Libertarian Party of Illinois

Political Division Report

Reporting Period: September-October 2023

**Divisional vacancies**

**POLITICAL**: Regional Deputy Director

* Outer Chicagoland (8 counties)
  + DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will
* Stateline (4 counties total)
  + Boone, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago
* Northwestern Illinois (8 counties)
  + Bureau, Carroll, Henry, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam, Whiteside
* Quad Cities (2 counties)
  + Rock Island, Mercer
* West Central (12 counties)
  + R1: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Warren
  + R2: Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Pike, Schuyler, Scott
* North Central (8 counties)
  + Iroquois, Livingston, Marshall, McLean, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Woodford
* Capital (6 counties)
  + Logan, Macon, Mason, Morgan, Menard, Sangamon
* East Central (9 counties)
  + Champaign, Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Moultrie, Piatt, Vermilion
* South Central (7 counties)
  + Calhoun, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Shelby
* Metro-East (3 counties)
  + Madison, Monroe, St. Clair
* South Central (6 counties)
  + Bond, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Marion
* Southeastern (6 counties)
  + Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland
* Southern Illinois (21 counties)
  + R1: Jackson, Perry, Randolph, Washington
  + R2: Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Wayne
  + R3: Edwards, Gallatin, Wabash, White
  + R4: Hardin, Massac, Pope, Saline
  + R5: Alexander, Johnson, Pulaski, Union, Williamson

**POLITICAL**: Candidate Recruitment Director, Deputy Candidate Recruitment Director

**POLITICAL/FIELD OPS INTER-DIVISIONAL**: Precincts Director

**Divisional communications**

*Zero recruitment inquiries from National, no new inquiries through LPIL*

Things have been relatively dead on receiving new inquiries from LPN and LPIL regarding candidate recruitment.

There have been a few follow-up communications from potential candidates that I was previously in discussions with.

*Primary petitioning still underway*

Petitioning is well underway for the 2024 Libertarian primaries. McLean and Tazewell counties are able to petition for all countywide and county board positions for next year’s election cycle.

Cook County is able to petition for countywide races, the lone special election for one district in the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and select seats for the Cook County Board of Review. However, the Cook County Clerk and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners have decided that we should be restricted from running for General Assembly where districts are exclusively in-county. This also applies to one Congressional District as well.

Despite having established status in five other counties (DeWitt, Kankakee, McHenry, Montgomery, and Peoria), the Republicans in charge of four of these counties and Peoria County Democrats still continue to blockade our access to a primary that we earned.

Furthermore, as an act of cowardice, Republicans in McHenry County have sued us because of our purview of the Election Code.

I have no current updates as to who is currently running in McLean and Tazewell counties at this time. I have reached out to their respective representatives but have not received any information as of the submission of this report.

*Battle plans for the remainder of the primary petitioning period*

If at all possible, I would recommend that our other established counties still attempt to file petitions. If they choose to deny our petitions, this would be grounds for legal action.

Our backup plan would be to mobilize volunteer petitioners to collect signatures at the 5% to 8% range and beat the Republicans (DeWitt, Kankakee, McHenry, and Montgomery) and Democrats (Peoria) at their rigged game. For example, the county slate in Montgomery County would need to file at least 543 signatures for the general election compared to the maximum primary threshold of 53 (the minimum required is 3).

**Appendix Schedule – Sept/Oct 2023 Report**

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Appendix A

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division

Updated October 23, 2023  
CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT REPORT

I’m currently in need of a current list of candidates for the 2024 cycle.

Please forward that information to [political@lpillinois.org](mailto:political@lpillinois.org) as soon as possible. In a future appendix, I would like to provide updates to the board relating to the campaign activities of our candidates.

**CONGRESSIONAL**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

***Illinois Senate***

***Illinois House***

**COUNTYWIDE / COUNTY BOARD**

COOK Michael Murphy (Circuit Clerk), Andrew Kopinski (State’s Atty.)

DEWITT UNKNOWN

KANKAKEE John Daveira (TBD)

MCHENRY Ken Mattes (TBD), Jim Young (TBD)

MCLEAN UNKNOWN

MONTGOMERY Jake Leonard (Circuit Clerk)

PEORIA UNKNOWN

TAZEWELL UNKNOWN

**OTHER COUNTIES**

CHRISTIAN Curtis Ryan (Circuit Clerk or Coroner)

I do not have much information relating to the 2025 consolidated or 2026 general election cycles. The only candidate I have on my radar for 2025 is Jacob Loyd, who was considering running for mayor in Herrin. He’s specified in the TBD list for 2024 in case he decides to run for something next year.

**Jake Leonard**

**Political Director, Libertarian Party of Illinois**

Appendix B

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Motions

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FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS ITEMS

*Also noted in IT Division report.*

Cody Graves was appointed as Legislative Director in the August meeting.

The status of the NDA is still pending. As soon as that is resolved, he will be able to access the [legislative@lpillinois.org](mailto:legislative@lpillinois.org) email and I will provide access to LegiScan.

Cody was unable to sign it in August or September due to being on the road for work purposes.

The 2023 veto session starts tomorrow and runs through Thursday. They will meet for the second half of the veto session November 7-9.

If there is legislation we should be following, please remit it to the LD email address.

Appendix C

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Action Items

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ACTION ITEMS FOR REMAINDER OF 2023

* Continue draft of 2024 master campaign strategy
* Respond to any incoming candidate recruitment inquiries
* Work on divisional budget for FY24
* Schedule departmental meetings for the remainder of 2023 and all of 2024
* Schedule inter-departmental meetings between Political Division and ExCom for remainder of 2023 and all of 2024 as needed
* Any other action items as necessary

*Submitted respectfully at 8:07 p.m. CDT on this 23rd day of October 2023 by the officers of the Political Division of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.*Jake Leonard, Political Director

Jim Humay, Regional Deputy Director – Chicago/Cook and DuPage Counties

Bill Redpath, LPIL Chairman and Ballot Access Director

Cody Graves, Legislative Director

Jon King, Campaigns Director