




Tips For Casting A Write-In Vote On Your Ballot

How To Cast A Write-In Vote

1. On your ballot, find the office for which the candidate is running → 
2. Print the candidate's name on the Write-In line for that office → 
3. Fill in the oval next to the candidate's name → 

By Margaret Toniny
Nuggets of Knowledge about the upcoming Primary Election, March 17, 2026

It has been uncommon to have write-in candidates in elections in Marshall County.

However, for the March 17, 2026 primary election, there are several write-in candidates.

The following individuals have filed the proper document(s), including a "Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate", with the Marshall County Clerk's office.

Congressional District 16 (for U.S. Congressman): John Kito-ver, Republican

U.S. Senate representing Illinois: Adam Delgado, Democrat
Illinois Attorney General: Andy Williams, Jr., Republican
Illinois Treasurer: Max Solomon, Republican

Hopewell Township precinct committeeperson: Earl Kent Flanigan, Republican

Lacon 1 Precinct committeeperson: James Han Soon, Republican

If you wish to vote for any of these six individuals listed above, you must follow the below procedure:

1. To cast a write-in vote, you may write or print the name of the candidate on the line marked "Write-in" that correlates to the office for which the candidate is running.

2. Fill in the oval opposite the name you have written in with the marking device (pen in Marshall County) provided in the booth, or if voting by absentee ballot, with a black ink pen.

Your polling place should have a list of write-ins for you to look at if you cannot remember the names. You have to ask to see the list when you are checking in.

If you would like to see either a Democrat or Republican sample ballot,

You may use this link to get to the Marshall County, IL <https://marshallcountyillinois.gov/election/>

Scroll down the list of options on the "Elections" page until you see the

The option for:
March 17, 2026, Democrat Specimen

March 17, 2026, Republican Specimen

A list of the polling places can also be found on this page.

Or just stop in the Marshall County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office to see specimens, or ask election related questions.

*The Specimen Ballots are also printed in this edition of the Lacon Home Journal.

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WHISKERZ PUB, Lacon
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4:00

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ BINGO will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Please join in at any time
- ♦ Play Bingo to help raise money and win fantastic prizes!
 - ♦ Raffle Drawings!
 - ♦ Pulled Pork and fixings until gone.

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