

## FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6TH

The General Election for Federal and State Offices will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. October 9th is the last day to register to vote or process a change of voting address prior to the November 6th General Election.

Voter registration is available at the Reception Desk in Carbondale City Hall, in the Carbondale City Clerk=s Office or at the Carbondale Public Library. Persons wishing to register should appear in person and bring two forms of identification, one of which must include the registrant=s name and current Jackson County address (i.e. driver=s license, state ID, checkbook, lease, utility bill, etc.). The second ID need only include the registrant=s name.

In Jackson County, offices to be voted on at the November 6th General Election include:

- § United States President and Vice President
- § United States Representative in Congress
- § Illinois State Senator of the 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Districts
- § Illinois Attorney General
- § Illinois Representative in the General Assembly from 115<sup>th</sup> and 118<sup>th</sup> Districts
- § Jackson County Circuit Clerk
- § Jackson County State’s Attorney
- § Jackson County Coroner
- § Jackson County Board Members Districts 1 - 7
- § 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Appellate Judge
- § 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit Judge Retention

In addition, there will be Public Questions on the November 6th ballot for consideration by citizens of Carbondale. The first is whether the City of Carbondale should have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial customers who have not opted out of such program. Voters will decide whether to grant the City, through the aggregation of its electrical load, the ability to negotiate the price of power for those residents who choose to “opt in.” A “NO” vote is one that does not favor the City having authority to aggregate the electrical load, while a “YES” vote is in favor.

The second Public Question is for the Carbondale Township Advisory Referendum as to whether the Constitution of the United States be amended to reflect that 1) A corporation is not a person and can be regulated; 2) Money is not speech and can be regulated; and 3) Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press. This question is advisory only and a yes or no vote will simply serve to advise the Carbondale Township of the opinion of its registered voters on the issues.

Early Voting will be available in the County Clerk=s Office during the period of October 22 through November 3, 2012 on regular business days from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Persons wishing to vote during the early voting period must already be registered to vote. Early voting will also be scheduled at the Carbondale Civic Center from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on October 22, 24, 26, 29 and 31st, as well as November 2, and at the SIU Student Center on October 23, 25, 30 and November 1.

Grace Period Voting will be available in the County Clerk=s Office in Murphysboro during the period of October 10 through November 3, 2012. During grace period voting, persons who wish to vote in the general election may register to vote and vote at the same time.

Jackson County residents who have not registered by the October 5th deadline and who do not wish to participate in grace period registration and voting must wait until Thursday, November 8th, to register to vote.

Questions regarding voter registration may be addressed to the City Clerk=s Office at 457-3280 or the County Clerk=s Office at 687-7366.