

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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.

Sara Blaser

County Clerk and Recorder
Mercer County, Illinois

**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 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

YES

NO

FEDERAL

**FOR PRESIDENT
AND VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES**
(Vote for one)

**(DONALD J. TRUMP
(MICHAEL R. PENCE**
REPUBLICAN

**(JOSEPH R. BIDEN
(KAMALA D. HARRIS**
DEMOCRATIC

**(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

(_____
(_____
Write-in

FEDERAL

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for one)

MARK C. CURRAN JR.
REPUBLICAN

RICHARD J. DURBIN
DEMOCRATIC

WILLIE L. WILSON
WILLIE WILSON PARTY

DAVID F. BLACK
GREEN

DANNY MALOUF
LIBERTARIAN

Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS**
SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT
(Vote for one)

ESTHER JOY KING
REPUBLICAN

CHERI BUSTOS
DEMOCRATIC

Write-in

LEGISLATIVE	COUNTY	COUNTY BOARD
<p>FOR STATE SENATOR THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> WIN STOLLER REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>FOR CORONER (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GREGORY LARSON REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 5 (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GARY L. ANDERSON REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p>
REPRESENTATIVE	COUNTY BOARD	JUDICIAL
<p>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEVENTY-FOURTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAN SWANSON REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER DEMINK DEMOCRATIC</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 1 (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> REBECCA S HAWN REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p>	<p>FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Walter D. Braud) (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> PETER W. CHURCH DEMOCRATIC</p>
<p>COUNTY</p> <p>FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KRISTIN M. RELANDER DEMOCRATIC</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 2 (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KIRBY McLAUGHLIN REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p>	
<p>FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GRACE SIMPSON REPUBLICAN</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 3 (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LINDA KOEPKE REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LARRY STONE DEMOCRATIC</p>	
<p><input type="radio"/> MEEGHAN N. LEE DEMOCRATIC</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 4 (Vote for one)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOSH FRIEDEN REPUBLICAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC</p>	

<p align="center">BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE</p>		
<p>"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."</p>		
<p align="center">SUPREME COURT JUDGE</p>		
<p>SHALL TOM L. KILBRIDE be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT?</p>		
<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>		
<p align="center">APPELLATE COURT JUDGE</p>		
<p>SHALL MARY W. McDADE be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT?</p>		
<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>		
<p align="center">CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE</p>		
<p>SHALL LINNEA E. THOMPSON be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p>		
<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>		
<p>SHALL TERENCE M. PATTON be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p>		
<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>		
<p align="center">YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING</p>		