr.
<b>3RD DISTRICT Justice Kilbride Vacancy</b>	<b>Mary K. O'Brien</b>	<i>Michael J. Burke</i>

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ILLINOIS STATE SENATE – 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

\*\*Contested Races\*\*

	<u>DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>
6TH DISTRICT	<b>Sara Feigenholtz</b>	Nicole Drewery
9TH DISTRICT	<b>Laura Fine</b>	Paul Kelly
11TH DISTRICT	<b>Mike Porfirio</b>	Thomas “Mac” McGill
18TH DISTRICT	<b>Bill Cunningham</b>	Christine Shanahan McGovern
19TH DISTRICT **	<b>Michael Hastings</b>	<b>Patrick Sheehan</b>
20TH DISTRICT	<b>Cristina Pacione-Zayas</b>	Patrycja “PR” Karlin
21ST DISTRICT	<b>Laura Ellman</b>	Kathleen Murray
23RD DISTRICT	<b>Suzu Glowiak Hilton</b>	Dennis Reboletti
24TH DISTRICT	Lauren “Laurie” Nowak	<b>Seth Lewis*</b>
25TH DISTRICT	<b>Karina Villa</b>	Heather Brown
26TH DISTRICT	Maria Peterson	<b>Dan McConchie</b>
27TH DISTRICT	<b>Ann Gillespie</b>	Bill Robertson
28TH DISTRICT	<b>Laura Murphy</b>	Sal Raspanti
31ST DISTRICT	<b>Mary Edly-Allen</b>	Adam Solano
32ND DISTRICT	Allena Barbato	<b>Craig Wilcox</b>
34TH DISTRICT	<b>Steve Stadelman</b>	Juan Reyes
36TH DISTRICT	<b>Michael Halpin</b>	Mike Thoms
40TH DISTRICT	<b>Patrick Joyce</b>	Philip Nagel
42ND DISTRICT	<b>Linda Holmes</b>	Paul Santucci
43ND DISTRICT	<b>Rachel Ventura</b>	Diane Harris
45TH DISTRICT	Gerald Podraza	<b>Andrew Chesney*</b>
46TH DISTRICT	<b>Dave Koehler</b>	Desi Anderson
48TH DISTRICT	<b>Doris Turner</b>	Sandy Hamilton*
56TH DISTRICT **	<i>Kris Tharp</i>	<b>Erica Conway Harriss</b>
57TH DISTRICT	<b>Christopher Belt</b>	Wavey Lester II
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>

\*Currently serving House member

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ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

\*\*Contested Races\*\*

	<u>DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>
3RD DISTRICT	<b>Eva-Dina Delgado</b>	Jonathan Serrano
4TH DISTRICT	<b>Lilian Jimenez</b>	JD Sloat
6TH DISTRICT	<b>Sonya Harper</b>	Leonard Griffin
7TH DISTRICT	<b>Emanuel “Chris” Welch</b>	Eddie Kornegay, Jr.
8TH DISTRICT	<b>LaShawn K. Ford</b>	Thomas Hurley
11TH DISTRICT	<b>Ann Williams</b>	Marc James
12TH DISTRICT	<b>Margaret Croke</b>	George Kemper
13TH DISTRICT	<b>Hoan Huynh</b>	Alper Turan
15TH DISTRICT	<b>Michael Kelly</b>	Mark Albers
16TH DISTRICT	<b>Kevin Olickal</b>	Vince Romano
17TH DISTRICT	<b>Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz</b>	Bradley Martin
18TH DISTRICT	<b>Robyn Gabel</b>	Charles Hutchinson
19TH DISTRICT	<b>Lindsey LaPointe</b>	Michael Harn
21ST DISTRICT	<b>Abdelnasser Rashid</b>	Matthew Schultz
22ND DISTRICT	<b>Angie Guerrero-Cuellar</b>	Carlos Alvarez
23RD DISTRICT	<b>Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.</b>	Lupe Castillo
27TH DISTRICT	<b>Justin Slaughter</b>	Beth O’Neil
29TH DISTRICT	<b>Thaddeus Jones</b>	Jeffery Coleman
30TH DISTRICT	<b>William “Will” Davis</b>	Patricia Bonk
31ST DISTRICT	<b>Mary Flowers</b>	Kenneth Yerkes
32ND DISTRICT	<b>Cyril Nichols</b>	Carl Kunz
33RD DISTRICT	<b>Marcus Evans, Jr.</b>	Quintin Barton
34TH DISTRICT	<b>Nicholas “Nick” Smith</b>	Frederick Walls
35TH DISTRICT	<b>Frances Ann Hurley</b>	Herb Hebein
36TH DISTRICT	<b>Kelly Burke</b>	David Sheppard
38TH DISTRICT	<b>Debbie Meyers-Martin</b>	Tom Toolis
39TH DISTRICT	<b>Will Guzzardi</b>	Anthony Curran
41ST DISTRICT	<b>Janet Yang Rohr</b>	Richard Janor
42ND DISTRICT	<b>Terra Costa Howard</b>	Stefanie Hood
43RD DISTRICT	<b>Anna Moeller</b>	Angela Hallock Nowak
44TH DISTRICT	<b>Fred Crespo</b>	Patrick Thomas Brouillette

45TH DISTRICT	Jenn Ladisch Douglass	<b>Deanne Mazzochi</b>
46TH DISTRICT	<b>Diane Blair-Sherlock</b>	Robert R Stevens
47TH DISTRICT	Jackie Williamson	<b>Amy Grant</b>
48TH DISTRICT	Azam Nizamuddin	<b>Jennifer Sanalidro</b>
49TH DISTRICT	<b>Maura Hirschauer</b>	Kevin Wallace
50TH DISTRICT	<b>Barbara Hernandez</b>	Donald Walter
51ST DISTRICT **	<b>Nabeela Syed</b>	<b>Chris Bos</b>
52ND DISTRICT	Mary Morgan	<b>Martin McLaughlin</b>
53RD DISTRICT	<b>Mark Walker</b>	Jack Vrett
54TH DISTRICT	<b>Mary Beth Canty</b>	Michele Hunter
55TH DISTRICT	<b>Martin Moylan</b>	Michael Lupo
56TH DISTRICT	<b>Michelle Mussman</b>	E Dale Litney
57TH DISTRICT	<b>Jonathan Carroll</b>	Rory Welch
58TH DISTRICT	<b>Bob Morgan</b>	Mike Clark
59TH DISTRICT	<b>Daniel Didech</b>	Charles Roeske
61ST DISTRICT	<b>Joyce Mason</b>	Peter Pettorini
62ND DISTRICT	<b>Laura Faver Dias</b>	Adam R. Shores
63RD DISTRICT	Brian D Meyers	<b>Steven Reick</b>
64TH DISTRICT	Rick Konter	<b>Tom Weber</b>
65TH DISTRICT	Linda Robertson	<b>Dan Ugaste</b>
66TH DISTRICT	<b>Suzanne M. Ness</b>	Connie Cain
67TH DISTRICT	<b>Maurice A. West II</b>	Glen Oland
68TH DISTRICT	<b>Dave Vella</b>	Jonathan Ojeda
69TH DISTRICT	Peter Janko	<b>Joe Sosnowski</b>
71ST DISTRICT	Christopher Demink	<b>Dan Swanson</b>
72ND DISTRICT	<b>Gregg Johnson</b>	Tom Martens
75TH DISTRICT	Heidi Henry	<b>Jed Davis</b>
76TH DISTRICT	<b>Lance Yednock</b>	Jason Haskell
77TH DISTRICT	<b>Norma Hernandez</b>	Anthony Airdo
79TH DISTRICT	Erin Slone	<b>Jackie Haas</b>
80TH DISTRICT	<b>Anthony DeLuca</b>	Al Kuypers Sr.
81ST DISTRICT	<b>Anne Stava-Murray</b>	Paul Leong
83RD DISTRICT **	<b>Matt Hanson</b>	<b>Keith R. Wheeler</b>
84TH DISTRICT	<b>Stephanie A. Kifowit</b>	Joe West



85TH DISTRICT	<b>Dagmara "Dee" Avelar</b>	Chris Metcalfe
86TH DISTRICT	<b>Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.</b>	Scott F. Greene
91ST DISTRICT **	<b>Sharon Chung</b>	Scott Preston
92ND DISTRICT	<b>Jehan Gordon-Booth</b>	Benjamin Watt
96TH DISTRICT	<b>Sue Scherer</b>	Lisa Smith
97TH DISTRICT **	<b>Harry Benton</b>	Michelle Smith
98TH DISTRICT	<b>Natalie A. Manley</b>	Donna Russell
104TH DISTRICT	Cynthia E. Cunningham	<b>Mike Marron</b>
111TH DISTRICT	Joe Silkwood	<b>Amy Elik</b>
112TH DISTRICT	<b>Katie Stuart</b>	Jennifer M. Korte
113TH DISTRICT	<b>Jay Hoffman</b>	Ashley Hunsaker
114TH DISTRICT **	<b>LaToya N. Greenwood</b>	<b>Kevin Schmidt</b>
118TH DISTRICT	Van Ikner	<b>Paul Jacobs</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>41</b>

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