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Origins Of Juneteenth Date To Civil War

*Celebration Traced to Freeing of Slaves
in Texas in 1865*

By Tom Emery

Juneteenth, which is coming up June 19, is the newest federal holiday in the calendar. Its origins, however, date to the final weeks of the Civil War.

The commemoration arose from the freeing of slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865, eleven weeks after the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

The act helped fulfill the promise of the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by Lincoln on Sept. 22, 1862. The proclamation took effect on Jan. 1, 1863, and many Americans today believe that all enslaved people were freed.

But that was hardly the case. The proclamation only applied to states in rebellion, meaning that slavery continued in the border states of Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, and Delaware.

Lincoln's proclamation also had to be enforced. While large parts of the South were under Federal control by 1863, Texas, the westernmost member of the Confederacy, was largely untouched. Relatively few military actions were conducted in Texas, and few Union soldiers occupied the state.

As a result, slavery continued with little threat in Texas. Planters from elsewhere in the South migrated to the Lone Star State during the war, to keep their slaves from confiscation and freedom.

Kathryn Harris, the retired Director of Library Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, notes the lapse in emancipation for many slaves in the South.

"On the eve of the Emancipation Proclamation, there had been 'Watch Night' celebrations for many blacks, with the coming of freedom," remarked Harris, a respected authority on African-American history. "But it took a while for that freedom to come to much of the nation, especially Texas."

By 1865, some 250,000 blacks remained enslaved in Texas, even as the end of the war was imminent. Finally, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston on June 19, 1865 to assume command of a Union force of 2,000 troops.

That same day, Granger read General Order No. 3, declaring that, "in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free" with "an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves."

General Order No. 3 was read at several locations throughout Galveston, an emotional series of events for the slaves of the city and the state.

"I can only imagine their excitement of being free," said Harris. "However, that must have brought a wide range of feelings. If you've never been free, as those people had not, you don't quite know what to do. It was a completely new experience, an overwhelming one."

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A group of newly freed slaves in 1863



Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger



A man exposing his scars inflicted as slave

Regulations in AI and 465 Other Bills Passed This Session

*Bill allowing digital driver's licenses
also clears General Assembly*

By Alex Abbeduto, Cole Longcor,
& Dilpreet Raju Capitol News Illinois

A bill banning what unions refer to as employer-sponsored "captive audience" meetings about religion and politics has cleared both chambers of the General Assembly.

It was one of 466 measures to do so during the Illinois legislature's recently concluded spring session, including measures targeting artificial intelligence and allowing for digital driver's licenses. A Capitol News Illinois analysis shows 287 of the bills passed in the session's final two weeks.

If the "captive audience" bill is signed by the governor, employers would still be allowed to discuss religion and politics with employees, but workers would have the right to skip the meeting, whether on or off the clock, without retaliation.

The Illinois AFL-CIO labor organization brought the legislation to state Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, and celebrated its passage as a win for workers. In a news release, Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea said the meetings "are a direct violation of workers' rights."

The meetings were made legal in 1947 under what's known as the Taft-Hartley Act. But labor advocates across the country, including other state chapters of the AFL-CIO and the current National Labor Review Board General Counsel, Jennifer Abruzzo, are working to definitively outlaw mandatory attendance at meetings where anti-union rhetoric is shared.

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Health Insurance Changes Targeting Steering and Denial of Service - More Heading to Governor

Pritzker first announced the initiative during his budget address

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

A package of health insurance reform measures that Gov. JB Pritzker called for at the beginning of the legislative session will soon be headed to his desk for his signature.

The Illinois House gave final approval Saturday to a pair of bills that limit the ability of insurance companies to deny coverage or steer individuals toward lower cost, and sometimes less effective, treatments and medications, strategies sometimes referred to as "utilization management."

The package also includes measures giving the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to approve or deny premium rate changes in large-group health insurance plans while banning the sale of short-term, limited duration individual health plans, which are sometimes derisively referred to as "junk insurance."

In a statement issued moments after the House vote, Pritzker called it "a historic win."

"When I first proposed this legislation in my FY25 Budget Address, I said we would put power

back into the hands of patients and their doctors and reform predatory insurance companies and their unfair practices," he said. "That's exactly what we did."

Pritzker first called for the changes in his State of the State address in February, saying they would "save lives and lower healthcare costs for millions of Illinoisans."

The biggest changes are included in House Bill 5395, dubbed the "Health Care Protection Act." Among other things, it requires insurance companies to use "generally accepted standards of care" when deciding whether to cover certain treatments or services.

It also bans the use of step therapy requirements in prescription drug plans that require a patient to show that a lower-cost alternative drug is ineffective before covering a more expensive drug recommended by their physician.

The bill also prohibits insurance plans from requiring prior authorization before covering inpatient psychiatric care. For other kinds of care, it requires insurers to post publicly on their website when prior authorization is required.

It also requires insurers to maintain accurate, up-to-date lists of providers who are included in their networks.

And it gives the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to approve or reject proposed premium rate changes in large-group health insurance plans, similar to the authority it already has over small-group plans.

Another provision which the Senate put into a separate bill, House Bill 2499, would prohibit the sale of one type of insurance known as "short-term, limited duration" health policies – sometimes derisively referred to as "junk insurance" – that do not have to meet minimum standards under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Those changes apply only to the types of insurance plans regulated by the state. Those include employer-based group plans that are fully funded by the insurance carrier as well as plans offered by local governments and plans provided under the state Medicaid program. They do not apply to plans regulated under the federal law known as ERISA – the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

The package originally passed the House as a single bill in April with bipartisan support, 81-13. Pritzker spent the next several days touring the state to drum up public support, making appearances with doctors and patients at health care facilities in Belleville, Peoria, Rockford, and other cities.

Meanwhile, talks continued behind the scenes between advocates for the changes and the Illinois Life & Health Insurance Council, the insurance industry's main lobby group. Over the next several weeks, those talks led to compromise language on the use of step therapy and prescription drug formularies, as well as Department of Insurance review of large-group rate changes.

"I appreciate having a seat at the table throughout this legislative process and thank the governor for hearing our concerns and engaging us as a partner," ILHIC president Laura Minzer said in a statement Saturday. "While we may not find agreement on every provision, being heard, and listened to, is integral to finding the best solutions for this meaningful legislation. It is with this spirit of cooperation

that the council will continue working to make improvements during the legislation's implementation phase."

Talks in the Senate also led to the decision to separate the package into two bills, splitting off the more contentious

proposal to ban the sale of short-term limited duration policies into separate legislation.

Those policies are typically sold to people who are temporarily unemployed or have some other circumstance in their life that causes them to need coverage for only a short period. But while they often cost less than traditional policies, many of them also have high deductibles and do not offer the same types of benefits that are mandated in other plans, such as coverage for emergency treatment, laboratory services or preexisting conditions.

"I have had people reach out to me who thought they had coverage when they had these short-term limited duration plans, only to find out that they were not covered," Sen. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, said during Senate debate Thursday. "Their prescription drugs were not covered. Their emergency services were not covered. And it ended up costing them a whole lot more than it would have, had they had the insurance that they thought was possible and that they thought that they were paying for."

Republicans, however, argued that for many people, short-term limited duration plans are a more affordable alternative than continuing an employer-based policy through a COBRA plan or buying an individual plan on the Affordable Care Act exchange market. They argued consumers should be allowed to choose the option that is best for them.

Sen. Win Stoller, R-East Peoria, compared short-term policies to mobile homes, which may be built of inferior materials compared to a traditional home, but which are still suitable for some people.

"And I would never be so audacious to suggest that we should ban mobile homes. I think that's absurd," he said. "But that's exactly what we're doing here in relation to these short-term health plans, saying that we know better than you, we know what's best for you. We don't think you can make an informed decision."


The stand-alone bill, HB 2499, passed the Senate on a straight party-line vote, 40-19. The remainder of the package contained in HB 5395 passed with a handful of Republican votes, 45-14.

Likewise, the vote in the House to concur with the Senate changes to the ban on short-term limited duration policies fell along party lines, 72-35. The concurrence vote on the remainder of the package passed with a handful of Republican votes, 83-23.

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Preseason

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 Sat., Aug. 24 Baltimore Ravens 12 P.m. Packers Tv Network

– Regular Season –

Date	Opponent	Time(CT)	TV
Fri., Sept. 6	At Philadelphia Eagles	7:15 P.m.	Peacock
Sun., Sept. 15	Indianapolis Colts	12 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Sept. 22	At Tennessee Titans	12 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Sept. 29	Minnesota Vikings	12 P.M.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 6	At Los Angeles Rams	3:20 P.M.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 13	Arizona Cardinals	12 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Oct. 20	Houston Texans	12 P.M.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 27	At Jacksonville Jaguars	12 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Nov. 3	Detroit Lions	3:25 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Nov. 10	Bye		
Sun., Nov. 17	At Chicago Bears	12 P.M.	FOX
Sun., Nov. 24	San Francisco 49ers	3:25 P.M.	FOX
Thu., Nov. 28	Miami Dolphins	7:20 P.M.	NBC
Thu., Dec. 5	At Detroit Lions	7:15 P.M.	Prime Video
Sun., Dec. 15	At Seattle Seahawks	7:20 P.M.	NBC
Mon., Dec. 23	New Orleans Saints	7:15 P.M.	ESPN
Sun., Dec. 29	At Minnesota Vikings	12 P.M.	FOX
Sat./Sun., Jan. 4-5	Chicago Bears	TBD	TBD

2024 Bears Schedule

Preseason

Game 1: vs. Texans at Canton, Ohio, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1
 Game 2: at Bills, Saturday, noon Aug. 10
 Game 3: vs. Bengals, Saturday, noon Aug. 17
 Game 4: at Chiefs, Thursday, 7 p.m. Aug. 22

– Regular Season –

Week 1:	vs. Titans, Sunday, Sept. 8 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 2:	at Texans, Sunday, Sept. 15 (7:20 p.m., NBC-5)
Week 3:	at Colts, Sunday, Sept. 22 (noon, CBS-2)
Week 4:	vs. Rams, Sunday, Sept. 29 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 5:	vs. Panthers, Sunday, Oct. 6 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 6:	vs. Jaguars in London, Sunday, Oct. 13 (8:30 a.m., NFL Network)
Week 7:	Bye week
Week 8:	at Commanders, Sunday, Oct. 27 (noon, CBS-2)
Week 9:	at Cardinals, Sunday, Nov. 3 (3:05 p.m., CBS-2)
Week 10:	vs. Patriots, Sunday, Nov. 10 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 11:	vs. Packers, Sunday, Nov. 17 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 12:	vs. Vikings, Sunday, Nov. 24 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 13:	at Lions, Thursday, Nov. 28 (11:30 a.m., CBS-2)
Week 14:	at 49ers, Sunday, Dec. 8 (3:25 p.m., Fox-32)
Week 15:	at Vikings, Monday, Dec. 16 (7:15 p.m., ABC-7)
Week 16:	vs. Lions, Sunday, Dec. 22 (noon, Fox-32)
Week 17:	vs. Seahawks, Thursday, Dec. 26 (7:15 p.m., Prime Video)
Week 18:	at Packers, TBD

Lawmakers OK Bill To Require ‘Faithful’ Electors in 2024, Loosen Campaign Finance Rules

Legislative package also reforms voter list access, some local officials’ salaries

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

As the 2024 presidential election approaches, Illinois appears likely to join most of the rest of the country in requiring that the state’s Electoral College votes go to the winner of the state’s popular election.

The measure is part of a broad package of election-related legislation which also includes a provision loosening restrictions on what political parties can do with campaign funds and a state-level response to a controversy in the south suburbs.

The entire package was approved 51-3 in the Senate, with three Senators voting present. The House was more divided, passing the measure 68-38. The bill now goes to Gov. JB Pritzker for final approval before becoming law.

In United States presidential elections, voters on Election Day cast a vote for president, but also for electors associated with a particular candidate. Legally, these electors are the ones who actually cast a deciding vote in the presidential election, usually in mid-December.

The bill would require the state’s electors to take a new pledge prior to appearing on the ballot. Failing to honor the pledge under the proposal would result in them being removed from their position and replaced with an alternate elector.

These electors have been under increased scrutiny in the past decade, due in large part to the 2016 election, which saw Donald Trump win the presidency despite losing the popular vote – the fourth such occurrence in U.S. history.

While Illinois has never had an elector vote for someone who didn’t win the popular vote, other states have, including seven electors from three states in 2016.

The legislation concerning the Electoral College is based on model legislation that has been adopted in 12 other states, according to the Chicago-based

Uniform Law Commission, which published the model law in 2010.

“The purpose of it is to make sure the popular vote is protected by electors in the Electoral College,” Rep. Daniel Didech, D-Buffalo Grove said Saturday in an interview.

Didech was not formally a sponsor of the package but is a delegate to the Uniform Law Commission and introduced the model bill as separate legislation last year.

If the measure is signed, Illinois would join 33 other states with laws in place requiring electors to vote for the candidates that they pledged to support, according to a March analysis of state laws by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

After the 2020 election, while no electors cast “faithless” votes, the Electoral College again became the focus of controversy. Some allies of Donald Trump allegedly orchestrated a scheme to send a slate of electors outside of the legal process, thereby securing a second Trump term in 2020.

Eighteen people, including Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani and former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, were indicted in Arizona state court on charges related to the scheme in April of this year.

Party campaign funds

The bill also removes a restriction on the way political parties handle primary campaigns. Under the proposal, candidates for state and federal office would be able to accept an unlimited amount of campaign cash from political parties.

Currently, candidates can receive unlimited support during a general election, but in primaries, parties are capped on contributing to individual

candidates. For example, prospective members of the House are limited to \$75,000, candidates for Senate and Supreme Court are limited to \$125,000, and statewide candidates are limited to \$200,000.

“What we have now came from another era,” bill sponsor Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford, said during floor debate on Saturday. “We do not see the need for that cap any longer.”

This provision was met with pushback from Republicans, who pointed to former House Speaker Michael Madigan, who is awaiting trial on bribery

and racketeering charges. He was known for his use of the Democratic Party of Illinois’ campaign war chest as a lever to exert control over his caucus.

“The former leader of your Democrat Party, that you want to give all this control, is on the brink of going to prison, we hope. He should,” Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, said. “Why in the world would we be making these organizations more powerful than they already are? Were they not powerful enough before?”

The primary cap was initially codified in 2009 as part of a sweeping reform campaign championed by then-Gov. Pat Quinn. Quinn signed the law less than

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Still, not all blacks were emancipated. In some cases in Texas, owners did not inform their slaves until after the harvest, months after Granger's declaration. Slavery throughout the United States was finally banned with the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment on Dec. 6, 1865.

On the first anniversary of the Galveston declaration, free blacks in Texas organized a celebration dubbed "Jubilee Day." The earliest commemorations were often political rallies, to inform blacks of newly-gained voting rights.

Jubilee Day evolved into Juneteenth festivities, though there is debate as to how the name of the holiday originated. Many believe the name is a combination of the month and day, June 19. Others theorize that the words "Jubilee Day" somehow morphed into "Juneteenth."

Texas was the center of Juneteenth celebrations for decades. In 1867, the first event was held in Austin, and became an annual event in 1872. That same year, African-American organizers and clergy raised \$1,000 to buy ten acres in Houston, christened "Emancipation Park," for Juneteenth celebrations.

Many of the early Juneteenth festivities drew huge crowds. In Limestone County near Waco, thirty acres were purchased in 1898 to create Booker T. Washington Park, designed especially for Juneteenth festivals. As many as 30,000 attended the commemorations there.

In the early-to-mid-20th century, the holiday continued in pockets as blacks from Texas emigrated across the nation, taking Juneteenth with them.

However, the onset of Jim Crow laws, particularly in the South, slowed the growth of Juneteenth.

"Blacks in that time were still struggling for so many things," commented Harris. "Then, when Jim Crow popped up, along with the problems of Reconstruction, that added so many problems. And once the military was removed from the South to protect the freedmen after Reconstruction, that was really horrible.

"I think, more than anything else, that Juneteenth represented hope," continued Harris. "Even though freedom had come, many blacks still weren't really free. I think the holiday represented the hope of a better tomorrow."

The Depression added to the struggles, as blacks scrapped to find work and survive, pushing Juneteenth further to the background. But the commemorations persisted, at least in some spots. The Texas State Fair became the focus of many Juneteenth remembrances, particularly in 1936, when some 150,000 to 200,000 were present.

As more blacks left Texas in the post-war era, Juneteenth continued to spread, though the holiday languished throughout much of America. Some historians, however, attribute a rebirth to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in

1968, which sparked more interest in the spirit of Juneteenth.

That year, the storied "Poor People's March" on Washington ended on June 19, and marchers invoked Juneteenth as they returned home. From that, large-scale celebrations arose in cities like Milwaukee and Minneapolis, which remain to this day.

A 1978 celebration in Milwaukee attracted over 100,000 participants. Four years earlier, substantial celebrations of Juneteenth returned to Houston. Elsewhere, other major cities began Juneteenth events in the 1980s. In 1991, an arm of the Smithsonian Institution hosted a major exhibit titled "Juneteenth '91: Freedom Revisited."

In 1980, Texas became the first to officially establish Juneteenth as a state holiday. Other states, though, were slow to follow, and by 2002, only three states had joined Texas in that designation.

By 2008, half of the states had established a ceremonial holiday, including Illinois, which formally recognized Juneteenth in 2003. In 2020, Juneteenth was recognized in all fifty states.

Over 200 American cities held commemorations of Juneteenth in 2006, including Springfield, where an annual event was created in the mid-1990s

On June 16, 2021, Illinois became the latest in a handful of states to establish Juneteenth as a paid state holiday. The next day, Juneteenth was established as a federal holiday, the first since the creation of Martin Luther King Day in 1983.

Critics have charged that the recent legislation for Juneteenth has been purely for political reasons. But Harris and many others believe the actions are long overdue, and that the holiday is not just for blacks.

"It really should have been done a long time ago," she remarked. "And Juneteenth is truly a day for everyone, not just African-Americans. We talk about diversity, equity, and inclusion today, but we're really still working on the stuff that was talked about with the Emancipation, the end of the Civil War, and Juneteenth itself.

"To me, Juneteenth is a time of reflection, a time to think about where we are, where we've been, and the work that's left," concluded Harris. "And just like in the early celebrations, it's a time of hope."

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Citing the Colorado governor's recent veto of similar legislation in which he said he would sign a narrower and more neutral bill, Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Edwardsville, said during debate that the pending legislation, particularly who it would impact and how, is not well defined.

"Let's not play politics with unconstitutional legislation that's going to get thrown out in the court of law," Plummer said.

Of the six states that have introduced similar legislation, only two have ongoing lawsuits. One is in Minnesota, filed by business groups including the National Federation of Independent Business Inc., and another is in Colorado, which was partially dismissed in 2023.

Senate Bill 3649 advanced out of the Senate on partisan lines, 39-18, after clearing the House 79-30 with some Republican support. The final version was amended to specifically exclude certain groups – including 501(c)(4, 5 and 6) organizations – that participate in lobbying activities and generally exist for the purpose of advocacy.

The bill still needs to be signed by the governor to become law.

Artificial intelligence protections

A bill that would outlaw the creation and sharing of child pornography made using artificial intelligence was one of several AI-focused measures to clear the General Assembly in its final days.

House Bill 4623, which was backed by Attorney General Kwame Raoul, would expand current child pornography laws to also cover AI-generated child pornography.

Backers of the bill said if AI-generated child pornography rapidly increases, law enforcement's ability to identify real cases would be more difficult.

The bill, which passed both chambers unanimously, would also ban the distribution of various AI-generated sexual images without consent.

House Bill 4875 would protect individuals from having their voice, image or likeness duplicated by AI for commercial purposes without their consent. The bill would allow recording artists and those they contract with to seek damages for nonconsensual use of their likeness.

The measure, as amended, cleared both chambers unanimously.

House Bill 4762, also passed by both chambers unanimously, would protect performers and other individuals from wrongful use of AI replicas. The bill would make contracts unenforceable if the performer would have performed in person, the use of the digital replica was not defined or detailed in the agreement, and if they were not

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Digital IDs

The secretary of state’s office would be able to issue digital identification such as driver’s licenses, learner’s permits or state IDs to Illinois residents under House Bill 4592, which passed both chambers unanimously.

The cards would be issued “in addition to, and not instead of” a physical ID, under the bill.

The measure has an effective date of Jan. 1, 2025, giving the secretary of state’s office time to implement and test a new digital ID platform before it goes live.

Under the bill, agencies and private entities may choose if they want to accept electronic IDs in place of physical ones, but “upon request by law enforcement, a credential holder must provide the credential holder’s physical credential.”

A digital phone application that registers identification cards with the secretary of state’s office would cost a maximum of \$6 under the bill heading to the governor’s desk.

In 2021, the American Civil Liberties Union published a report warning of potential privacy risks that could come with digitizing government IDs. The bill addresses some concerns by barring law enforcement from requesting or searching through an individual’s phone.

It also requires the secretary of state’s office to “use an electronic credential system that is designed to maximize the privacy of the credential holder ... and shall not track or compile information without the credential holder’s consent.”

Family obligation discrimination

House Bill 2161 bans workplace discrimination based on family responsibilities.

Senate sponsor Sen. Natalie Toro, D-Chicago, said the bill’s goal is to “prohibit discrimination on an assumption that your family responsibility will impede your work performance.”

For example, Toro said, a woman cannot currently be passed over for a promotion because of her family status if the promotion goes to a man with a similar status. But she could lose out on the promotion to another woman with no children.

Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, called the bill unnecessary, as the U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted federal Title VII – which prohibits gender and sex-based discrimination – to apply to cases regarding family obligations.

The bill passed the Senate 37-19 and the

House 74-29. It will become law if signed by the governor.

Exoneree higher education benefits

Senate Bill 3771 allows exonerated individuals to pass a state benefit covering higher education costs on to dependents. It passed the Senate 45-11 and the House 71-38.

Illinois leads the nation in exonerated individuals, with over 500 people having wrongful convictions overturned. Payouts to exonerees in Illinois remain some of the lowest in the country, but the Higher Education Student Assistance Act covers public university tuition and fees for exonerees.

The bill allows the state benefit to cover private, not-for-profit university costs so long as the total does not “exceed the maximum grant payable” towards a grantee in “the most expensive comparable” program at an Illinois public university.

If the recipient, either an exoneree or their dependent, maintains “satisfactory academic progress,” grant funds can pay up to eight semesters or 12 quarters of full tuition and mandatory fees.

Mold public health campaign

Senate Bill 1087 requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to create a public health awareness campaign informing the public about the dangers and importance of removing indoor mold. It also requires IDPH to establish “procedures for parties that provide mold remediation services to register with the state.”

The bill passed out of both chambers without opposition.

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a year after taking over the governorship from Rod Blagojevich, who was sent to prison for corruption related charges.

Reform for Illinois, an advocacy group known for backing ethics and campaign reform, condemned the move in a statement published Tuesday.

“It’s a step backward that will increase legislative leaders’ power over their members while supercharging the election money arms race and depriving constituents of the chance to be represented by more independent candidates,” Alisa Kaplan, the head of the organization, said.

Voter rolls

The legislation also codifies that the public has access to the state’s voter registration list. The database, which is required by federal law and routinely shared with local governments and political committees, is tightly protected by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Prior to a 2020 lawsuit brought by the conservative Public Interest Legal Foundation, digital copies of the voter registration database were restricted to only government entities and registered political committees.

The bill codifies a court order from that lawsuit requiring the public have access to a redacted database – after paying a fee. Members of the public can also inspect the voter database for accuracy in-person at the Springfield board of elections office.

The bill also lays out what voter information cannot be used for: “any personal, private, or commercial purpose, including, but not limited to, the intimidation, threat, or deception of any person or the advertising, solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services.”

The voter rolls have been the subject of a recent controversy following their allegedly illegal publication on a series of websites that have been characterized as a conservative influence operation.

Those websites are published by Local Government Information Services, a company backed by one-time candidate for governor and longtime Republican activist Dan Proft.

Read more: Election officials to weigh whether Darren Bailey and GOP operative Dan Proft illegally coordinated

LGIS’ publication of the voter information initially included dates of birth. Earlier this month, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul sued the company for publishing the data. After a court order requiring the company to take down the information, LGIS removed birth dates from their websites.

As of Wednesday morning, voters’ names and street addresses were still accessible on several of its websites.

Illinois State Board of Elections spokesperson Matt Dietrich told Capitol News Illinois that the voter database provision of the law was written, in part, as a response to the LGIS lawsuit.

Springfield’s response to ‘super mayor’

Another piece would require that the compensation for township supervisors in Cook County may not be increased during a term. An outgoing supervisor would also be prohibited from lowering the salary for their successor without lowering their own salary.

The bill echoes a situation in Chicago’s south suburbs centered on Dolton Mayor and Thornton Township Supervisor Tiffany Henyard, who styles herself as a “super mayor” on social media.

Late last year, Henyard proposed a measure that would decrease the salary of Thornton Township supervisor from \$224,000 to \$25,000, but only for non-incumbents, meaning her salary would remain unchanged, even if she was reelected, according to reporting from Fox32.

While West didn’t mention Henyard specifically, he suggested that the measure was in response to a real-world situation that he described as “a way of being spiteful.”

Henyard has also faced criticism for using taxpayer funds for billboards promoting herself and was sued by a local bar which claimed she denied the business a permit because it didn’t contribute to her election campaign.

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LEGAL NOTICES

To: Jose Flores, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Unknown Occupants of 531 Bounty Dr. NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Occupants of 523 Bounty Dr. NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 527 Bounty Dr., NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX10
FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00018

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 527 Bounty Dr., NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-22-478-026

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/23/2024.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main Street, Courtroom 3, Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 at 9:15 A.M. on 11/19/2024.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY.

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/23/2024 by applying to the County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Belvidere, Illinois.

For further information contact the County Clerk.

ADDRESS:

1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103

Belvidere, IL 61008

TELEPHONE: (815) 544-3103

Everet Ltd.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942878

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To: Ronald P. Balais, Darlyn P. Asedillo, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Occupants of 211 Picadilly Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Occupants of 217 Picadilly Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 213 Picadilly Dr., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX11
FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00027

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 213 Picadilly Dr., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-26-181-023

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942879

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To: Unknown heirs at law and/or devisees of Joseph B Szymanski, Elizabeth Szymanski, Joey Szymanski, Douglas Szymanski, Denise Petersen, Matthew Calzia, Sara Hoskins, Erik Zitzer, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Lakeshore Homes Properties LLC, PAUL J. HUBER as RA for Lakeshore Homes Properties LLC, Illinois Secretary of State for Lakeshore Homes Properties LLC, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Occupant of 103 Bradford Pl SE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065, Occupant of 2403 Candle Wick Dr SE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 101 Bradford Pl., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX13

FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00028

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 101 Bradford Pl., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-26-305-001

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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Estle, Inc.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942883

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To: Daryl Dourado, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Occupants of 508 Atlantic Dr. NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Occupants of 514 Atlantic Dr. NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 510 Atlantic Dr., NE, Poplar Grove, IL
TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX8
FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00015

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 510 Atlantic Dr., NE, Poplar Grove, IL

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-22-452-005

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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Auction Z-1, Inc.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942881

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To: Tony Lee Long, Unknown Heirs at law/or Devisees of Marinella Long, Glenn Carlos, Wilbert C Carlos, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., PAUL J. HUBER as RA for Lake Land Investments, LLC, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Occupants of 206 Kingsbury Dr., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 206 Kingsbury Dr., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX12

FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00026

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 206 Kingsbury Dr., SE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-26-180-019

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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Estle, Inc.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942882

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To: Bonifacia M. Del Mundo, Isabelita R. Del Mundo, THERESA BALK as RA for Candlewick Lake Association, Inc., Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk of Boone County, Illinois, Occupant of 215 Brandywine Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 60165, Occupant of 210 Brandywine Dr. SE, Poplar Grove, IL 60165, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested, Generally of 214 Brandywine Dr., Se, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

TAX DEED NO.: 2024TX9

FILED: 5/15/2024

TAKE NOTICE

County of Boone

Date Premises Sold:10/28/2021

Certificate No. 2020-00029

Sold for General Taxes of: 2020

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality): N/A

And Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No. N/A INST. NUMBER: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at: 214 Brandywine Dr., Se, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-26-305-021

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/23/2024.

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Auction Z-2, Inc.

Purchaser or Assignee

Dated: 5/20/2024

6088-942880

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 17TH, JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF BOONE COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. WAHLBECK,
 Deceased. No. 2024 PR 12

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of ROBERT E. WAHLBECK. Letters of Office were issued on March

5, 2024, to Robert W. Wahlbeck of P.O. Box 756, Land O'Lakes, WI 54540, as Independent Executor for the Estate. The attorney of record for the Estate is Cristina Alvarez, 1111 South Alpine Road, Suite 704, Rockford, IL 61108.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under paragraph 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims may be filed on or before November 29, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to any known creditor required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975 as amended (755 ILCS 5/18-3), whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk- Probate Division at the Winnebago County Courthouse, 400 W. State Street, Rockford, Illinois, or with the Executor, or both. Copies of any claim filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to its attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: May 24, 2024 Robert W. Wahlbeck Independent Executor
 Cristina Alvarez, (6345312) 1111 South Alpine Road Suite 704
 Rockford, IL 61108 (815) 968-7200

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Interest of: D'Anthony Lamont Brown, A Minor.

Case no: 2024 GR 15

TO ANTHONY BROWN AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on the 28th day of May, 2024, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 25th day of June, 2024 at

Notice

The following amount must be received in cash or money order at the office of H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, 4760 IL Rt. 173, Ste. 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

or the contents of the below listed unit(s), located at 345 S. Wooster St., Capron, IL 61012 will be disposed of on or after 6/21/2024.

The following amount must be received in cash or money order at the office of H&H Mini Unit Storage LLC, 4760 IL Rt. 173, Ste. 3, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

or the contents of the below listed unit(s), located at 131 E. Main St., Capron, IL 61012 will be disposed of on or after 6/21/2024.

Elizabeth Cendejas, 9284 Centerville Road, Capron, IL 61012 for Unit CM019, \$940.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising.
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TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-00141

TO:
Timothy J Blodgett
Occupant
Lorri Blair
Union Savings Bank
Union Savings Bank
Boone County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;
Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, IL as Case No. 2024TX6
The Property is located at:
1224 Union Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008
Property Index Number: 05-35-428-001
Said Property was sold on 10/28/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/4/2024. On 10/22/2024 at 9:15 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
1095 Investments LLC, Petitioner
6088-943185
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TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-00056

TO:
Mary Conklin
Mary Conklin
Occupant
Boone County Clerk
Spouse of Mary Conklin
Spouse of Mary Conklin
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;
Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of BOONE County, Ill. as Case No. 2024TX7
The Property is located at:
4.01 Acres W 17482 Burr Oak Rd, Capron, IL 61012
Property Index Number: 04-02-200-022
Said Property was sold on 10/28/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/4/2024. On 10/22/2024 at 9:15 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.
Ivy Jack, Inc, Petitioner
6088-943186
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Notice

Pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the storage facility listed below will sell at public auction the personal property in the below listed occupants' leased spaces to satisfy the owner's lien. The personal property stored therein by the following occupants may include but is not limited to general household, office and personal items, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The unit will be sold at public auction through online auction services of <https://www.storageauctions.com> with bids opening at 10:00 AM on 06/10/2024 and closing at 10:00 AM on 06/20/2024. Strovo Management LLC d/b/a Belvidere Storage, 810 W. Locust Street, Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone (815) 337-7398

Unit # 22 Shawanna R Palazzolo
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of MARLENE M. LITTLE, Deceased.
2024-PR-27

NOTICE TO HEIRS

Notice is given to JANINE BARTLING, JANIS BARTLING, JO ETTA TAYLER, MARK DAVIS, JULENE DAVIS, STEVE DAVIS, KIM DAVIS, JEFF DAVIS, JORDAN CARVER, GENNA CARVER, BRENT CARVER, LANCE CARVER, RUSSELL CARVER, JOYCE DUEY, ALLAN HUSE, WILLIAM GREENFIELD, JR., MAC BARRETT, PATTY WAHLMAN, LINDA HILL, DAWN RICHTSMEIER, DARLA OELMANN, DENISE HARDER, DOUG BLEEKER, and DAN BLEEKER who are an heir or legatee in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an Order was entered by the court on May 28, 2024, admitting the will to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court, or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after the admission of the Will to probate. Attorney Adam M. Fleming
Williams McCarthy
Attorneys for Independent Executor
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of MARLENE M. LITTLE, Deceased.
2024-PR-27

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARLENE M. LITTLE of Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2024 to MIDLAND STATES BANK, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are WILLIAMS McCARTHY LLP, 120 W. State St., P.O. Box 219, Rockford, IL 61105.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008 or with the representative, or both, on or before December 9, 2024, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
MIDLAND STATES BANK
Independent Executor
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: IZEL RIVERA-TORRES, minor
No. 24-JA-6

Luis Aristud, All unknown fathers, and All whom it may concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 2nd, 2024, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Izel Rivera-Torres, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 08/15/24; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: June 4, 2024 Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: JOHANNELYS LEANNA CORTES, minor
No. 24-JA-9

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-v.-
23 FC 68

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The judgment amount was \$197,850.53

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC. (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 23-01920.

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Attorney File No. 23-01920
Case Number: 23 FC 68

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

On, July 1, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Belvidere, in the City Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing an Annexation Agreement relating to real property generally located South West of the intersection of Bus. U.S. Route 20 and Distillery Road and legally described as follows:

Tract A
The North ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, excepting therefrom all that part lying northwesterly of the centerline of the Beaver Creek and further excepting therefrom the north 575.00 feet of the east 265.15 feet of said Southwest 1/4. Subject to the rights of the public and the State of Illinois in and to those portions used, taken or dedicated for public road purposes, Situated in the County of Boone, and the State of Illinois.

Tract B
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The proposed Annexation Agreement is available for review in the City Clerk's office 401 Whitney Blvd. Belvidere Illinois.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois.
Dated: June 10, 2024 Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF BOONE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS
BOONE COUNTY, IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY A. JACOBSON, Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-17

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION WITHOUT WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Shirley A. Jacobson. Letters of Office were issued March 15, 2024 on to Rochelle Jacobson, Belvidere, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles T. Sewell, 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before December 19, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office--Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

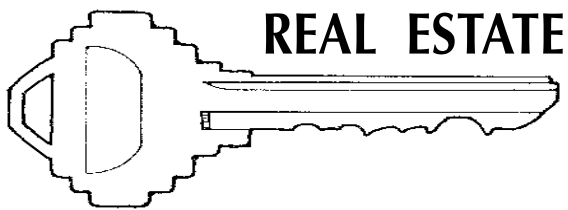
Dated: June 12, 2024
Rochelle Jacobson, Independent Administrator
Charles T. Sewell, L.L.C.
Attorney at Law
215 South State Street
Belvidere, IL 61008
Phone: 815-544-3118
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ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
 ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 NO. DBA4196 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a NUICANCE WILDLIFE ANIMAL REMOVAL business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ASAP WILDLIFE REMOVAL AND REPAIR that its location is or will be 10255 Shaw Road in Rockford, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
 Phone Number: 815-978-6063
 William (Bill) Eric West
 I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: May 31, 2024
 Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
 Published in Boone County Journal 06/06,13,20 P.

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
 ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
 No. DBA4197 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a EXCAVATING CONSTRUCTION business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of T-REX EXCAVATING INC. that its location is or will be 1217 AMERICAN HOUSE DRIVE, in Belvidere, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
 Phone Number: 815-319-2846
 Francisco Sanchez Pasillas, 1217 American House Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
 Manuela Vidales Pasillas, 1217 American House Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008
 I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: June 7, 2024
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Controlling Mosquitoes On Your Property

Press Release

Mosquitoes are already out in force this season. How can we protect ourselves and our families and still enjoy the outdoors?

"Humans are mosquito magnets," says University of Illinois Extension educator Chris Enroth. "Not only are forgotten plastic kiddie pools in the backyard good for mosquito breeding, we also attract mosquitoes simply by being living, breathing mammals."

Personal protection

What makes one person more attractive to mosquitoes than others? Enroth says mosquitoes can't resist the following:

- Carbon dioxide: "Yes, every time you exhale, you draw those pesky little blood-suckers closer," Enroth says.
- Lactic acid: Humans produce lactic acid on our skin. Some produce more than others.
- High skin temperature
- Colognes and perfumes
- Dark-colored clothing
- Warm days with low winds. "Mosquitoes are pretty lousy fliers, so cool days with high winds (over 10 mph) reduce their activity. Placing a fan facing an outdoor seating area will keep them at bay," Enroth says.

• Studies have also indicated that some people are just more desirable than others. Due to the complexity of factors that can play into this, researchers are unsure why exactly this is.

The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends DEET as the most effective chemical to use to combat mosquitoes. Look for sprays with DEET at 40% or higher for an effective, long-lasting repellants Be sure to re-apply every 4-6 hours. DEET confuses the mosquito and blocks the females' ability to detect carbon dioxide, heat, moisture, and human sweat.

Avoidance is only part of the strategy. Controlling mosquito populations though habitat reduction and backyard treatments is another strategy to minimize bites.

Breeding sites

"Only female mosquitoes bite," Enroth says. This is because they need a blood meal (protein) for reproduction. Once she has fed, the female will search out a favorable site to lay her eggs. Anything that holds stagnant water is her target. Preventing her offspring from developing into adult mosquitoes is the most effective control. Enroth suggests the following strategies to eliminate breeding sites:

- Remove any object on your property that may

hold water. For example, tin cans, toys, flowerpot saucers, stagnant pools, and the notorious old tire in the backyard.

- Change water in birdbaths weekly
- Stock garden ponds with top-feeding minnows
- Make sure covers are tight and free of holes over grills, cisterns, rain barrels, or anywhere water is stored
- Clean your gutters. This is often the unseen area for mosquito development. Enroth recommends cleaning out gutters in the fall and spring.
- If you can't remove the standing water, Enroth recommends treating it with Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*). Bti only targets the larva of mosquitoes and a few species of fly.

Controlling adult mosquitoes

• "Avoid using bug zappers to control flying adults," Enroth says. "About 90% of insects killed with bug zappers are not mosquitoes. In fact several are beneficial insects like the brown lacewing."

• Mosquito foggers work for only a short period of time and are well-suited to being used prior to an outdoor event.

• Community-wide control programs work best. "Everyone has a role to play in minimizing mosquito population," Enroth says.

To prevent getting bitten by female mosquitoes and to minimize the spread of West Nile Virus, Illinoisans should follow the recommendations above for reducing habitat and personal protection.

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