



McHenry County Citizens for Choice

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# NEWSLETTER

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## THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL ILLINOIS ELECTION IN 50 YEARS

### Census and Redistricting

The most recent U.S. Census was conducted in 2020. The state legislature then redrew district boundaries based on the census results. The 2022 election will take place in all new Districts. Because of the election schedule for Representatives and Senators and the redistricting process, **every single seat** is up for election. The 2022 election will determine the fate of legal abortion in the post-Roe-era for the whole country

### The Illinois General Assembly (ILGA)

The ILGA is composed of 118 State Representatives and 59 State Senators. Passing legislation in Springfield means we need 60, 30, and 1 — 60 votes in the House, 30 votes in the Senate and one Governor to approve or veto a bill. It is critical we maintain our pro-choice majority in the ILGA because without it, we cannot protect or advance reproductive rights legislation.

### Illinois Supreme Court is Elected (Not Appointed)

The Illinois Supreme Court determines the constitutionality of laws in Illinois. There are seven Supreme Court Justices, each serving ten year terms. Anti-choice extremists are **just one seat away from** controlling the Illinois Supreme Court in the same way they now control the U.S. Supreme Court. If we allow them to gain the majority this year, they could immediately erase all the protections and rights that we have worked so hard to ensure.

### *It's the courts!!*

#### FEDERAL COURTS

President Biden has won Senate confirmation for more than 80 of his nominees to be federal judges, a breakneck speed that outpaces former President Donald Trump at this juncture of his presidency. Still, Biden is playing catch-up after Trump and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell hit the gas in the second half of Trump's term and brought his total to 231 judges — mostly young conservatives including three Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn Roe v Wade. Can Biden catch up? **Only if Democrats control the Senate for the next two years.**

#### STATE COURTS

Anti-choice extremists are running for the Illinois Supreme Court, all of them funded with millions of dollars by right-wing super donors. We are only one seat away from our IL Supreme Court looking like the U.S. Supreme Court if we lose two races— 2nd Judicial Circuit and the 3rd Judicial Circuit. There are 22 bills sitting in the Illinois General Assembly today, and pending Illinois court challenges by anti-choice leaders, they could return Illinois to the darkest days of life-threatening illegal abortion. It will only take one bad election result. McHenry County voters have the opportunity to vote for a pro-choice candidate in the 2nd Circuit.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 . . .another day that will live in infamy.....**

On that day the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* with the ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, revoking the right to abortion under the U.S. Constitution and marking the first time in history that the court has taken away a fundamental right. The Roberts Court's 'stench' will live forever.

## ILLINOIS ABORTION LAWS AND PROTECTIONS

Hard work and forethought by organizations (including MCCC) and leaders in Illinois has resulted in election of a pro-choice majority in the ILGA and passed pro-choice legislation.

### HB 40

Eliminated the "Trigger Law" provision that would make abortion illegal if Roe is overturned. Established Medicaid coverage for abortion and abortion care coverage for state employee insurance.

### Reproductive Health Act

This bill took abortion out of the criminal code to ensure treatment as any other health care service, with innumerable positive reproductive healthcare results.

### Youth Health and Safety Act

Repealed the parental notice requirement before a minor can have an abortion.

Illinois is currently the only state in the Midwest with laws that explicitly protect abortion rights for its citizens.. People between the two coasts will have no place to turn for their reproductive healthcare if we don't succeed in the 2022 Illinois elections.

## *We Lost Roe Because We Lost Elections!*

It started with right-wing anti-choicers winning one state election after another thus changing the congressional picture. Then in 2016 we got Donald Trump who promised to appoint justices who would overturn Roe. Not enough people believed him or cared.

### Pro-choice Voter Turnout Matters!

Even though pro-choice voters outnumber anti-choice voters 3 to 2, if prochoice voters do not turn out in record numbers the anti-choice candidate will win.

### Pro-choice Volunteers Matter!

Anti-choice volunteers participate at consistently higher levels than pro-choice volunteers. This is where races are won and lost.

## *Jane's Army*

A new partner campaign, Jane's Army, is building an army of partner organizations, activists and volunteers just like you to educate, motivate, and mobilize fellow pro-choice voters ahead of November 2022. The army will take pro-choice message personally to the doors, streets, and phones of voters across Illinois. Check it out to learn more and get involved here: <https://janesarmy2022.com>

## *The Promise of the 14th Amendment*

A new report from the **Center for Reproductive Rights** presents a positive vision for reclaiming and rebuilding the 14th amendment guarantees that ensure a human right to reproductive autonomy. MCCC needs your attention and participation to join us and spread the word.

**All Hands On Deck !!**

**October—November  
2022**

### Meet the current Illinois Supreme Court

Anne M. Burke, Chief Justice  
Mary Jane Theis  
P. Scott Neville, Jr.  
Michael J. Burke  
David K. Overstreet  
Robert L. Carter  
Lisa Holder White

<https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/meet-the-justices/>

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