

Governor J.B. Pritzker and his current Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton will seek a second term in the 2022 gubernatorial election. In addition to the governor's race, the 2022 general election will feature the following posts:

- **U.S. Senator** — Tammy Duckworth's six-year term expires.
- **U.S. Representatives** — all 17 U.S. House of Representative seats (lost one representative due to the 2020 Census).
- **State executive constitution officers** — all six constitutional officers are up for re-election.
- **State Senators** — all 59 members are up for re-election (typically $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, or all of the Senate seats may have terms ending; the year 2022 will include all because of redistricting).
- **State Assembly members** — all 118 members are up for re-election every two years.

This year's primary was pushed back from its usual time in early March due to delays in the redistricting process brought about by delays in the release of 2020 census data due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That revised schedule could impact who turns out to vote in the primary. The late June date means many college students who would typically vote on campus will be home for summer break, while many other voters who would turn out in March may be away on vacation.

Illinois Primary Election - June 28, 2022

OVERVIEW: Determines which candidates appear on November's general election ballot for seats in the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and Illinois General Assembly, for governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, secretary of state and other state-wide and municipal offices.

VOTING TIMING: Registered voters can cast their ballots early and in person for the primary from May 19 until June 27. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or returned in-person by Election Day.

Illinois General Election – November 8, 2022

OVERVIEW: A **general election** is an election in which candidates are elected to offices. General elections are always held the first Tuesday, after the first Monday, in November. Every four years, the general election is also a **presidential election**.

VOTING TIMING: Registered voters can cast their ballots early and in person for the general from September 29 until November. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or returned in-person by Election Day.

***NOTE:** General Election Day is now a state holiday in Illinois.

Illinois Gubernatorial Election

This will be a busy election year, including at the gubernatorial level. Thirty-six states hold gubernatorial elections in 2022: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma,

Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Sixteen of the races will occur in states with Democratic governors, while 20 will occur in states where Republicans currently hold the seat.

The Illinois governor's race is heating up, and campaign season in Springfield has begun. Democratic incumbent J.B. Pritzker looks to secure another term and heavily funds his campaign. In the June primary election, State Senator Darren Bailey won the Republican nomination for Illinois governor, beating Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin and several other challengers. Bailey has been perceived as



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State Senator Darren Bailey

more conservative than many of the other Republican challengers. Bailey built a strong grassroots following, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when he was outspoken against lockdown, mask mandates, and remote schooling.

Illinois Secretary of State Race

With the retirement of Democrat Jesse White, the Illinois Secretary of State's race is open for the first time in 24 years. White's lengthy tenure was unprecedented. Historically, the office has been a stepping stone for candidates seeking higher office, with two former officeholders, Republicans Jim Edgar and George Ryan, becoming governor. It is the most prominent statewide office outside the governor's office, controlling more than 4,000 jobs and touching the lives of nearly every Illinois resident by issuing driver's licenses and registering motor vehicles. Democrat Alex Giannoulias will enter the November general election as the favorite over the Republican nominee, state Rep. Dan Brady, R-Bloomington, and downstate Libertarian candidate Jesse White — no relation to the retiring secretary of state..

QUESTIONS

TRUE OR FALSE? Write a **T** or **F** in the space provided.

- ___ 1. The governor can serve only two terms.
- ___ 2. General elections are always held the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November.
- ___ 3. Thirty-six governors will be on the ballot in the midterm elections.
- ___ 4. General elections are only held every four years and coincide with the presidential election.
- ___ 5. Illinois allows registered voters to "early vote" and "vote by mail."
- ___ 6. General Election Day is a state holiday in Illinois..
- ___ 7. Each party will have two candidates in the November General Election.

Answers: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F