Libertarian Party of Illinois

Political Division Report

Reporting Period: January 19, 2022 to March 15, 2022

**Divisional changes and vacancies**

* **POLITICAL**: Deputy Political Division Director, Candidate Recruitment Director, Deputy Candidate Recruitment Director
* **POLITICAL/FIELD OPS INTER-DIVISIONAL**: Precincts Director

**Divisional communications**

Things in the Political Division has been chaotic lately. There hasn’t been much legislatively passed on to the Division for Legislative Director Bennett Morris to go through. I apologize to Bennett for not getting back with him following his transition back to Central Illinois from the Chicagoland region.

BAD Bill Redpath has been juggling his U.S. Senate campaign with national ballot access efforts, with state ballot access efforts to begin soon.

I’m still occasionally speaking with Campaigns Director Jon King, in hopes of getting him activated to help our statewide slate during petitioning and campaign season.

Overall, outside of occasional bullpen relief from Donny Henry and Russ Clark, it has been mostly a ghost town division in the interim.

It’s likely old news at this point, but we won our lawsuit against Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, marking our fifth election-related lawsuit win. The decision declared in favor of the party, citing the 1997 *Rednour* decision among the deciding factors declaring recognized party status and the full party access that comes with it. Fortunately, most of our county commissioner candidates had more than the required signatures in the event the decision was not reached by the end of petition filing.

We, unfortunately, were not able to press another lawsuit in time for an interpretation in time regarding General Assembly and Congressional districts exclusively within Cook County borders, but there should be no issue with running candidates in those districts in 2024, as the party is already established there. (This situation also applies to an Illinois House district exclusively within the borders of Peoria County as well.)

If they try to interfere in 2024 in those two counties, the *Rednour* and *Yarbrough* decisions should help our case. In Cook County, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners have already vowed to enforce the decision in *Yarbrough*.

Petitioning has concluded for the June 28 primary and our seven established counties will be actively campaigning for those offices. If you are able, support those candidates in any way that you can.

With these candidates seeing more Libertarian candidates on the ballot, this will help those counties extend their ballot access to 2026.

After the primary, if you are able, I would like to see the implementation of the Moulton maneuver to present another Libertarian choice on the ballot.

For those of you who are new or foreign to the terminology, it is named after lifetime LNC member Chuck Moulton. It is a procedure where Libertarians slate candidates in races that would otherwise go uncontested.

This procedure paid out dividends for Pennsylvania in 2021, where 130+ candidates won partisan elected positions.

I would love for this to be the case for our established counties as well. I’ll be monitoring those races closely in the coming months.

**Appendix Schedule – January 2022 Report**

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Appendix A

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Candidate Recruitment Report

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STATEWIDE CANDIDATES & COUNTY CANDIDATE FILINGS

**COUNTY CANDIDATE FILINGS – 2022**

*Cook*

**County Clerk**: Joseph Schreiner

**County Treasurer**: Michael Murphy

**County Assessor**: Nico Tsatsoulis

**County Sheriff**: Richard Meyers, Brad Sandefur

**Board President**: Thea Tsatsos

**Board of Commissioners 01**: Jim Humay

**Board of Commissioners 05**: Jason Ross Decker

**Board of Commissioners 09**: Andrew Kopinski

**Board of Commissioners 11**: Brandon Sizelove

**TC Bremen Township:** Jason Ross Decker

**TC Leyden Township**: Andrew Kopinski

*DeWitt Peoria*

No known candidates filed **PC Peoria 08**: Donny Henry

 **PC Peoria 39**: David Reising

*Kankakee* **PC Richwoods 01**: Brandon Wisenburg

**County Board 02**: Jacob Carlile

 *Tazewell*

*McHenry* **County Board 02**: Eric Stahl

**County Treasurer**: Jim Young **PC Dillon**: Jacob Irish

**County Board 01**: Ken Mattes **PC Fondulac 02**: Scott Johnson

**County Board 02**: Jake Justen **PC Groveland 09**: Theresa Barker

**PC Algonquin 04**: Jake Justen **PC Tremont 02**: Eric Stahl

**PC Algonquin 14**: Jim Young

**PC Algonquin 43**: Ken Mattes

**PC Greenwood 07**: Kelly Liebmann

**PC Seneca 03**: Matthew Clark

*McLean*

**County Sheriff**: Charles Sila

**PC Bloomington 31**: Kevin Woodard

**PC Bloomington 48**: Bennett Morris

**PC Normal 11**: Steve Suess

**STATEWIDE – 2022 *Nominated at convention last October***

Governor – Scott Schluter Lt. Governor – John Phillips Jr. U.S. Senate – Bill Redpath

Secretary of State – Jesse White Attorney General – Daniel Robin

Appendix B

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Candidate Recruitment Report

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POLITICAL TIMELINE THROUGH 2025

Candidate Recruitment and the Political Division reports the following regarding candidate status in future election cycles:

**2023 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Paul Boucher*** Mayor or commissioner in the city of Hillsboro.
* ***William Ramsden*** Alderman in the city of Chicago.
* ***Jake Leonard*** Commissioner in the city of Nokomis.
* ***David Pruitt*** Mayor of Chicago.
* ***Dayton Adams*** Mt. Vernon City Council.
* ***Jason Ross Decker:*** Trustee in the village of Midlothian.

**2024 GENERAL**:

* I will communicate soon with the following about running in 2024 for the following positions:

**CONGRESSIONAL**

Cicinelli, Chris Oak Park

Cochran, Andrew Chicago

McDulin, Maxwell Chicago
Powell, Tracy Chicago

Seiler, Lucas Chicago

**ILLINOIS SENATE**Rowe, Phil Des Plaines **Senate District 28
ILLINOIS HOUSE**Bailey, Marcelis Chicago **House District 25**Mathews, John Berkeley **House District 7**Wardman, William Chicago **House District 19**

**2025 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Jacob Loyd*** wanted to run for mayor of Herrin in 2021, but wasn’t even allowed to pick up candidate paperwork. Next race, barring a 2023 special election, will be in 2025. First contact 11/10/2020. Last contact 01/20/2021.

Submitted respectfully at 10:15 p.m. CDT on this 14th day of March 2022 by the officers of the Political Division of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.
Jake Leonard, Political Director Bill Redpath, Ballot Access Director

Jon King, Campaigns Director Bennett Morris, Legislative Director