

SUAAAction Newsletter

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It's a Wrap!

General Election

November 3, 2020

The Illinois State Board of Elections made the certified results of the November election official on December 4, 2020. The numbers showed a record turnout of voters - 72.92 percent or 6,098,729 of those registered; about a third were cast by mail or 2,025,662.

The previous record-holding election was in 1992 when Democratic Governor Bill Clinton ran against incumbent Republican George H. W. Bush, Ross Perot, and a handful of other candidates – percentage of voter turnout was 78.24 percent.

Illinois currently has a populace of close to 12.8 million. That leaves approximately 6,701,271 who did not vote (for various reasons too numerous to count.)

**So Many Many
Thank You's
to the SUAA
Members Who
SUPPORTED
SUAAAction!**

SUAAAction Election Record

Every election year brings decisions about which legislators or candidates to support in the initial primary race, fundraisers, and the general election.

The SUAAAction committee works to keep a focus on legislators who keep doors open to their constituents who are SUAA members, who are supportive of SUAA issues, and who are generally good legislators, regardless of political affiliation. The organization also considers legislators and policymakers of whom we have been able to build relationships with through SUAA lobbying efforts.

During an election cycle there are candidates who call the office looking for support. SUAAAction always welcomes the outreach and in some cases support the candidate over the incumbent legislator.

SUAAAction fared quite well this election in its selection of whom to support. While this is not unusual, it is always good to review.

Senate contests with percentage of votes:

District 10 Robert Martwick (D) 53.79%

District 25 Karina Villa (D) 50.96%

District 31 Melinda Bush (D) 58.48%

District 40 Patrick Joyce (D) 58.47%

District 43 John Connor (D) 64.54%

District 46 Dave Koehler (D) 53.89%

District 49 Meg Loughran Cappel (D) 56.22%

District 52 Scott Bennett (D) 63.44%

District 58 Terri Bryant (R) 100%

As an FYI - There are 59 seats in the Senate. The election years are staggered between 2, 4, and 6 years. This year – Election 2020 – there were 22 senate races; only 10 with contests. The other 12 had no opponents.

House races are every 2 years. Therefore, all 118 representatives have to run for reelection to hold their seat. Only 55 representatives had actual contests.

House contests with percentage of votes:

District 17 Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D) 62.62%
District 19 Lindsey LaPointe (D) 58.40%
District 20 Michelle Darbro (D) 45.40% Lost
District 35 Frances Hurley (D) 64.24%
District 38 Debbie Meyers-Martin (D) 77.47%
District 41 Janet Yang Rohr (D) 51.68%
District 42 Amy Grant (R) 51.88%
District 45 Diane Pappas (D) 46.78% Lost
District 47 Deanne Mazzochi (R) 53.99%
District 48 Terra Costa Howard (D) 53.77%
District 49 Maura Hirschauer (D) 54.22%
District 50 Keith Wheeler (R) 56.42%
District 51 Mary Edly-Allen (D) 49.13% Lost
District 52 Marci Suelzer (D) 43.11% Lost
District 54 Maggie Trevor (D) 48.19% Lost
District 56 Michelle Mussman (D) 57.59%
District 61 Joyce Mason (D) 55.09 %
District 62 Sam Yingling (D) 56.89%
District 63 Brian Sager (D) 45.23% Lost
District 64 Tom Weber (R) 59.77%
District 65 Martha Paschke (D) 48.17% Lost

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District 66 Suzanne Ness (D) 51.97%
District 67 Maurice West (D) 66.53%
District 68 Dave Vella (D) 50.22%
District 70 Jeff Keicher (R) 57.67%
District 71 Tony McCombie (R) 61.60%
District 72 Michael Halpin (D) 59.74%
District 74 Dan Swanson (R) 70.97%
District 76 Lance Yednock (R) 54.36%
District 77 Kathleen Willis (D) 67.19%
District 79 Jackie Haas (R) 63.77%
District 82 Jim Durkin (R) 65.79%
District 83 Barbara Hernandez (D) 71.73%
District 85 Dagmara “Dee” Avelar (D) 59.00%
District 88 Keith Sommer (R) 60.10%
District 90 Tom Demmer (R) 67.29%
District 91 Mark Luft (R) 63.20%
District 93 Norine Hammond (R) 65.89%
District 95 Avery Bourne (R) 70.08%
District 96 Sue Scherer (D) 51.52%
District 97 Mark Batinick (R) 52.03%
District 100 C. D. Davidsmeyer (R) 75.11%
District 103 Carol Ammons (D) 78.65%
District 104 Mike Marron (R) 58.77%
District 105 Dan Brady (R) 62.66%
District 107 David Seiler (D) 24.09% Lost
District 108 Charles Meier (R) 73.83%
District 111 Monica Bristow (D) 45.65%
District 112 Katie Stuart (D) 53.67%

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District 114 LaToya Greenwood (D) 57.14%

District 116 Nathan Reitz (D) 35.17% Lost

Additional funding was made to the majority and minority leaders in both the House and Senate for their caucuses.

While SUAAction did not contribute to all races, there was participation in most all fundraisers.

A member of SUAAction has the opportunity to attend local legislative fundraisers. In order to be a member of SUAAction, a SUAA member must contribute to SUAAction.

There are fundraisers during normal times in Springfield on each Monday night during session. Your contributions are very much needed so we can stay relevant in the political realm.

Local (District) fundraisers are important too. If you haven't been involved before, now is the time to get familiar with your legislators as some are new. To attend locally, call 217-523-4040.

Even though 2021 will not be an election year, it is imperative that contributions continue to be sent to:

SUAAction
P.O. Box 1770
Springfield, IL 62705-1770

Legislative fundraisers will continue throughout 2021 regardless of the ability to be in Springfield. There are now ZOOM fundraisers.

Both legislators and contributors are enjoying the new format. We are trying hard not to lose touch as COVID-19 keeps most everyone hometown bound.

**Why Contribute to
SUAAction?**

**See Last Page. There is a review of
what's coming.**

**102nd General Assembly
begins January 13th, 2021**

**SUAAction Contributions
Recorded as of
December 4, 2020**

Contributions from SUAA Individuals by Chapters:

1. University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
\$26,636
2. University of Illinois Chicago
\$24,947
3. Northern Illinois University
\$16,710
4. Illinois State University
\$14,966
5. Eastern Illinois University
\$11,565
6. Southern Illinois University Carbondale
\$9,045
7. Western Illinois University
\$7,181
8. College of DuPage
\$6,950
9. College of Lake County
\$5,625
10. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
\$4,778
11. Joliet Junior College
\$4,450
12. Governor State University
\$4,435
13. William Rainey Harper
\$4,010
14. Illinois Central College
\$3,815
15. City Colleges of Chicago
\$3,802
16. Moraine Valley College
\$3,015
17. Triton College
\$2,590
18. Southwestern Illinois College
\$2,570
19. North Eastern Illinois University
\$2,410

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20. Kankakee Community College
\$2,305
21. Oakton Community College
\$2,195
22. Elgin Community College
\$2,120
23. South Suburban College
\$2,020
24. Black Hawk College
\$1,665
25. Parkland College
\$1,495
26. Waubensee Community College
\$1,450
27. Chicago State University
\$1,445
28. McHenry County College
\$1,200
29. Rock Valley College
\$1,110
30. Danville Community College
\$1,050
31. Lincoln Land Community College
\$995
32. Lewis & Clark Community College
\$620
33. University of Illinois Springfield
\$875
34. Southern Illinois University School of
Medicine \$870
35. John Wood College
\$760
36. Illinois Eastern College
\$740
37. Sauk Valley Community College
\$685

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38. Lake Land College
\$620
39. Highland Community College
\$550
40. Kishwaukee College
\$455
41. Shawnee Community College
\$425
42. Richland Community College
\$355
43. Illinois Valley College
\$335
44. Heartland College
\$275
45. Morton Community College
\$238
46. Prairie State College
\$215
47. Kaskaskia College
\$205
48. Illinois Area Colleges
\$150
49. Rend Lake College
\$125
50. Southeastern Illinois College
\$120
51. Carl Sandburg College
\$110
52. Spoon River College
\$100
53. John A. Logan College
\$100

**SUAAction Campaign runs from
January 1 to December 31 every year.**

As you know, there is a lot of money involved in politics. And, although this might be unfortunate, it is reality. This is why SUAAction needs everyone who is a member of SUAA to be a member of SUAAction.

What is the difference between SUAA and SUAAction?

SUAA has the ability to lobby, promote, and endorse, but no ability to contribute to attend fundraisers or financially support legislators or the executive offices. There is an Illinois law that prevents 501(c)(4)'s from having a political action committee or using the organizations' membership money to contribute politically. However, there is nothing that prevents the formation of a separate IRS 527 designated organization to assist.

SUAAction was formed to assist SUAA by providing the finances to access legislators and the executive officers through fundraisers. This is why we need you to join SUAAction in addition to SUAA.

Together, the organizations have been successful. We want to make sure our voice continues to be heard. Fundraisers are a VITAL part of our organizations. Legislators see power in numbers. The higher our numbers, the better our members fare.

Think SUAA members have no worries? Think again as this is what is coming your way:

- Potential increase in the income tax – 4.95% to a full 6%
- Possible taxing of pension income
- Pension holiday(s) – not providing the funds owed to the pension systems
- Further financial cuts to higher education (employment)
- Further financial cuts to services – example: Secretary of State, Illinois Department of Revenue
- Further financial cuts to State departments (Don't care? As an example: try contacting Central Management Services about your health insurance.)

Each item listed has financial fallout; even for those who are not directly affected.

As stated before, many of our current legislators are using Zoom to hold fundraisers. Newly elected legislators are using Zoom for Meet and Greets. It is a way to stay connected; a way to be in contact. Responding to these invitations is a benefit to the SUAA members.

We urge you to become a SUAAction member. Don't rely on everyone else. Do your share to help boost SUAAction's funding and name recognition. Numbers mean a lot.

Just like the legislators, there are never off-years for funding. Each contribution is important.

There are no age limitations. Currently working? Retired? SUAAction needs you!

Help make your SUAA chapter shine before 2020 leaves. Send a contribution to:

SUAAction

P.O. Box 1770

Springfield, IL 62705-1770

or

go on-line <https://www.suaa.org/suaaction>

to make a credit card contribution.

JOIN SUAAction now! Keep SUAAction out front!

Want to know more about Political Action Committees:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/CampaignDisclosure/PDF/CampDiscGuide.pdf>