

DEMOCRATIC SPECIMEN BALLOT

MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 17, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MARSHALL COUNTY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026.



JILL M. KENYON, COUNTY CLERK
MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN RYAN
<input type="radio"/> ROBIN KELLY
<input type="radio"/> JULIANA STRATTON
<input type="radio"/> RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY
<input type="radio"/> STEVE BOTSFORD JR.
<input type="radio"/> BRYAN MAXWELL
<input type="radio"/> JONATHAN DEAN
<input type="radio"/> SEAN BROWN
<input type="radio"/> AWISI A. BUSTOS
<input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER SWANN
<input type="radio"/> Write-In

STATE
FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> (JB PRITZKER (CHRISTIAN MITCHELL
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> KWAME RAOUL
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> ALEXI GIANNOULIAS
FOR COMPTROLLER (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> KARINA VILLA
<input type="radio"/> STEPHANIE A. KIFOWIT
<input type="radio"/> HOLLY KIM
<input type="radio"/> MARGARET CROKE
FOR TREASURER (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL W. FRERICHS
CONGRESSIONAL
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> PAUL NOLLEY
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEPERSON SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for not more than two)
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN LAMM
<input type="radio"/> PATRICK CORTESI
<input type="radio"/> KIM ARMSTRONG
LEGISLATIVE
FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)
No Candidate
REPRESENTATIVE
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEVENTY-THIRD REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> NICOLE DOPLER
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)
No Candidate

COUNTY
FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for one)
No Candidate
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (MASON, TAZEWELL AND WOODFORD COUNTIES) (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (LaSALLE, MARSHALL AND PUTNAM COUNTIES) (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> RYAN F. MYERS
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BUREAU, HENRY AND STARK COUNTIES) (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (PEORIA COUNTY) (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> GEORGE MCKENNA
COUNTY BOARD
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT ONE (Vote for not more than two)
No Candidate
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT TWO (Vote for not more than two)
No Candidate
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (Vote for not more than two)
<input type="radio"/> JEFF A. SCHMITT
PRECINCT
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BELL PLAIN (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BENNINGTON (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON EVANS (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HENRY 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HENRY 2 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HOPEWELL (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LACON 1 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON LACON 2 (Vote for one)
No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON La PRAIRIE (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON RICHLAND (Vote for one)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> DONNA AUGUSTYN-SLOAN
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON ROBERTS (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SARATOGA (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON STEUBEN (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WHITEFIELD (Vote for one)
No Candidate

Bears Stadium Package Has "Positive Momentum" In Springfield, But Not In End Zone



by Brenden Moore, Capital News Illinois

Legislation that would assist the Chicago Bears' stalled effort to move from the lakefront to a new domed stadium in Arlington Heights has "positive momentum" after languishing for years at the bottom of Springfield's priority list.

But the emerging package hasn't reached the end zone, lawmakers involved in negotiations say, as key details - including concessions necessary to win enough votes among Chicago legislators - are still being worked out behind the scenes.

The renewed push comes as Hoosier legislators work this week to meet a key deadline on a competing package meant to entice the Bears over the state line.

The Indiana legislation creating a stadium authority like the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority, which owns Rate Field and issued bonds to pay for Soldier Field renovations, passed that state's Senate last month and faces a deadline to pass out of a House committee this week. Indiana's legislature is scheduled to adjourn Feb. 27.

As the bill progresses in Indiana, Illinois leaders have shown new urgency.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office has convened discussions among the team, lawmakers, local officials and other stakeholders around a package that could include tax measures and more than \$850 million in infrastructure commitments long sought by the Bears.

As of this week, it's been three years since the team closed on the purchase of the 326-acre former Arlington Park site for nearly \$200 million. While the former racetrack has been razed, the promised "shovels in the ground" on a new stadium have yet to manifest.

To build their long-desired suburban football palace, the team has insisted on legislation that would provide long-term tax certainty - and likely result in the team paying a smaller bill than under Illinois' existing arcane property tax system.

House Bill 2789 - the so-called megaprojects bill - would freeze the Bears' property tax assessment and allow the organization to negotiate a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes with local taxing bodies for up to forty years. The team said this will offer tax certainty necessary before committing billions of dollars to the project.

Indiana Bears?

The payment-in-lieu-of-taxes languished. What's changed? Indiana's entry into the fray, for one.

In an open letter to fans in December, Bears President Kevin Warren said the team would expand its search for a new home, including to Northwest Indiana, after their efforts to land in Arlington Heights were "met with no legislative partnership" in Springfield.

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun quickly announced his support for luring the Bears to The Region and state lawmakers began crafting legislation creating a state stadium authority with the power to acquire land, issue long-term bonds and finance the construction of a stadium and related facilities. The Bears have eyed a site near Wolf Lake in Hammond while Gary, Portage and other cities have pitched their own proposals. neuvoring. "So yeah, it was a lever in that sense."

But even as Hoosier legislators make their own play to intercept the Bears, Illinois lawmakers won't be rushed as they run through their call sheet.

"We obviously don't want to see the Bears move to Indiana, but at the same time, we're not going to get into a bidding war using taxpayer dollars," state Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, said. "We're just not going to do that."