

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JACKSON COUNTY
CITIZEN RESOURCE LIST

Official websites

Illinois General Assembly -- member information; contact information; bill tracking; audio and video of each chamber when in session; link to administrative rules. <http://www.ilga.gov>

State Officials -- links to all state officials and state agencies; contact information; many shortcuts under "How do I ..." <http://www2.illinois.gov>

U.S. Congress -- member information and contact information; bill tracking; audio and video of each chamber when in session. <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

U.S. President -- schedules of the President and Vice President; recent speeches; contact information; links to Cabinet officials. <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

Helpful websites

Know Your County -- county information, county officials and boards. <http://jacksoncounty.il.lwvnet.org>

Illinois Campaign for Political Reform -- accountability and transparency in government and campaign finance reform. <http://www.ilcampaign.org>

Center for Responsive Politics -- campaign donations by donee or nominee. <http://www.opensecrets.org/index.php>

Project Vote Smart -- candidate information -- voting records, positions, campaign finances, biographical information. <http://www.votesmart.org>

Applications -- Apps

Real Time Congress (iPhone, iPad, free) by the Sunlight Foundation. Floor updates for the House and Senate; hearing schedules; documents which include CBO cost estimates, GAO reports, White House policy statements, news.

Ill. Government App (iPads and iPhone, .99) by Workman Consulting.

My Congress App (iPads, free) by ObjectiveApps LLC.

NON-PARTISAN GUIDES FOR CITIZENS DURING AN ELECTION

www.lwv.org -- League of Women Voters of the U.S. -- voting information, how to watch debates, how to judge a candidate, who is on the ballot, Vote 411.

Votessmart.org -- Project Vote Smart -- biographies, voting records, issue positions, speeches, campaign finance information for candidates.

www.opensecrets.org -- Center for Responsive Politics -- Information for federal campaign contributions, lobbying data, lists of donors by name or candidate, and lists by candidate of contributions. Note – covers information only for information required to be made public.

www.elections.il.gov -- Illinois State Board of Elections -- voting information.

www.co.jackson.il.us -- Jackson County clerk – voting registration information, polling places, sample ballot. (In most Illinois counties, the election authority is the county clerk. For access to their websites, go to www2.illinois.gov)

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